

Our Daily Bread (Part 2)

Mark 7:24-30

"And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid. For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet: The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter. But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs. And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter. And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed." Mark 7:24-30

What the woman wanted Jesus to do was to heal / cast out a devil (demon) from her daughter. Too often we are sensitive to the word devil and demon but both are real and are still at work in this world today. **But praise the Lord so is Jesus Christ.**

For some of us we have seen too many horror shows in our past and think that dealing with the demonic means the super weird and seeing people with their heads spin around on their shoulders or people who do all kinds of strange antics: are we interested in reality or a movie.

The truth is that being released from demonic forces and their presence, in our life, is for the children of God. It is our daily bread. God's word tells us that " For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Ephesians 6:12

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; **In my name shall they cast out devils;** they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:15-18

Part of our job as followers of Christ is to cast out devils among other things. Many of us are fine with salvation and baptism, to a certain degree but too often because of our perceived uncomfortableness; the rest of the great commission we would much rather pretend did not exist; that the words are not even in the scripture, in God's Word.

This kind of mind set lessens and cheapens what Christ has in store for those who love Him. He has complete freedom, IN HIM. Freedom from anger, resentment, fear, hurt,

pain, anything that would try to put us into bondage (mental, physical, emotional, spiritual). **FREEDOM!**

In the above scripture, the very first item after the salvation message is "cast out devils", WHY? Speaking in tongues is not next, nor is healing but casting out devils. The reason is because God knows that most of what afflicts a person is spiritual and not truly physical. When the spiritual claim on a person is gone, healing will be automatic.

Jesus diagnosed the woman who had a spinal disorder as having a spirit of infirmity (Luke 13), and a man who couldn't talk was healed when a demon was driven out (Luke 11:14). Jesus dealt with an evil spirit in a young boy who was having seizures (Matthew 17:15-18), and when the demon left, the boy was restored and normal again. King Saul was said to have a demon, which tormented him with severe depression and fear (1 Samuel 16:14). Job was said to have boils all over his body, which were caused by evil spirits that Satan had sent to torment him (Job 2:7). King David was tormented by evil spirits, which made him feel hopeless and his heart felt desolate (Psalms 143:3-4).

We are too often diagnosing spiritual bondages, which are manifesting as physical infirmities, as mere health problems that are completely natural. Then we take them to this world's physician and not the GREAT PHYSICIAN, JESUS CHRIST. Then when we do not see results from our false God, we then pray to the ONE TRUE GOD for healing, when we really ought to be casting a demon out. (Future message The False God's of Our World).

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"And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." Matthew 10:7-8

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." John 14:12

"But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, ..." Mark 7:27

" Give us this day our daily bread." Matthew 6:11

Just as Jesus was sent to destroy the works of the devil (Acts 10:38), so also are we sent. The works that He did, which included setting free those who are tormented by evil spirits, we are also supposed to be doing.

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." Acts 10:38

"And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils." Mark 1:39

"Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." John 20:21

Heavenly Father help us to turn to no one but you, help us Lord to realize the truth of the Great Commission; the power and authority you have given us and to rebuke Satan when he comes calling with fear. Your word tell us that "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." And Lord I ask that you give us your discernment as to when infirmities are spiritual and the wisdom to deal with them as such. Lord give us your Holy Spirit boldness to use your power over all the attacks from the evil one. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.