



## SERMON NOTES

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Title: Set the Captives Free

1. Proclaim the all-encompassing Kingdom of God; God intends to rule over EVERYTHING; Ps. 8:6, *"You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet..."* It is crucial that we place God upon the ultimate throne over all things created, the Lordship of Christ is probably one of, if not, the most essential elements of a victorious Christian life.
  - a. *"In the Greek world, as is well known among scholars, "εὐαγγέλιον" is a regular technical term, referring to the announcement of a great victory, or to the birth, or accession, of an emperor. (The first and third of these could of course easily be combined, if someone became emperor by means of a great military victory.) ...When the herald makes a royal proclamation, he says 'Nero (or whoever) has become emperor.' He does not say 'If you would like to have an experience of living under an emperor, you might care to try Nero.' The proclamation is an authoritative summons to obedience."* N.T. Wright
  - b. God is LORD over the "invisible" philosophies and beliefs that war upon our mind.
    - i. Jn. 18:37, *"You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."*
    - ii. Rom. 1:21, *"...although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened."*
    - iii. 2 Cor. 10:4-5, *"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,"*
  - c. God is LORD over all of creation, physical and spiritual.
    - i. Is. 61:1-3, *"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."*
    - ii. Luke 7:20-23, *"When the men had come to Him, they said, 'John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, 'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?'" And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight. Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."*
    - iii. Mt. 12:28-29, *"But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house."*
  - d. God seeks obedient watchmen; Ez. 22:30-31, *"So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one. Therefore I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath;*

*and I have recompensed their deeds on their own heads," says the Lord GOD." Will you stand in the gap, make up a wall?*

- e. *"Credo ut intelligam" is Latin for "I believe so that I may understand" and is a maxim of Anselm of Canterbury, which is based on a saying of Augustine of Hippo "crede, ut intelligas," "believe so that you may understand."*
  - f. *Siege warfare, and force projection. Prov. 16:32, "He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city." Vs Prov. 25:28, "Whoever has no rule over his own spirit is like a city broken down, without walls."*
2. Rightly acknowledge who the real enemy is: Satan.
- a. Titles of Satan...
  - b. Compare and contrast the character of Satan and Jesus in these two verses.
    - i. Is. 14:12-15, *"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit."*
    - ii. Phil. 2:5-7, *"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men."*
  - c. "Proposed" structure of the kingdom of darkness
  - d. Discernment.
    - i. 1 Jn. 4:1-3, *"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world."*
    - ii. Satan presents himself as an angel of light; 2 Cor. 11:13-15
3. How do we respond to Satan and his devices? 1 Jn. 3:8, *"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."*
- a. The works of the devil are multi-faceted. Jesus taught truth to counter the lies of the enemy; He also actively cast out the devil whenever needed.
    - i. Mt. 10:1, 7-8, *"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... 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."* Luke 10:9, *"And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'the kingdom of God has come near to you.'"*
    - ii. Luke 10:17-20, *"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. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.'"*
  - b. Demonic influence upon the life and lives of people keeps them bound and captive. *"A demon can push the host person repeatedly into sins and habits he resists and wishes to be free from, and thus be a major*

cause of disaffection and backsliding. After cycles of committing a particular sin, repenting, being forgiven, resisting, sinning again, repenting, being forgiven, resisting, and sinning again, the believer may become discouraged and leave the church. Or he may live a life of quiet desperation in the church, not realizing he can be free from such oppression. Demonic oppression is an enemy of evangelizing as it prevents the Christian from achieving victory over certain sins, habits or problems. Demonic oppression impairs his testimony as to the power of Jesus to change lives. Demonic spirits sometimes cause disease and sometimes impede or prevent healing of injuries and disease. Jesus cast out spirits of deafness, dumbness and epilepsy, among others. Demonic spirits can carry a weight of spiritual and emotional oppression which dulls spiritual perception and in severe cases, can cause depression.” [Randy Clark]

- c. If outside, resist.
  - i. James 4:7, “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” (cf. Eph. 6:11-18)
  - ii. 1 Peter 5:8-9, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.”
  - iii. Truth overcomes lies, faith resists his wiles.
- d. If inside, cast out.
  - i. Not binding, but casting out. (cf. Mt. 8:31-32; 9:33; 10:1; 12:27-28; 17:18; Mark 1:26, 34; 3:23; 16:17; Luke 8:2; 11:14-20; 13:32; Acts 16:18; 19:12.) Satan will be bound during the millennium; the keys to the pit with an angel (cf. Rev. 20:2)
  - ii. Mark 16:15-18, “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.”
  - iii. Rev. 12:7-9, “And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”
- e. Be biblically polite. “...when He was reviled, did not revile in return...”
  - i. Jude 1:8-10, “Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!” But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.”
  - ii. 2 Pet. 2:9-12, “...then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord. But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption...”
- f. Jesus did not cast demons into the pit, or any other such place. He warned plainly that they will seek to return. Leave no area vacant; Mt. 12:43-45, “When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through

*dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."*

- i. Nature abhors a vacuum; must be filled with something.
- g. Binding and loosing were used in two different manners judicially and legislatively. The traditional meaning was used in a judicial sense "to bind" meant to punish, "to loose" meant to release from punishment. Used legislatively "to bind" meant to forbid something, "to loose" meant to permit.
  - i. Mt. 16:19, *"And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."* (cf. Mt. 12:28-29; Mark 3:27;)
    - 1. Sick woman – Luke 13:16, *"So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"*
    - 2. Lazarus – Jn. 11:44, *"And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."*
  - ii. Daniel wasn't praying to bind the Prince of Persia; he was praying for the prophecies of return to be fulfilled.
- h. No need to discuss with demons anything; they are liars, why would we want to believe anything they say? And do not allow the demon to embarrass the person.
- 4. Pray and labor that His kingdom and will would come as in Heaven...
  - a. We have the ability to defend and to attack; to project force and to siege.
    - i. Mt. 16:18-19, *"on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*
  - b. For me, my family, my business, my community, etc.

#### 10-Step Model of Deliverance:

1. Give the individual priority or preference. Keep a loving attitude, not a militant attitude. Firmness is necessary in casting out a demon, but in the meantime, the person needs to feel loved and accepted.
2. If a spirit is manifesting or threatens to, make the spirit be quiet and submit in the name of Jesus. Take authority over the spirit. Tell it, "Submit, in the name of Jesus!", or "Be quiet, in Jesus' name!" or similar commands. Repeat such commands until the spirit is quiet. If you think the person is aware of what is going on, you may want to tell him you are talking to the spirit that is manifesting and not to him. If others gather while you are quieting the spirit, ask them not to touch the person and not to speak or pray loudly. Touching or speaking to the person, or loud praying, tends to keep the spirit stirred up. Your objective is not to keep the spirit stirred up. It is to get the spirit to be quiet so you can talk to the person.
3. Establish and maintain communication with the person. You must be able to talk with the person receiving ministry because you must have his cooperation if the deliverance is to be successful. He cannot cooperate while a spirit is manifesting. Maintaining communication may require additional commands to the spirit to submit during ministry.
4. Ask the person what s/he wants to be free from and try to ascertain if s/he actually wants to get free. In a private ministry, the person probably will know what bondages he wants to be set free from. This can include one or two specific bondages or it may involve a broader ministry - a thorough housecleaning. The person may have communicated this information in advance to the person who will be ministering to him. If the person indicates that he does not want ministry even though a spirit has manifested, abide by his decision. If he wants to leave after partial ministry, allow him to leave.
5. Make sure the person has accepted Jesus as His Savior and Lord. The ministry recipient will need the help of the Holy Spirit to stay free. If he is not a Christian, he probably will be back in bondage shortly even if he is delivered. This should be explained to him. It isn't wise to try to deliver him in the hope that he will become a believer as a result of getting free. Perhaps you can lead him to Christ. If you can't, pray for him. Bless him. Pray for the healing of his hurts and wounds. Let him know by your attitude that you are not offended. Be loving. But don't cast out any spirits. Explain why you don't-because he won't be able to stay free. Encourage him to take the step of making Jesus his Lord and then return for deliverance.
6. Interview the person to discover the event or events, or the relationship situations that have led to their bondage(s). In the interview, look for the "open doors" that have given entrance to the spirit(s). Look for causes. Start with possible causes of the particular bondage the person wants to be free from. If there is no obvious other place to start, begin with his relationship with his father and with his mother. Then continue on through other relationships, then through other areas.
7. Lead the person in "closing" these doors to the admission of spirits.
  - a. Forgiving the one who has caused hurt or led them into wrong conduct. Forgiveness should be specific, item by item; the more specific, the better. Specific forgiveness brings greater release and freedom than general forgiveness does. Have the person forgive specifically every hurt he has mentioned in your interview and every additional hurt the Holy Spirit brings to his mind. The Holy Spirit will often remind him of things he did not mention in the interview process.
  - b. Repenting of each of the person's own sins in the situation, specifically and asking God's forgiveness for them. The person may have joined in wrong conduct and may need to repent and ask forgiveness.
  - c. Renouncing the spirits involved in the name of Jesus. Renunciation should be audible and firm. Renunciation is not a prayer to God. It is spoken to the spirit involved, who is an enemy. It should be spoken as a command to an enemy and not a petition to God.

- d. Breaking the bondage caused by the sin, the conduct, the attitude, the spirit, the vow, or the curse, as indicated, in the name of Jesus. Usually you will do this (firmly, vigorously) for the person, keeping eye contact with him. If he is participating and sturdy, he can do it for himself. Insist on eye contact at this point. If the person has difficulty keeping eye contact with you, do not try to break the power of spirits and to expel them right away. Wait until the person has renounced other spirits and then return to this step.
- 8. Cast out the unclean spirit(s) in the name of Jesus. Simply cast them out. It is not necessary to send them somewhere. If the doors have been effectively closed, the spirits will leave quietly and quickly. One or two commands are enough to cast them out.
- 9. Ask the person to praise and thank Jesus for His deliverance. If the person cannot thank Jesus or if there is further demonic manifestation when he does, it is a signal that there are more doors to be closed and more spirits to be expelled. Ask the Holy Spirit for His help. Go back to step 6 or 7 as indicated.
- 10. Ask the person to pray for the Holy Spirit to fill them and fill all the places formerly occupied by the evil spirits. If the person cannot say this prayer or if there is further demonic manifestation when he does, this also is a signal that there are more doors to be closed and more spirits to be expelled. Again, ask the Holy Spirit for His help. Go back to step 6 or 7 as indicated.