

"Wake Up to the Supernatural" - Part I<sup>2</sup>  
DEMONIC OPPRESSION -- DETECTION & DELIVERANCE.  
Text: Matt. 12:43-45

I. Introduction

1. Demon possession is not a Biblical word. The KJV translates "demonized" as possessed.
2. Oppression does not refer to everyday, common trials and temptations.
3. Oppression includes two areas: Demonic Influence and Invasion.
  - 1) Influence - demonic power from outside; exerted through pressure, suggestion, or temptation; When yielded to, demonic activity increases until Satan sets up a stronghold.
  - 2) Invasion or inhabitation or possession. Demonic power from inside; occurs when one or more demons indwell a person's body and take complete control of one or more areas of his body, mind, or spirit.

II. The Dilemma of Demonic Influence & Invasion

1. How does one come under oppression? With one exception, one becomes oppressed or enslaved only to the degree he willingly violates the moral law of God and exposes himself to evil.  
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2. Areas of Violation and Exposure:
  - 1) False teaching - I John 4:1-4, I Tim. 4:1-2
  - 2) Occultism (Farot Cards, palmistry, astrology, ouija board, spiritism, magic, etc.) (The exception involves oppression of children whose parents are involved in occultism - Ex. 20:3-5; I Cor. 10:18-21)
  - 3) Toleration of natural weaknesses (worry, lust, gossip)
  - 4) Persistent, unconfessed sin and unforgiveness.

III. The Detection of Demonic Influence & Invasion

1. False Test - I John 4:1-4 is not a test of demonic oppression but of false teaching. Any Spirit that denies the

Incarnation of Jesus is an evil Spirit, but not all evil spirits come denying. Like men, demons manifest themselves through varying personality traits: moral uncleanness, cultural refinement, religious orthodoxy.

2. Symptoms of influence and invasion.  
(often overlap)

- 1) Compulsion - (a violated will; involuntary response) - Luke 8:29, Mark 9:22 - Victim is overwhelmed and overborne by an irresistible power. (nicotine, alcohol, drugs, sex, lying, gossip, eating)
- 2) Personality change - sudden and drastic projection of a new personality into victim. (depression, fear)
- 3) Moral change - Sudden and drastic change in moral character and spiritual disposition of victim. (extramarital relations, marriage break-up)
- 4) Spirit of isolation or independence (Mark 5: ) Man lived in tombs (withdrawal from society, direction)
- 5) Self-hatred - Mark 5
- 6) Self-destruction - Mark 9:22 - continuation of habits or activities which lead to physical harm or death (smoking, drugs); suicidal thoughts and attempts.
- 7) Violence - Mark 5:9, Luke 8
- 8) Supernatural strength - Luke 8, Mark 5, Acts 19:16.
- 9) Supernatural knowledge - Mark 1:23-24; 5:7
- 10) Opposition to Jesus Christ and spiritual matters - Mark 5; 9:20

IV. The Deliverance from Demonic Influence and Invasion

1. Gaining initial deliverance.

- 1) Identify yourself with the power and protection of the Blood of Christ.
- 2) Identify the oppression specifically
- 3) Confess the sin and renounce all connection or ties with it.
- 4) Submit to the authority of God and

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the Lordship of Christ. (James 4:7)

5) Resist the Devil; rebuke the demon.  
(In and by the authority of the Name of Jesus stand against Satan and command that demonic influence cast down.)

"In the Name of Jesus, I command you to depart."

"In the Name of Jesus, I command this stronghold of \_\_\_\_\_  
cast down." (II Cor. 10:4-5)

6) By faith, believe it is done -  
I John 5:4 (Rest in the Lord.)

2. Losing the deliverance - Matt. 12:43-45  
(An empty house never stays empty.)

Passivity - not replacing expelled demon  
with Holy Spirit and Biblical  
principles.

1) Failure to confess sin.

2) Failure to repent (actively and  
willfully turning from the evil  
practice)

3) Failure to forgive - Mark 11:26.

4) Failure to break completely with the  
occult - Acts 19:18-19.

5) Failure to submit to the Lordship  
of Christ.

6) Failure to live by faith in the  
Word of God.

3. Keeping the deliverance.

1) Actively yield every area of your  
life to the Lordship of Christ.

2) Be filled with the Spirit.

3) Live by the Word of God.

4) Put on the whole armor of God.

5) Cultivate right relationships.

6) Cultivate right fellowships.

7) Keep Jesus central in life.

#### IV. Conclusion.

1. Reality of Demonic Oppression.

2. Warning against judging others.

3. Warning against exorcism.