



The Nature and Activities of Unclean Spirits

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Having knowledge of what obtains behind the scenes is like having an ‘insider knowledge’ that enhances victory. In this teaching, Jesus opens the veil to enable all understand what happens in the dark spiritual realm so that we can be adequately prepared for victory. Feeling alright one time, is not enough if one spends the rest of his/her life in an awful predicament. It is wonderful to gain victory, but it is more beneficial to be able to keep the victory. Paying attention to this teaching will equip everyone to maintain constant victory over satan and all his demons.

- 1) Demonic spirits are bodiless spirits that are constantly in search of a body to possess and operate from.
- 2) They endlessly roam about seeking rest for themselves. Note Satan’s answer to God in Job 1:7 “And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it”. Presumably, the elusive rest they are seeking for can only be found through finding

“But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt” (Isaiah 57:20).

a body to possess. Even when Satan has been defeated repeatedly and he goes away, he does not leave for ever. He will still be watching from a distance for an opportune moment to strike back. “And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season” (Luke 4:13).

- 3) The inability to find a new body to possess make them to re-trace their steps to previous bodies they possessed, to see if there would be opportunity of re-possessing them.
- 4) On arrival, they inspect the body to establish if its condition is suitable for re-possession. This implies that they are capable of identifying a body that is full of the Word and Power of God and the one that is not. Obviously a body full of God’s word and power cannot be possessed by the demons.
- 5) When they find a life that is empty (e.g. carefree ‘believer’), the demon decides to get re-enforcement that would make it more difficult to be evicted again. This is what make the last state of the person to be worse than at the first.
- 6) The knowledge of satan’s activities is a call for believers to be steadfast in watchfulness and prayers (Matthew 26:41). We are called to “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage” (Galatians 5:1; see also I Corinthians 16:13; Philippians 1:27; 4:1; I Thessalonians 3:8; 2 Thessalonians 2:15).
- 7) The proverbial word of Eneke the bird that “Since men have learnt to shoot without missing, I have also learnt to fly without perching” should be our motto.