

Setting the Captive FREE!

Prayer

Oh Father, as we come tonight, some may feel and do feel the Spirit of God coming in to overpower and cast out every unholy thing. Father we are glad that you have made this divine provision for our deliverance. That we would be yours, and yours alone, forever and forever. It is not just that we may get to heaven when we die. We put away that littleness and that selfishness from our souls. And it is not, Father that we may escape from punishment.

But, we would be yours because it is worthy of a child to be like his Father. We would be yours because we have desired to join our hands and hearts in the biggest thing the world ever knew, **the Redemption of the race to God Forever.**

Oh Lord, with such a vision, we look to you asking that by your grace you will cleanse our hearts and make us indeed your dwelling place. In Jesus Name I pray Amen.

Recap of last night

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.” Luke 4:18-19 KJV

“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” Mark 16:17-18

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 2. To preach deliverance to the captives
 3. To cast out demons / devils
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 5. Recovering of sight to the blind
 6. To set a liberty them that are bruised
 7. To speak with new tongues
 8. To lay hands on the sick, and they will recover
 9. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord
- "Jesus is my Lord"
 - Jesus is my Lord

- Jesus is Lord over my family
- Jesus is Lord over my health
- Jesus is Lord over my finances
- Jesus is my Lord.
- "I go into all the world. I do preach the gospel"
- "I cast out demons"
- "I speak with new tongues"
- "I lay hands on the sick and they recover"
- "I treat others the way I want to be treated"
- "I put the mission first... the mission is the great commission"
- "I have an anointing that abides...it doesn't lift... it doesn't decrease...I am anointed all the time"
 - It lives in me
 - It walks in me
 - It talks in me
 - I am anointed;
 - I am anointed all the time.
 - The anointed one lives in me so I am anointed.
- "I have power and authority over all the ability of the enemy...wherever I meet him, Christ in me wins!"
- " I can do the same works Jesus did...I can do greater works"
 - Not because of me but because Jesus gave me this authority.

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HIS FIRST MIRACLE

It seems strange the first miracle of Christ is seldom discussed in church circles. "What was the first miracle of Christ," you ask? Was it walking on water, feeding thousands with a few fishes, turning water into wine, healing the sick or raising the dead? No, the first miracle was none of the above. The first miracle of Christ was deliverance. (Scholars still debate this because John said the first miracle was in Cana (John 2:11). The other three Gospel writers, Matthew, Mark and Luke did not agree. Matthew said it was the man with leprosy (Matthew 8:1-4). Mark and Luke said deliverance. With two witnesses I'm going with Mark and Luke. I don't think Jesus did any miracles before the Holy Ghost came on him.)

That's right Christ cast out an unclean spirit, a demon, out of a man. Not only did He cast it out of the man Jesus spoke to the spirit, it was done in public, probably embarrassed someone in attendance, and certainly was an uncommon event. Nevertheless, this man walked away free. This was Christ's first act of public ministry.

Christ, anointed by the Holy Ghost, went into the wilderness and came out of the wilderness with power.

Right after his wilderness confrontation with Satan Jesus went to church. While there a man possessed spoke with a loud voice saying “let us alone.” “And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him. And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him. And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.” (Mark 1:23-28)

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet, and come out of him!” Mark 1:25 NKJV

Can you picture this church service in your mind? Jesus walks into the church and a demon spirit speaks out of a man saying **“let us alone.”** I like the Lord’s reaction. He doesn’t ignore the demon. He doesn’t ask the choir to sing a song. He doesn’t ask the ushers to drag the man outside the church. No, He confronts the unclean spirit and commanded it to shut up and come out. “And Jesus rebuked him, saying hold thy peace and come out of him” (Mark 1:25). This is the Son of God in action. He is our man of war, the anointed one.

The results of this deliverance were:

- The unclean spirit obeyed Christ.
- The man got free from demon influence.
- All the demons left when the unclean spirit was cast out.
- The people were all amazed.
- Jesus had authority over demons.
- Jesus commanded (ordered) spirits.
- Christ’s public reputation increased.

You can tell by the congregation’s reaction that deliverance was uncommon. I believe it. Deliverance is uncommon today. It shouldn’t be.

God’s Word Says:

Deliverance belongs to us. It is the children's bread. Devils have no right to harass and torment the citizens of Zion. Scripture declares deliverance is the first sign that follows every believer. "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils and they shall speak with new tongues" (Mark 16:17).

Up to this point there was no hope for deliverance. The man suffered, was tormented in mind and imaginations, his family suffered, and there was never any hope for freedom. But then the Anointed One and His Anointing showed up in church. The anointing was on the Word. (The anointing, the Holy Ghost, was on Christ, the Word incarnate.)

All authority and power over devils is in the name of Christ. All the authority and power we have over them is from our naming the name of Christ . Fearing Christ in God and God in Christ, they become subject to the servants of God and Christ. So at one touch and breathing, overwhelmed by the thought and realization of those judgment fires, they leave at our command the bodies they have entered, unwilling and distressed, and before your very eyes, put to an open shame.

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. John 14:12 NKJV

"I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen Matthew 28: 20 NKJV

Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him. Mark 1:34 NKJV

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. These things I command you, that you love one another. John 15:16-17 NKJV

And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. Matthew 10:1 NKJV

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

He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. Luke 9:2 NKJV

they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them. Matthew 4:24 NKJV

When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, Matthew 8:16 NKJV

Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. Matthew 12: 22 NKJV

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. Matthew 14:14 NKJV

Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them *the lame, blind, mute, maimed,* and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them. Matthew 15:30 NKJV

And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there. Matthew 19:2 NKJV

Then *the blind and the lame* came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. Matthew 21:14 NKJV

So they went out and preached that *people* should repent. And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed *them*. Mark 6:12-13 NKJV

When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. Luke 4:40 NKJV

And He laid *His* hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. Luke 13:13 NKJV

But Jesus answered and said, "Permit even this." And He touched his ear and healed him. Luke 22:51 NKJV

But when Jesus knew *it*, He withdrew from there. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all. Matthew 12:15 NKJV

Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him. Mark 1:34 NKJV

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from Heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Luke 10:17-19 NKJV

And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I

do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. Acts 3:4-8 NKJV

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38 NKJV

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon’s Porch. Acts 5:12 NKJV

Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them. Acts 19:11-12 NKJV

And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. And there was great joy in that city. Acts 8:6-8 NKJV

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” **Acts 1:8 NKJV**

And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And he came out that very hour. Acts 16:18 NKJV

So that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Acts 5:15-16 NKJV

And it happened that the father of (pop lee os) Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him. Acts 28:8 NKJV

(Pop lee os) Publius in Greek Popular (He was a popular ruler in Malta)

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. James 5:14-15 NKJV

Christ did not ignore unclean spirits, he cast them out. Christ never taught his followers to ignore demonic spirits. He modeled the way for us regarding confrontations with demon powers and healing the sick. Scripture declares, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that he might **destroy the works of the devil**" (1 John 3:8).

Some of us are afraid when the word demon comes up but God's word says "For God has not given us a spirit of Fear but of Power and of Love and of a Strong Mind, 2 Timothy 1:7

Some of us have seen or heard of the crazy antics that take place when demons are being cast out. But this scripture is the key.

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Repeat 3 X's

It doesn't say He carried on conversations with them or allowed them to do anything but leave.

It doesn't matter what form bondage takes:

- Drugs
- Alcohol
- Sex
- Lying
- Blindness
- Mute
- Deaf
- Lameness
- Gossip
- Sickness
- Or any other.

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Christ came to set the captives free.

Something to think about: Often Spiritual and Physical health are closely related.

Are you Free?

Are you free to run?

Are you free to dance?

Are you free to live for him?

Are you free?

Come and accept your freedom.

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