

Biblical Proof of Unseen Demonic Forces

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If a person is simply at war with himself, it should be a simple matter to visit a psychiatrist and to find out how to put a stop to that war, or how to be victorious in the conflict.

However, many of these people who have come under our observation have not proved to be at war with themselves, but they have been at war with a powerful unseen force that is not even a part of themselves! (True, it may appear to be WITHIN, since demons take up their residence within the individual. And to those who refuse to recognize the existence of demons, "something within" could only be interpreted to mean, YOURSELF.) But from the scriptural standpoint, a demon is a separate being, having life and personality within himself, but having no body of his own, except as he takes up residence in a human body. When this occurs, the result is one body furnishing a habitation for two entirely separate and distinct personalities—the human personality and the demon. This explains why many people in the insane institutions, mental wards, psychopathic hospitals, fail to respond to treatment, and never improve mentally. It is because they are not at war with themselves, but with a powerful, unseen force.

In this chapter I shall cite not only from personal experience and from the experience of others, but also case histories from the Bible, proving that, both today and in days gone by, it was not themselves people were at war with, but none other than the forces of the devil—demon spirits, commissioned by the devil himself, to torment men and women mentally, or to drive them insane.

Many today deny the existence of demons. Many modernists deny even the existence of Satan. If there is no devil, there can certainly be no demons, or devils. Attempts have been made to prove the non-existence of Satan, through science and education. But our one accurate source of information is the Bible. We must stick to God's word. God's word must be true, if every man be a liar.

THE BIBLE DECLARES THAT SATAN IS REAL!

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." I Peter 5:8.

He has many other names, such as "dragon," serpent, adversary, Belial,

Beelzebub. He is mentioned in the Bible at least 175 times.

Concerning his origin, one thing is certain. He is a created being, and not eternal and self-existent as God is.

As long as Satan chose to do the will of God, there was no evil in the universe. But when the time came that he said to himself, "I will ascend into heaven. I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. I will sit also upon the mount above the heights of the clouds. I will be like the Most High," (Isa. 14:13, 14.) He fell and persuaded others to follow him in a great rebellion against the authority of God. Demons in the world today are the fallen angels, which once were beautiful heavenly beings, surrounding the throne of God. But led by Lucifer, a third part of the angels (See Rev. 12:4) revolted against Almighty God, and were cast down out of heaven.

Speaking of this occurrence, Jesus said, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." (Luke 10:18.) Lucifer, the son of the morning, then became the devil, and the third part of the angels who followed him in his rebellion became the demons, who under his direction possess, oppress, vex, deceive, and seek to destroy mankind. Satan has set up his headquarters somewhere between heaven and earth. The scripture calls him "Prince of the powers of the air." (Eph. 2:2.) Our battle today is not alone against Satan (the devil), but against Satan and all the fallen angels (demons). Our warfare is not a simple matter of being at "war with ourselves." "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against PRINCIPALITIES, AGAINST POWERS, AGAINST THE RULERS OF THE DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD, AGAINST SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS (i.e., wicked spirits) IN HIGH PLACES (the heaven-lies) ." (Eph. 6:12.)

Note that according to the scripture, our battle is not with ONE RULER (Satan) but with RULERS. It is against POWERS and PRINCIPALITIES (plural). It is against the devil and all his forces, literally demons. These demon powers control the darkness, and live in the first heaven, which is the earth's atmosphere. They do not live in "heaven," the home of God, the angels, and the righteous. It was from there that they were cast down.

The apostle Paul tells us in Eph. 6:13-18, what kind of armour is needed in our fight against them. If we do not follow his advice, we willfully expose ourselves to demon powers, and can blame no one but ourselves when we are overpowered by them. A backslidden Christian is in an especially vulnerable position.

Satan is not, like God, omniscient (all knowing) nor omnipresent (everywhere) For this reason, his powers are limited. To maintain his diabolical work of destruction and curse upon the world, he depends upon his great company of wicked spirits, or fallen angels. These operate as well disciplined bands, under "rulers," or demonic captains and generals. The only way we can be assured of safety from these powers is to constantly keep filled with the Holy Spirit and covered with the blood of Jesus, which alone speaks defeat to these demon powers. There is absolutely no other sure protection against them.

The number of these wicked spirits is not known. But there seems little doubt that they are more numerous than the people of the earth. The maniac of Gadara (Luke 8:26) had in himself alone a legion, defined as an army of from three thousand to six thousand, and used in scripture to denote "a great number." This legion was at least sufficient in number to enter into two thousand swine and drive them to their destruction.

As these demons possess no bodies of their own, they seek to indwell humans or animals (as in the case of the swine at Gadara), humans preferred. Having been cast out of their human dwelling place, they seek first to re-enter the same person.

"When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished (beautified). Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first." (Matt. 12:43-45.)

In man's triune nature, the demon agent of Satan finds three possible approaches to the individual. He may attack through the mind, the body, or the soul first, frequently adding another avenue of approach later. His entire purpose is to destroy man mentally, physically, and spiritually.

"And there came forth a spirit—and he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets." (I Kings 22:21, 22.) Note that this spirit declares, "I WILL BE a lying spirit!" Apparently, this spirit had been discharging his duties in some other capacity. So we see that one demon may at one time act as a lying spirit (causing the individual either to tell or believe a lie), while at another time the same demon may act as a demon of lust, of fear, of jealousy, or in some other manner.

Note that in Ahab's case, he was influenced by a demon spirit from an OUTSIDE SOURCE. Ahab was not possessed by this demon. He was merely influenced by it as it worked through his prophets. A demon need not possess you in order to influence your life. Many who at times may appear to be demon possessed are not actually possessed. Rather, they are oppressed by a demon. That is, it is still an outside force. According to the scripture it is possible to be influenced, domineered, controlled, directed, oppressed, vexed, or physically bound by a demon without being literally demon possessed.

A demon can take hold of one physically, causing sickness or even deformity, without being able to possess the soul.

Note the following:

"Behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And he laid his hands on her and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God." (Luke 13:11-13.) Jesus called this woman a daughter of Abraham. In the light of his use of such terms, this meant that she was a woman of faith—a godly woman. (See John 8:39.) The fact that this woman was so terribly bound physically casts no reflection upon her character, neither does it infer that she was "demon possessed," nor that the demons had control of her soul.

We should not overlook the fact that while, according to the scripture, it cannot be said that all sickness is of demonic origin, yet it is true that many are sick because they are OPPRESSED OF THE DEVIL.

According to the Bible there are many reasons for sickness. Basic, of course, in any discussion of the reasons for sickness is the thought that SIN is the cause of the existence of sickness in the world. And even today, there are specific diseases which may be traced directly to certain sins for their cause. In other cases, the connection is less apparent. Much sickness is caused by improper care of the body, disobedience to the laws of nature, improper eating, lack of proper rest, abuse through evil habits, intemperate living, unnecessary exposure to extremes of temperature or to contagion.

However, it is our purpose at this point to deal with only one cause the infirm spirit. Peter, when he preached the gospel the first time to the gentiles, declares that Jesus, "went about doing good, and HEALING ALL THAT WERE OPPRESSED OF THE DEVIL." (Acts 10:38.) Although this verse speaks of the healing of those oppressed of the devil, it does not say nor infer that all sickness is demon oppression. We are told that Jesus

healed lepers, but we do not conclude that all whom He healed were lepers. Nor does this reference to the healing of the demon oppressed infer that all who were healed were demon oppressed. Mark 16:17, 18 speaks of two separate acts in referring to the casting out of devils and the laying on of hands for the healing of the sick. Nevertheless, it is very apparent that at least a part of the mental and physical troubles experienced by people today have their origin in DEMON OPPRESSION.

Infirm spirits attack the body in different ways. Many are deaf, dumb, or both because of the presence of deaf or dumb spirits. There are demons which cause blindness. Cataracts especially, which are caused by a living organism growing over the eye, shutting out the light, may very definitely be classed as receiving their life from an inhabiting spirit, or demon. Not only cataracts, but other growths, such as cancer, tumor, or goiter, doubtless receive their life from inhabiting demons. This does not infer demon possession of the individual, but merely the fact that a demon inhabits the diseased part.) When the demon is cast out, the growth dies, and in the normal process of healing, begins to diminish, or may in the course of time fall away. In the case of a miracle, the growth may vanish instantly.

"Behold they brought unto him a dumb man possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake." (Matt. 9:32, 33.)

"Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind and dumb; and he healed him insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw." (Matt. 12:22.)

"Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him." (Mark 9:25.)

Thus, we see that deafness, dumbness, and blindness have all been ascribed in the Bible to afflicting or infirm spirits.

In a recent campaign, a woman told me that she had had three operations, and that now her doctors informed her that she must undergo a similar operation every year as long as she lived. It was impossible for surgery to bring a permanent cure. Surgery, no matter how skillful, cannot remove a demon spirit. While surgery often does bring relief, and sometimes by removing from the body the entire invaded area, make way for nature to cure the part which remains, it cannot even then offer any guarantee that the demon so dispossessed from his living habitation will not return and invade

some other area in the same body.

I have mentioned here the infirm spirit, to show you how these spirits come disguised as deafness, cancer, arthritis, blindness, cataracts, etc. Even so, the tormenting demon of fear and the insane demon come in disguise as "fatigue," nervous disorder, or nervous breakdown.

Some may question the reality of demons today, having been taught that they are a matter of superstition out of the dark ages. But how could any person who has ever read the Bible doubt that they are real? Let us slip back into the eighth chapter of Luke (V. 27) and have a look at a man who dwelt in the tombs. There we see him with not a stitch of clothes on his thin, cold, naked frame. Night and day, he wanders through the mountains, continually crying and cutting himself with stones. (See also Mark 5:14.) Thousands of devils had driven this man there, for "many devils were entered into him." (Luke 8:30.) You say demon possession isn't real? Watch him there, as with stones he cuts himself again and again, and the blood flows from his wounds! That man's nakedness is real. His insane crying night and day is real. His misery is real. And the demons that torment him are real! Sure proof of their reality is found in the method of his deliverance. Let us watch as Christ casts out the devils. Listen as the man (or, more accurately, the demons within him, using his lips) cries out, "Torment us not."

Hear Jesus ask him, "What is thy name?"

The answer comes. "My name is Legion for WE are MANY." (Note the plural WE. Not the man himself speaking, but the demons within!)

Hear the demons plead to be sent, not to wander through dry places seeking rest, fearful of returning defeated to their master, having wrought no destruction, but into the great herd of two thousand swine across on yonder hill slope. (See Mark 5:13.) As Jesus cast out the devils, He gave them permission to go into the swine. Tell me demon influence isn't real? Watch as those two thousand swine run violently down a steep place and into the sea! Yes, it is real! You know it is real, as you look upon those two thousand swine as the breakers wash them up onto the beach, every one dead. **KILLED BY DEMONS!** A grim reality.

But the man out of whom the demons were cast, where is he? At the feet of Jesus! He is wearing clothes now, and in his right mind. Yes, demons are real, but thank God, the deliverance from demons that Jesus gives is real, too!

No doubt, many such cases are filling psychopathic hospitals today, who could be delivered by the power of God. For in these days, such people are not left at liberty to roam the mountains, and dwell in the tombs, but are placed for safe keeping (and with the hope of curing some of them) inside strong walls, and behind iron bars. They are placed in padded cells and bound tightly with straight jackets.

Not far from where you live is one of these places, known to society as a "Psychopathic Hospital." As you walk down the long corridors, is that large ring of keys hanging at the nurse's belt real? The many doors she unlocks before you and locks again behind you, you know they are real! The hardwood lined cells with great niches worn in the hardwood—could it be true that bare human fingers have worn those deep furrows in hardwood, as a dog scratches in the earth? Our attention is drawn to the scene of a dozen husky guards overpowering a single man, and placing him in a straight jacket. Is the superhuman strength of that man real? What is the source of this sudden burst of might? Could it come from a natural physical source, or does it come from demons? After he has been carried away to his cell, securely bound, we inquire of the guards. To our surprise, we find that this man was at one time a professor at Yale, one of the most learned men in America. He has these spells only about once each month, we are informed. They last only a few days, and then he is perfectly normal again.

Another case of demon possession found in the scripture, which is closely paralleled in almost every community today, is described in Mark 9:14-29. A father has brought his son who "foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth and pineth away." (Matthew's account adds, "He is lunatick . . . and falleth into the fire and oft into the water." Matt. 17:15.) Many sufferers from this same type of demon possession today have been treated by many physicians, to no avail. It takes more than medicine or drugs to drive out the devil. It can only be done in the mighty name of Jesus. When Christ rebuked the demon, it "cried and rent him sore, and came out of him." If demons are not real, then they cannot enter into people, they cannot tear and rend them, they cannot cry and moan and groan. They cannot come out. Only a real demon could make a lunatick out of a normal boy. And only by a real demon having gone out of him could

such a child be restored instantly to normalcy. "Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that hour."

DEMONS ARE REAL! Demons were real 1900 years ago, and they are just as real today!

Into one of our recent healing lines came a man who could not talk. His wife volunteered the information that he had spoken perfectly until eight years before, when suddenly something seemed to get hold of him, and paralyzed his speech organs. In obedience to Mark 16:17, I laid hands upon the man, and commanded the dumb spirit, in the name of Jesus, to leave him. A smile came upon the man's face. For the first time in eight years, he began to speak perfectly, shouting the praises of God, and crying, "It's gone. It's gone! I'm free!"

This case also is paralleled in scripture, for, in Matt. 9:32, 33, "They brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil, and when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake."

How could anyone who believes the Bible say that demons no longer exist? It is time people get back to the Bible, and begin to learn and to believe the truth. Was the deliverance Jesus gave real? Yes! And your deliverance can be just as real! For "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32.)

A lady missionary of the Assemblies of God reveals, in an article published in "The Pentecostal Evangel" of Dec. 28, 1952, the terrible agonies which she experienced in an encounter on the mission field with a lying demon. Articles published in the "Pentecostal Evangel" are carefully checked for their veracity. This is the official organ of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, and has been carefully building a reputation for integrity over a period of many years. The missionary quoted is one who has done a great and effective work over a period of more than fifty years. The encounter described occurred over forty years ago, and had been kept carefully hidden away in her heart, until God by His spirit urged her to reveal it in order that it might be a help to those who might be going through similar struggles, I quote:

". . . I went into my bathroom and on the way glanced into a mirror on the wall. My eyes stared back at me. I was frightened at their glassy appearance. I wanted to take a bath but found I was unable to do so. I could not remember how to begin . . . I cannot recall just what happened next. Everything seemed to be confused from then on . . . I kept my

sufferings much to myself. My friends, however, were troubled over the glassy appearance of my eyes; but they did not know how I was suffering.

"My nights were worse. Demon spirits seemed to be closing in all about me. I could see them and hear them. Prayer brought deliverance as long as others were with me; but as soon as I was left alone, the air seemed filled with them again. . . .

"We were all alone in a small compartment in the train. My husband took out his Greek diaglot and suggested that we read together the twelfth chapter of Romans. He had read a verse or two when I began to realize that I could not understand anything he read. I looked at my husband and thought to myself, 'You dear soul! How little you know you have married a demented woman. Never shall we be able to read and discuss the Word of God together.' The awfulness of the thought of having lost my mind and of having to spend the rest of my days in an insane asylum swept over me, and I began to scream. With each scream, my mind seemed to recede farther and farther into the distance. I seemed to have no power to think, or even to move, any more. Both parts of my brain seemed to be paralyzed. . . . I looked about on what seemed mad confusion and unreality. I scarcely recognized any object I saw. There was the awful consciousness that my mind had gone. . . .

"We reached the Missionary Home where we were to be entertained. I went to bed. All the light of my life seemed to have blown out and a horrible darkness enveloped me. I had known the voice of God's Spirit. Now, OTHER SPIRIT VOICES SPOKE TO ME. They told me I had been a hypocrite all of my life; that I never had been saved; had never been called of God; had never been baptized in the Spirit; and had never been led of God to marry. All had been imagination, pretense and hypocrisy, it seemed. And because of this God had cursed me to everlasting punishment in hell. . . .

"Night came on, and I suddenly awoke from my sleep. Awful fears possessed me. Darts of fire were coming straight at me. A voice said, 'It is useless for you to try to ease your conscience or give yourself any hope, or nullify your fears by trying to believe. It won't work.' I sat up in bed and cried, 'I am lost! I am lost!'

"I was tempted to go to the brow of the mountain and cast myself down headlong. I believe I would have done so, if God had not prevented me. . . . Sometimes I pulled my hair in agony.

"Why am I writing all this? To frighten you? No, but to show you how far the devil can go if permitted of God, and to reveal God's way of deliverance. Why did God permit this? I do not know. My husband and friends tried to pray with me. I would not allow them to do so. I was afraid of God, afraid of the cross, afraid of the Blood. Indeed I felt sure that if I dared to speak the word 'blood' the Lord would strike me dead. . . .

"In some unexplainable way, I thought I was not a soul for whom Christ died, but a part of Satan himself. So I could not pray. There was no forgiveness, no pardon, no hope. The Cross bore witness against me. However, I did not once question God's holiness or justice. I felt I deserved eternal damnation...

"I learned that the principalities and powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world of which Paul wrote in Ephesians, are not myths or fables or fairy tales, but awful realities."

Similar experiences, some more and some less violent, may be more common even among Christians, than you think.

Indeed the devil is as real today as he was 1900 years ago, and so are his demon forces.

The devil's only interest in you, in all humanity, is to destroy. That is, to destroy the body through disease, deformity, the work of the infirm spirit; the mind through the working of insane demons, or tormenting demons which torment one through every waking hour and invade even the troubled hours of slumber with horrible dreams; the soul through the lying demons which bring about unbelief, rebellion, or procrastination.

It is my firm conviction, based not only upon practical experience in dealing with cases, but upon Bible truth, that thousands of people today are being tormented by foul, unclean, demon, insane spirits, and that these can never be helped by advice from a psychiatrist, nor even by treatment in an institution. Shock treatments, no matter how often or severely administered, will never make these people well, who are bound by insane demons. The maniac of Gadara, described in Luke 8:26-36, definitely was not "at war with himself." Neither would it be correct to say that he was simply suffering from a case of "nerves." The Bible plainly declares he had "had devils long time." "For oft times it had caught him. . . . And (he) was driven of the devil into the wilderness. . . . Because many devils were entered into him. . . . Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine. . . . And they found the man OUT OF WHOM THE DEVILS WERE DEPARTED, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind." In this case, beyond the

shadow of a doubt, this man was bound. He was not bound by himself, neither was he having a battle with himself. Neither was this a battle with "nerves." This man was bound by A LEGION OF INSANE DEMONS! In other words, the demons which possessed him caused his insanity.

The devil afflicts people today the same as he did yesterday. Insane demons are as real today as they were 1900 years ago. As surely as people were bound by insane demons in Bible days, there are those who are bound by insane demons today.

Note Matthew 15:22 and Mark 7:26. When the Syrophenician woman came to Christ in behalf of her daughter, she did not tell Jesus that her daughter had a nervous condition, nor that she was on the verge of a nervous breakdown. Yet the words which she used in describing the case definitely describes the condition of many people today who are described as having had a nervous breakdown, or who are considered to be suffering from nervous disorders. This woman said, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David. My daughter is grievously vexed with a devil." (Matt. 15: 22.) "She besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter." (V. 26.)

Note that Christ did not prescribe medical treatment, psychiatry, nor even shock treatments. When one is bound by an unseen, demonic force, there is only one remedy. That is the one which Jesus used in setting this girl free. That force must be overpowered by a greater force—the delivering power of God.

"He said to her, the devil is gone out of thy daughter. And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out." (Mk. 7:29, 30.)

In the case of the man who brought his son to Jesus, in Mark 9:22, Matt. 17:14-16, "When they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is a lunatick and sore vexed. Often times he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water." Was this child at war with himself? Was this a case of nerves? Certainly, this was not the father's diagnosis of the case, for he declared that the child was "sore vexed." Neither did Christ give any such interpretation to the case. The boy was made normal only when Christ had cast the insane, tormenting demon out of the boy. Then and then only was he set free, and began to live a normal life again.

These two cases are definitely paralleled in the lives of thousands of people in the world today, Although there are thousands of people who do not want to confess they are bound by an unclean spirit, or a tormenting spirit, nevertheless, many will never again live normal lives until they become willing to face reality, and to resort to God's Bible method of deliverance, or healing.

The tormenting demon of fear is the cause of thousands of people locked behind iron bars, or placed in straight jackets and padded cells. Of the cases which have come under our personal interview, at least 50 percent are being tormented by a demon of fear. How do I know it is a demon? Because I have seen them definitely set free from these things in a moments time, and with no other treatment than a word of rebuke in the name of Jesus, addressed to a demon of fear. If their trouble had been a sickness or a disease, it would doubtless have required time for a gradual recovery before they could have been normal again. Inasmuch as these things leave instantly, in a moment's time, to the extent that people feel them go, and know they are gone, it can be nothing else but a demon spirit. "God hath not given us the spirit of fear." (II Tim. 1:7.)

Inasmuch as God says fear is a spirit, and does not come from God, it is clearly a spirit that comes from somewhere else. It is a demon spirit. I John 4:18 declares that fear HATH TORMENTS.

Hence, this fear demon is a tormenting spirit. For this reason, I refer to it as a tormenting demon of fear. It is this demon of fear that drives people insane.

This demon of fear binds men and women in such a way as to prevent their successful adjustment to daily living. It frequently takes the form of all sorts of unreasonable and tormenting fears, often recognized by the victim as unreasonable, but nevertheless uncontrollable.

I could give you the testimonies of many whose lives had been made miserable through the operation of this tormenting demon, but who have been delivered by the power of God and are now living free, happy, normal lives. I shall give you just one, a signed and verified statement which I have in my files.

"I attended your meeting at Great Bend, Kansas. One night you preached on demon oppression. You gave an illustration of a girl who was bound by a demon of fear, so that she dared not go to sleep at night unless she was first assured that her husband would be sitting, awake, watching beside her bed, all the time she slept.

"I had been a victim of nearly the same circumstances, aside from having to have someone sit by my bed while I slept. Whenever the lights were turned off at night, it seemed as if I could feel something hovering over me to kill me. I dared not go to sleep without a light in the room. I would have terrible dreams, and would weaken suddenly, feeling sure there was someone in the room, trying to kill me, This sounds terrible, but it is true.

"But praise the name of Jesus, as you spoke that night, I felt the Holy Spirit moving, and I knew I was going to be free. After you prayed for me, you told me you had felt the binding, tormenting spirit go. I went home that night, and slept as soundly and as peacefully as a baby, without a light in the room, From that day until this, I have been completely delivered."

Was this woman at war with herself? No. She was tormented by a demon of fear. The thing you fear may be something entirely different, but the torment may be just as great, and the bondage just as secure. You, too, can be set free. You, too, can know the joy and peace of an untroubled mind. You cannot be at your best for God while you are bound and tormented by a demon of fear, But knowing it for what it is not a part of yourself with which you are at war, but an unseen force from the spirit world which has moved in upon you—you can find deliverance through the power of God. **YOU CAN BE FREE!**

Jesus came to "deliver them who through the FEAR OF DEATH were all their lifetime SUBJECT TO BONDAGE." (Heb. 2:15.)

Deliverance is yours! You can be free!

In an earlier chapter of this book, I described the case of a man known as the "Howling Killer," who died in the electric chair in Chicago, on October 31, 1931, after a long and bitter fight to escape execution. Earlier, when this man had gone on trial, his defense was a plea of insanity. A prominent alienist testified he was psychotic—in

other words, that the man was at war with himself. The jury found him insane, and ordered him committed to a State Hospital. However, the State's Attorney appealed the verdict, and the Illinois supreme court reversed the decision, remanding the howling killer for a new trial. The second jury found the man guilty of first degree murder, with no recommendation of mercy. He was sentenced to die.

Was this man insane, or was he demon possessed? Was he at war with himself? Or was he overpowered by an unseen, sinister force? You have already read this story in detail in an earlier chapter. It is my belief, in the light of the scripture, and I feel you will agree with me, that this man was at war with an unseen force, and he lost the battle. He failed to face reality. He failed to realize that the thing he was fighting was something that came from outside himself, and that therefore he must have help from a stronger force outside himself. In other words, he failed to come to God for help. Hence his defeat.

In an earlier chapter of this book, I also mentioned an Italian who went on record as declaring that the reason he had killed a number of young women was, "It isn't me that is doing the murdering. It's the cave man inside me, that I can't answer for. When he starts raging, only blood will calm him. It's a terrible sickness, this being a man and a caveman in one person. A terrible sickness." Was this man really two persons? Was he at war with himself? In the light of the scripture, I believe again you will agree with me that this man was at war with an unseen demon force. The thing he describes as "a caveman inside him" was in reality a demon force, driving him relentlessly to do the things which the normal man *he* recognized as his own self would never have done, the things which eventually brought about his destruction.

In the hundreds of cases which come under our personal observation in our campaigns, we have carefully noted the fact that many of the people who are having mental troubles and nervous disorders definitely declare that they believe it is the devil, or a demon force that is tormenting them. Many of them have heard voices. Frequently they declare that they have seen visible forms. More often still, they assert that they can feel someone or something present, especially when they are in the dark.

I have prayed for literally hundreds of people in a single service, who were bound by a tormenting demon of fear, and have seen them loosed and liberated suddenly and instantly from all fear. This definitely proves that the fear referred to here is a spirit, a demon spirit subject to the power

that there is in Jesus name, which leaves instantly and suddenly when commanded to go in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Are you at war with an unseen force? If you are, my friend, the sooner you recognize what this force is, and accept the right way of being loosed or free from this unseen force, the quicker you can return to a normal life.

Let's face realities now. And in facing these realities, you are definitely taking the first steps to a normal, healthy, happy existence.

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