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This book is dedicated to the Lord Jesus Christ
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Introduction

The purpose for writing this book is to equip the believer and the Church of Jesus Christ with discernment and understanding in the ways of our common enemy satan.

For the purpose of being able to more effectually fight the spiritual war taking place in the unseen spirit world, manifesting in our lives in this physical world.

In order to fight the battle against our enemy and the demons he has under him more effectually on behalf of ourselves, family, friends, and the lost souls without Jesus Christ in this world.

And all the while to more fully trust and obey Jesus the whole way through.

If you are reading this book and you are not a believer, I would first like to explain to you about the salvation of your soul:

Jesus Christ left His throne in Heaven, He came to this earth born of a virgin, humbled Himself in the form of a servant, and lived His whole life for you even unto death. He willingly allowed Himself to be persecuted, rejected, mocked, tortured, and nailed to a cross bearing all of your sin

on His own body. He died the righteous for the unrighteous (1 Peter 3:18), as a substitute in your place. God proved He accepted Jesus' sacrifice on your behalf as your way to everlasting life by raising Him from the dead three days later. He then appeared to His disciples, then to over 500 witnesses, with numerous eyewitness accounts recorded in the four gospels Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and in the book of Acts. Jesus will accept you and save you from everlasting punishment in hell and the lake of fire that is already reserved for satan, his demons, and those who reject the Son of God (John 3:18, John 3:36), if you are willing to repent (turn away from sin), and place your faith in what Jesus did for you at the cross to atone for your sin. Then resolve to live in obedience to His Word, and walk in righteousness. Jesus became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey Him (Hebrews 5:9b, Romans 2:6-8).

If you are deciding to begin a walk with Jesus now, I pray that the information in this book along with the entire truth of the Holy Bible, will be the starting foundation to equip you for the battles you might be facing, and the battles up ahead.

If you sincerely commit to follow Jesus, not only will the Lord Himself and the angels of Heaven notice (Luke 15:1-7), but satan and the demons will also notice, and you will have a target

on your back. Maybe you already do (1 Peter 5:8-9, Ephesians 6:12), but as I will explain later, God still rules over satan (Romans 8:28). Yet, this doesn't mean that we don't have to fight in the spiritual war or resist satan. We do.

So be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power (Ephesians 6:10-11). He will strengthen you and protect you, and uphold you with His righteous right hand (2 Thessalonians 3:3, Isaiah 41:10).

The greatest tactic and protection from deception in this war is accepting the truth of the entire Word of God, and obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Chapter 1

The Spirit World, Demons, and Our Adversary the Great Deceiver

Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

(Revelation 20:10)

Along with God creating the physical world as we know it, He also created a spirit world. When I say spirit world it doesn't mean that it is less of a creation, or filled with beings that are less of a being, like you might think when you hear the word "spirit." The spirit world is actually more real than this physical world. In the spirit world you have various other creatures known as angels and demons living and operating that we can not see with the physical eyes in this physical realm.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit called discerning of spirits, God can reveal things in the spirit world if He chooses to according to His will. When God does this it is never for selfish power, self exaltation, or personal pleasure. It is always for the good of the Church of Jesus Christ, so that His

Church may be built up and edified, for leading souls to Jesus, and to tear down strongholds and deceptions that satan has established in this earth and in people's lives.

The unseen spiritual realm, also known as the spirit world or spirit realm, runs parallel with the physical world that we can see. We have an enemy, his name is satan, and him and the various ranks of demons operating under him are controlling this present world system from the spirit realm. To let you know the extent of this I will give you this scripture:

We know that we are of God, and *the whole world* is under the sway of the evil one. (1 John 5:19)

As revealed in 1 John 5:19 the whole world is under the sway or control of the evil one. The whole world is influenced and controlled by satan. I will explain how he does this. Human beings are spiritual beings in physical bodies. The spiritual parts of a human being are the soul and spirit. The soul consists of your mind, will, and emotions. Because the soul of a human being is a part of the spiritual realm, that means the mind is a part of the spiritual realm. People can be influenced by demons in their mind, also their will and emotions. The thought processes in people are not easily understood. Sometimes evil thoughts can enter a

person's mind that can cause them to think, "Why would I ever think such a thing?" Many times this is because the thought didn't originate from them, it can be demonic influence.

Just like God has people to pour His Holy Spirit through to preach, teach, and evangelize under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, indeed even the Scriptures of the Holy Bible were written this way according to 2 Peter 1:20-21 and 2 Timothy 3:16. In the same way, so does satan use people for his evil work and deception. Almost every work and every event in this physical realm can be seen with an inspired spiritual origin behind it. Various works that human beings make are inspired. I will explain the demonic side of this.

First the thought (inspiration) comes into the person's mind from a demon, then something manifests in the physical realm. Whether it be an evil work, something to cause sin, something to deceive, conflict with another person or in a situation, harm to someone, or some other evil thing. Many times conflicts and problems are caused by a person with demonic influence in their life, and it is possible for even some of the best Christians to be influenced by the demonic to a measure in various areas also.

In the midst of all this we have to remember, we are not fighting against flesh and blood enemies but against demons (Ephesians 6:12). We should not

repay evil for evil (1 Peter 3:9) or desire someone to have harm done to them for the harm they cause. For Jesus tells us:

"Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who mistreat you."
(Luke 6:28)

Instead we should sincerely desire a person with heavy demonic influence in their life to have mercy from God, and to come out from under the control of the evil one who has taken them captive to do his will and blinded them. The Bible tells us in 2 Timothy 2:25-26:

"Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will."
(2 Timothy 2:25-26)

And in 2 Corinthians 4:4:

"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."
(2 Corinthians 4:4)

The god (lower case g) of this present age that Paul talks about is satan. Jesus called satan the prince of this world (John 14:30-31), and Paul called him the god of this world. Until Jesus Christ returns and is ruling and reigning from Jerusalem, this world will continue to be under the sway and control of the evil one with widespread deception.

Again, your greatest weapon and tactic against the widespread deception in this world is to accept all of the Holy Bible as true and hold close to it, obeying Jesus Christ as Lord by holding to and obeying His Word and commands.

When Jesus Christ returns and is ruling and reigning from Jerusalem, satan will be locked in a bottomless pit *"to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years are ended"* (Revelation 20:1-3). After the thousand year reign of Jesus on this earth, satan will be released for a short time and will deceive the world once more. Then soon after go to his eternal fate in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:1-15).

Chapter 2

Spiritual Warfare, Tests, and Trials

From the home life, to the family, to the workplace, to the mission field; satan is deceiving, opposing, and afflicting many of God's people and the people of this world. All you have to do is look around and see that there is brokenness, trouble, and distress in many individual's lives. Turn on the news and it's filled with various things committed by sinful people under the influence of evil spirits. That's why sometimes when you see these things you can't help but think, "How could a person do such a thing?"

People are sinners, but many of the extremely evil things done in this world are done by a sinful human controlled by demonic spirits. Demons are creatures of the most heinous forms of evil.

In many places satan has even gone so far as to persecute, imprison, and even kill God's servants. On the surface this all seems to be happening in the natural, but there is something taking place in the unseen world where we can not see.

Some people are afflicted in various ways and find themselves thinking, "Why am I always distressed? Why am I always troubled? Why is my

life a mess? Why can I never seem to do anything right? Nothing seems to ever go my way.” Such a person is in a spiritual battle.

The first thing I want to tell you is, if you are a born again child of God through Christ, no matter what the affliction is in your life you are loved.

Don't give up under the pressure, don't lose faith, and don't go back to your old life of sin. Hold on to your faith, hold on to hope, and stand firm. When the battle heats up we can always bring our anxiety and brokenness to God in prayer. Peter writes in 1 Peter 1:3-7:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. *These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.* (1 Peter 1:3-7)

Imagine--after all the rejection, all the persecution, all the opposition, all the trouble you're going through and have been through, and you're still holding onto your faith? Peter shows us *"the griefs in all these trials have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith... may result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed."*

That is a promise filled with hope that we can keep with us through anything that we would go through in this life.

If your life has many tests, trials, and afflictions, it doesn't necessarily mean that God is punishing you. Although He does discipline those He loves, and through those times it is painful (Hebrews 12:4-11).

Ask Him for discernment to know which it is. Warfare, Discipline, Testing/Trials or a combination of any of these. God can also use satan to discipline (1 Corinthians 5:5).

I also want you to know that there is a such thing as the prosperity of the wicked and the affliction of the righteous. There is no room for karma in this, karma is unbiblical. We can use the book of Job as an example to reveal of this, and also these portions of the Psalms. A Psalm of David and a Psalm of Asaph:

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. (Psalm 34:19)

Surely God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.
But as for me, my feet had almost slipped;
I had nearly lost my foothold.
For I envied the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
They have no struggles;
their bodies are healthy and strong.
They are free from common human burdens;
they are not plagued by human ills.
Therefore pride is their necklace;
they clothe themselves with violence.
From their callous hearts comes iniquity; their evil
imaginings have no limits.
They scoff, and speak with malice;
with arrogance they threaten oppression.
Their mouths lay claim to heaven,
and their tongues take possession of the earth.
Therefore their people turn to them
and drink up waters in abundance.
They say, "How would God know?
Does the Most High know anything?"
This is what the wicked are like—
always free of care, they go on amassing wealth.
Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure
and have washed my hands in innocence.
All day long I have been afflicted,
and every morning brings new punishments.

If I had spoken out like that,
I would have betrayed your children.
When I tried to understand all this,
it troubled me deeply
till I entered the sanctuary of God;
then I understood their final destiny.
Surely you place them on slippery ground;
you cast them down to ruin.
How suddenly are they destroyed,
completely swept away by terrors!
They are like a dream when one awakes;
when you arise, Lord,
you will despise them as fantasies.
When my heart was grieved
and my spirit embittered,
I was senseless and ignorant;
I was a brute beast before you.
Yet I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.
You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will take me into glory.
Whom have I in heaven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.
Those who are far from you will perish;
you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.
But as for me, it is good to be near God.

I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge;
I will tell of all your deeds. (Psalm 73:1-28)

Many of God's people throughout the Bible had much affliction and opposition. Jesus' original disciples were all martyred except for John. Many of His disciples after them also were too. A lot of times what we go through is trials, severe tests of faith, opposition from the enemy, and even divine discipline. But our hope is in eternity and in the age to come. Jesus tells us:

"In this world you will have trouble, but take heart I have overcome the world." (John 16:33b)

And in Isaiah it shows and we read in the gospels that even our Lord Jesus was a "man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" (Isaiah 53:3). No matter what we are going through we can also trust the promise of Romans 8:28:

For we know that in all things (the good, the bad, and the terrible) God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)

If we love God and are seeking to love God (John 14:21), we can trust the promise of Romans 8:28 in every circumstance in life the whole way through. We can trust that God is working all things in our life out for good according to His purpose for us. He is doing this in the same way this promise was fulfilled in God's unique purpose for Joseph's life beginning in Genesis 37.

In the story of Joseph you can see this promise fulfilled incrementally the whole way through his life. From Joseph telling his brothers the dreams God gave him, then his brothers turning on him and selling him to the Egyptian slave trader, Potiphar buying him as a slave, Joseph managing all of Potiphar's household, to Potiphar's wife lying about him, and Potiphar having him put in prison. While in prison, the cupbearer and baker were there and Joseph interpreted their dreams. The cupbearer got his job back with Pharaoh, and a few years later Pharaoh began having dreams that nobody could explain. The cupbearer remembered Joseph and how he interpreted the two dreams. Joseph was then brought before Pharaoh, and brought to where God's plan was according to His purpose all along.

Joseph's purpose was to feed God's people during the famine in the land. I will explain to you the promise fulfilled and the way of its fulfillment in Joseph's life.

God was sovereign over every event that happened in Joseph's life, even the bad things. If we love God, we can always rest in the promise of Romans 8:28, knowing that God is always in control. He can take even the worst things and work them out for good, just like in Joseph's life.

When God gave Joseph the dreams, God knew that he would tell his brothers. God also knew his brothers would sell him as a slave to the traders on their way to Egypt, but notice the promise of Romans 8:28 coming to fulfillment already.

God's plan was to get Joseph to Egypt and it was being brought about by his own brothers turning on him and selling him as a slave. God was even working something terrible like that out for good. Joseph then was bought by Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, and was given charge to manage Potiphar's whole household. Joseph was in preparation during this time, he was learning how to manage things in Potiphar's household.

Remember, God's plan for Joseph was for him to eventually manage all of Egypt as the governor. From one thing to the next, God was preparing Joseph and leading him sovereignly along to where God's plan for him was. Working even bad things out for good the whole way through.

Joseph might have begun to understand more concerning God's plan at this time too, knowing

that Potiphar was an officer of Pharaoh. When Potiphar's wife lied about him and Potiphar had him put into prison, maybe it seemed like the plan took a turn he wasn't expecting.

God is always sovereign though, and we can always trust that he has a plan. Even when we don't understand. We can look for this same promise incrementally fulfilled in our own unique circumstances in our lives, we can trust that God is doing the same thing the whole way through. Jesus also said:

“Whoever is unjust in a few things will also be unjust in much, but whoever is faithful in a few things will also be faithful in much.” (Luke 16:10)

We're also being tested in this preparation on the way through. God is not only preparing us for this life, but most importantly and above everything, He has eternity in mind. Preparing us to rule and reign in eternity under our King Jesus Christ (Luke 19:11-26).

God's ultimate will and purpose in all this is to conform us into the image of His beloved Son Jesus:

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. *For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.* (Romans 8:28-29)

God can always work spiritual warfare and the enemy's opposition out for good also, but we have to fight the spiritual battles. We cannot walk in agreement with demons living in rebellion and disobedience to the Lord and think, "Well God will work it out for good." That is a dangerous place to be. It is also the devil taking a good promise of God and twisting it in our mind for his own evil purposes and plans for deception and destruction. Just like he did with Jesus in the wilderness. The devil actually tried using the Word of God to bring about Jesus' ruin with it:

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. *"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:*

" 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

(Matthew 4:5-7)

Satan tried using the very good promise of God to bring about Jesus' ruin, and he will also try to do the same with us. He will take a good promise of God such as Romans 8:28 and try to speak something in our minds to the effect of "It's ok do what you want, live in sin, Romans 8:28 says God will work it out for good." Paul points out the error of that kind of way in Romans 3:8:

"Why not say--as some slanderously claim that we say--"Let us do evil that good may result"? Their condemnation is just! (Romans 3:8)

The devil will also try to take scriptures like 1 John 1:9 and impress upon our minds "It's ok to sin, God will forgive you anyway." The devil is doing that for a reason. Like Jesus, when the devil comes around with such a thing, the response should be "I'm not going to test the Lord."

Concerning this, I want to show you an example of Paul not testing the Lord. Paul and the others on the ship were caught in a storm. It seemed hopeless and like their lives would be lost, but God gave them a promise:

We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.

After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: "Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. *Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island.*" (Acts 27:18-26)

Paul uses a lot of wisdom in this scenario. The promise was given from God that none of their lives would be lost. Yet, Paul didn't test God in it by carelessly continuing on in the storm. He says, *"God gave this promise that none of our lives would be lost, fear not. I have faith in God and His promise. Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island."*

Paul acted accordingly to the promise given. He didn't test the Lord.

God can work *all things* out for good. It has been proven time and time again in the scriptures and throughout many of His people's lives. But we should never test the Lord our God, and we should always resolve to obey Jesus.

The promise of Romans 8:28 is for "those who love God." Jesus tells us in John 14:15 "If you love me keep my commands" and in John 14:21 "Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me."

Chapter 3

A Famine in the Land

There is a famine in the land of hearing the words of God (Amos 8:11). People need fed the Word of God. Jesus also answered satan in the wilderness and said "It is written: Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

When Jesus asked Peter three times, "Do you love me Peter?" Peter answered yes all three times. Jesus told him, "feed my lambs and sheep and take care of them" (John 21:15-17). A part of taking care of Jesus' lambs and sheep is also protecting them from the snakes, scorpions, and other savage animals of satan's kingdom (Luke 10:19). In the same way the young shepherd David did with the lion, the bear, and the Philistine (1 Samuel 17:32-37). Looking at the enemy nations of the Israelites in the Old Testament, we can also see them figuratively as satan's kingdom against the Church of Jesus Christ. Through this we can gain revelation about the spiritual war that we are in, God's sovereignty in it, and our roll in the midst of it.

We should remember though, that our real enemies are not people, but are the demons that control them at times. The Bible tells us:

“For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.”
(Ephesians 6:12)

I once heard a man of God say, “One problem with the Church today is that we cast people out of the church instead of casting demons out of the people.” I agree with what he said. The Church today is way too often accustomed to looking at things in the natural, or in the physical. In many places, the Church has almost completely done away with the understanding that we have an unseen enemy.

I have also heard some people say in pride, “satan is like a lion with no teeth.” This is not what Peter said. Peter said, writing to the believers, “Be sober, be vigilant, because *your* adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion seeking for someone to devour...” (1 Peter 5:8). The adversary is like a lion, he has teeth, and he is looking for someone to devour with them.

Anyone that has had any run-ins with satan’s forces or has looked around and seen the things he

has done in many of the lives he has devoured, understands that he truly is a real enemy. A real enemy that we have to fight, and a real enemy that we have to resist. He is also a real enemy that we have to protect the flock from, and even the others that are not a part of the fold yet (John 10:16).

God's people need fed the Word of God and the people of the world also need fed the Word of God in evangelism. Paul differentiates between the milk and solid food of the Word in Hebrews 5:11-6:3.

No matter where the Lord leads us His plan for us always consists of at least these two things in any situation we are placed in:

1. Bringing Jesus glory
2. Spreading the gospel for the salvation of souls

Jesus also asks us the same thing about feeding His people:

"Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions."

(Matthew 24:45-47 *also see verses 48-51*)

Chapter 4

Hide in the Secret Place of God During this Secret War

I want to begin this chapter by saying that God can and does give dreams and visions for special circumstances, but we should not become overly preoccupied with dreams and visions. The enemy can also give dreams and visions. When God gives a dream or vision, in most cases you will know for sure that it is from Him, or you will have a deep sense it might be.

The enemy can also attack in dreams, visions, and nightmares. He can do this to bring a night terror, to tempt to sin, or to deceive a person or others in some way away from God and the truth of God (Deuteronomy 13:1-4). Those are attacks from the demonic kingdom, yet God is always sovereign.

A warning from God in a dream or vision can also be fearful though. So if we believe that we received something from God, we should ask God for discernment to know whether it is of Him or from the enemy. It should also always be tested with the Word of God, the Holy Bible. If it goes against the Holy Bible, or incites rebellion against the Holy

Bible in some way, it is not from God. God will never contradict His Word.

There is also no set way to interpret a dream or vision. Years ago I had a dream book. The book was filled with what objects meant in dreams. Soon after I got this book my dreams started having scenarios with some of the objects from the dream book. I was inquiring of this dream book quite often after that, but never could understand what any of the dreams meant. I called a man of God from Texas on the phone about some other attacks I was going through one day. I never told him anything about the dreams or the dream book. He said to me "You have a book on how to interpret dreams in your room, burn it, it's not of God." I said "but that book is written by such and such a pastor" (I won't say his name). He said "It doesn't matter, that man may be a sincere minister but he is wrong about this."

After that I wondered how the man would have known I had the dream book in my room because I never told him. I also knew that what he said was true after I realized demons began manipulating my dreams according to the objects in the dream book soon after I got it. They were trying to distract me, deceive me, and get me caught up in things that didn't matter. I concluded that only the Holy Spirit would have told him. I burned the dream book.

I later studied in the Bible of God's people who interpreted dreams and visions through God. They never inquired of dream symbolism books and set ways to interpret dreams. God didn't give dreams with set ways to interpret them. Many people will say things like in a dream this object always means this etc. etc. That is not true. Interpretations belong to the Lord, and the interpretation to a specific dream or vision comes from God into a person's spirit (Genesis 40:8). God can lead someone to do whatever He sees fit through the revelation He gives, but it will always be for His holy purpose.

I will tell you of a dream I received from God during a time I was going through extremely heavy spiritual warfare. I believe some of God's other people going through heavy spiritual warfare can benefit from this dream also.

One night when I went to sleep I had a dream. I woke up in the dream in my room as if I was waking up in real life. There was a radio/cd player on my bookshelf beside my bed (I didn't have one there in real life). When I woke up in the dream I heard words coming from the radio/cd player. I thought to myself in the dream, "This is a sermon being preached." I listened in to the words coming from the radio/cd player and these are the words I heard, "Hide in the secret place of God during this secret war."

After I woke up in real life I believed this was a dream from God. I started to wonder what that could mean. I then began searching things on google about "the secret place of God." I was astonished at what I found. David knew very well about this "secret place of God." He referenced this "secret place" numerous times all throughout the Psalms. When he wrote descriptive words such as "the Lord is my refuge" in Psalm 18:2, and "You are my hiding place" in Psalm 32:7. Those are only a few of the many times David referred to this "secret place of God."

He writes in the warfare Psalm, Psalm 91:1-2 (KJV):

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

(Psalm 91:1-2 KJV)

There is also a secret war taking place. It is a secret war to the extent that people don't know it is happening. It is a secret war taking place in the unseen spirit realm coming from satan and his forces effecting people's lives in this physical realm. It is also secret in the way that people are facing many secret battles in this war that no one knows

about. Things in their personal lives, their family lives, etc.

God knows all things though, and He wants to be with you in this battle. He wants to equip you with the weapons and the resources of His Word to be able to fight.

He wants to lead you to His secret place to be able to hide in Him and dwell there when the battle is raging so intense that you need to hide and take cover. When it gets to that extent and it gets to that point run to Him, hide in Him, and trust in Him.

Don't flee and rush into sin. Sometimes the enemy will oppress us so hard because that is what he wants us to do. The Bible tells us to resist satan, firm in our faith (1 Peter 5:8-9).

And the Lord says:

"In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength" (Isaiah 30:15)

Sometimes the warfare can be so heavy that it is hard to face the world. We don't want to linger around in this too much though, so much so that we become completely ineffective for the Kingdom of God. No matter what situation we are placed in there is always something we can do for Jesus, and the salvation of souls. During the times when the warfare is so intense, and all we can do is hide in

God, I have found these things to be most effective for me:

1. Prayer

“Cast all your anxiety on God, because He cares for you.”
(1 Peter 5:7)

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”
(Philippians 4:6-7)

There will be times that I will pour out my heart to God concerning everything that troubles me and the things in my service to Him that I feel as though I failed Him in. I will cry to Him, repent, and be thankful to Him for giving me His Spirit to be able to delight in Him and the things of Him. I will also thank Him for all of His other mercies in my life.

Many of times I have come out of this strengthened by the Lord with a humbling sense of His loving grace. Along with the peace of God that transcends all understanding that the Bible talks about.

2. Worship the Lord and listen to Christian music

There are many ways to worship the Lord. We worship Him in our daily lives, even in small acts of obedience out of our love for Him, and concern for others (John 14:21, Matthew 22:36-40). The Bible says in Romans 12:1:

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.” (Romans 12:1)

And in 2 Corinthians 5:15:

“He died once for all that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him that died for them and was raised again.” (2 Corinthians 5:15)

It pleases Jesus that He died for us when we serve Him this way. Sacrificing ourselves for Him and His cause, just as He sacrificed Himself for us. This is a form of worship. What flows from this worship and love for God can also manifest in song to Him. The Holy Spirit gives us songs at times to sing to the Lord. They are inspired songs by the

Holy Spirit that can also strengthen us at the same time of our worship of God. There are also many other Christian songs we can listen to and be strengthened and edified in. Songs that God gave to His servants, all for the common good of His people:

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the

interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

(1 Corinthians 12:1-11)

He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. (Psalm 40:3a)

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5:18-20)

3. Read the Bible, listen to sermons, or listen to an audio Bible

What I have found also to be effective in times of spiritual warfare is reading the Bible, listening to sermons on YouTube, and listening to audio books of the Bible on YouTube or the YouVersion Bible app.

4. Rebuke the demons in the Name of Jesus Christ and plead the blood of Jesus

In a time of direct attack from the forces of darkness, whether in your sleep, or going about your time while awake, rebuke the demons in the Name of Jesus Christ and plead the blood of Jesus Christ over yourself. Thinking upon the cleansing, redeeming, shielding, and protecting power of the blood of Jesus Christ. A prayer of repentance if necessary, and a prayer for help and protection from the Lord is also effective during those times. Nightmares, night terrors, sleep paralysis, waking up to demonic manifestations in the room, and not being able to use your mouth to call on the Name of the Lord during those times are also direct attacks from the kingdom of darkness. Be strong in God if you go through any of those kinds of attacks, and inquire of God as to why you are. We're in a real war.

Chapter 5

Offensive and Defensive Warfare

In the midst of this spiritual war taking place all throughout the world, we are always either on the offense or defense. When we are on offense we are taking ground away from satan, when we are on the defense we're preventing him from gaining ground.

One way of getting on the offense in the war is we can go out and tell people about Jesus and salvation. We can lead them into the direction of the truth about God and away from sin. This can be done in various ways, but gospel tracts are a great easy way to do this.

I try to give tracts to people everywhere I go. I give them at drive thru windows, the check out counter at the store, when going out to dinner along with a good tip, other people along the way through life, and when on vacation. All you have to do is hand a tract to someone and say "here this is for you" or "here I wanted to give you this" it's very easy and they usually always take one. The very fact that a fear will come upon you to make you afraid to talk about Jesus, or serve Him in some way is also a clear sign of opposition from the enemy in this

war we are in. That spirit of the fear of man does not come from God (2 Timothy 1:6-8).

The demons don't want you to speak of Jesus, or lead anyone to Jesus, even by simply telling someone "turn to Jesus Christ" in their time of trouble or something. Tracts can also be left in places for people to find. If you go to give one in person, and they don't take one, never feel discouraged. Most people usually will take one, and there will be those that the seed falls on good soil (Mark 4:26-27, Matthew 13:1-23).

You could give someone a tract, a seed was sown into their life, and God may have used you to snatch that soul from satan and spending an eternity in hell. That person could eventually go on to work the harvest also. Jesus said in Matthew 9:37 "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."

We won't know until Heaven, but the fruit our labors will be known then. Some people say that tracts don't work, but I know of two people close to me in my life that came to the Lord through tracts, and another person that the Lord allowed to see some of the fruit of his labors in this life before he died.

One of the men received a tract, accepted Jesus, and closed down his bar. He then went on to preach in churches the rest of his life about giving out tracts, and gave out about 5 million gospel tracts throughout his lifetime. He would go with my

neighbor and get box truck loads of tracts to distribute.

Another man found a tract laying on the ground in the rain. He surrendered his life to Jesus and is now doing many great things serving God.

The third man I also know of through my neighbor. The man distributed tracts throughout his lifetime. He reached the end of his life and wondered if the work he did giving out tracts was successful because he never knew of a single person being converted through the work he did. A man who received a tract from him found out the man was dying, and he went to visit him in the hospital. The man that received the tract from him told him "I want you to know that after you gave me a tract, I went on to give my life to the Lord and I built a church."

If that man wouldn't have visited him that day he wouldn't have known, and the enemy would have continued to trouble his mind at the end of his life with lies that his efforts were wasted. I'm sure there was also other fruit borne from that brother's labors that he wouldn't know about until he entered the Kingdom of God.

There were some times that I would be going through such intense spiritual warfare that I would take some tracts and go to the gas station down the street from where I live or other places near where I live. I would give people gospel of Johns with the

plan of salvation in them, and other tracts. I would think "alright satan, if you want to attack me I'm just going to go serve Jesus" and I would get on the offense.

In this world, satan already has established many evil things that are corrupting, defiling, deceiving, and leading many people astray in their lives. They are already established and are taking much ground in people's lives.

Sometimes all we can do is be on the defense on behalf of other people, holding those things back from taking anymore ground as much as we are able to. We do this by exposing them and speaking the truth of God and His Word into those situations.

Satan, Psychology, and Psychiatry

As many of us know, people in this world are going through various troubles. Whether it be depression, anxiety, brokenness, or a whole list of things. We live in a fallen world filled with demon spirits, with the ruler of this present earth age as satan. When there is a problem, it calls for a solution. Unfortunately, in psychology and psychiatry we have the wrong one.

In the midst of the problems of these various human ills caused by demonic affliction, satan has managed to establish a whole field to cover up his evil works and warfare against mankind in these last days. Jesus called satan "the father of lies" (John 8:44).

Through the unknowing vessels that satan used to establish the psychology field within roughly the last 150 years, satan has succeeded in expanding this field of deception. He has caused it to be widely accepted over time more and more right up to the prominence and acceptance it has now.

People have these problems whether it be depression, anxiety, or other problems, and they turn to the psychology doctors for a solution in the

same way a person would turn to a heart doctor while having heart problems.

They do this because the psychology doctors claim to have the cure for the human ills that we call "mental illness" in the same way a heart doctor would have the cures for heart conditions.

Unlike the heart doctor, the problem and deception with psychology rests in this— When you go to a heart doctor while having heart problems, the heart doctor will sit you down, take your blood pressure, see that it is low or high, draw blood from your arm for a blood test, hook up a heart machine, see there is an issue with the heart through an ECG or EKG, maybe run some other tests, then determine what the proper method of treatment would be. Maybe they would determine heart surgery of some sort, maybe blood thinners, a combination, or something else. But all of their decisions of treatment would be based on actual fact and scientific evidence through the physical tests they have run and the actual clear physical results of the tests they have seen.

In psychology/psychiatry, when a person goes to a psychologist they sit them down at a desk and ask them a few questions. Maybe have them fill out a questionnaire about their symptoms. Then they give them a diagnosis, send them to the psychiatrist for drugs to be prescribed, and they're on their way. In most cases they won't even fill out a

questionnaire. The psychologist/psychiatrist will look at their external symptoms, give them a diagnosis, and prescribe them drugs.

The problem here is that unlike the heart doctor, in psychology, there is never any diagnosis based off of scientific evidence. It has always been based only on external observation. There are never any real tests that show real biological findings involved. The only blood test they will even do is a test to find out whether or not the drugs they are prescribing are damaging any of the person's organs.

The reason they don't do any scientific tests with scientific findings like a heart doctor would, is because there is none. There are no scientific tests, and there are no findings for any of their diagnoses based off of scientific evidence. Only observations based on a person's external behavior, symptoms, and theories.

The whole psychology field is built off of this one lie called a "chemical imbalance." Satan, the father of lies and the great deceiver, has managed to cause the lie of the chemical imbalance to be widely accepted over time, and it is the very thing continuing to hold up the entire lie of psychology and psychiatry.

There has never been a proven chemical imbalance in any person. Instead the real name for a chemical imbalance is "the chemical imbalance

theory" which means never proven with scientific evidence.

This is how it started; they thought that there might be a chemical imbalance in a person's brain causing these problems, "the chemical imbalance theory" became an idea, but without ever finding proof of a chemical imbalance, the word theory was dropped and it was then widely accepted that people have a chemical imbalance causing these problems.

Any psychologist or psychiatrist that is telling the truth will admit that there is no such thing ever proven of a chemical imbalance. A chemical imbalance is the very thing that almost every person is led to believe they have when they consult a psychologist or psychiatrist. The drug companies sometimes even advertise their drugs on tv with "If you have any of these symptoms, please consult your doctor because you may have a chemical imbalance."

The pharmaceutical companies involved in this are a multi billion dollar a year drug industry. Greed and money, along with an actual problem in many people's lives, with a professional looking field that offers a deceptive solution not easy to see on the surface is what is continuing to perpetuate this multi billion dollar scam.

When a person consults their doctor they will never scan their brain to check for a chemical imbalance, or take their blood to check, or do any other test to check, because there is none. They will simply sit them behind a desk and observe their symptoms.

The problem here is, the very same symptoms that manifest in a person that is given a diagnosis of mental illness, or a person that believes they have a mental illness, are the very same symptoms that manifest when a person is going through spiritual warfare, is demon influenced, demon oppressed, or demon possessed.

In many cases people have been conditioned over time to turn to psychologists and psychiatrists for any little problem people deal with in what we know as life on this earth in a fallen world with sin, where satan has his throne, and that God hasn't restored yet.

The saddest cases of this are where people have children that are troublemakers or lack self control due to their youth. Instead of letting the folly of youth run its course, and giving the child structure and discipline (Proverbs 22:15), people are convinced there is something wrong with their child, or they let other people convince them that there is. Then they take them to the psychologist for a diagnosis that has no scientific evidence, or any test based on anything other than external

observation for what they are saying the child has wrong with them. Then the child is sent to the psychiatrist to be drugged.

In many cases, the drugs they are prescribing for these children are amphetamines. A dangerous drug to the body, closely related to one of the worst street drugs called methamphetamine, also known as meth. Even the smallest dose of the amphetamine called adderall and other similar or generic versions are widely used by recreational drug users.

The effects they have in older users that understand what it is doing in their body is enough to make them want to use it in recreational drug use. The Bible condemns all these drugs as sorcery, witchcraft, and magic arts in Galatians 5:19-21, Revelation 21:8, and Revelation 22:14-15.

A person that uses drugs to alter their mental state or someone else's is knowingly or unknowingly opening themselves or someone else up to the spirit realm and the demonic. It has an effect on some more than others. That is why some people fall into heavier delusions, become more angry, commit other criminal activities, or go on killing sprees while using the drugs. They become more demonized.

The demons can also not manifest or withdraw from the person when they begin using the drugs making it seem like the drugs worked for a period of time for purposes of deception. In other

cases, it can also simply just be a “placebo effect.” The person believing they are better, because they are told it will make them better. When maybe there wasn’t anything that wrong with the person to begin with. There are tests these psychologists have done giving people “sugar pills” without the person knowing and the person comes back in and says the pills are working and they're feeling better. When all that was given was a “sugar pill.”

The psychologists/psychiatrists also have a placebo effect of their own in many cases. Tinkering with medication levels believing it is making a difference when it actually isn't. Many of the drugs just heavily sedate a person, they aren't curing anything.

I once saw a man on 8 of these pills, they had him on so many of these drugs that they even had to give him pills so that he could go to the bathroom. The man looked white and pale and could barely even move around. That is terrible, and is doing way more harm then good. You can't cast out demons with pills.

The word translated sorcery, witchcraft, or magic arts in Galatians 5:20, Revelation 21:8, and Revelation 22:15 is translated from the Greek word pharmakeia. Our English word pharmacy also comes from the Greek word pharmakeia.

In days of old, people would also employ the use of drugs along with other occult practices for

occult power from the demonic realm. In many places of the world such as in a lot of third world countries that have witchdoctors they still do.

The Bible says in Galatians 5:22-23 that the fruit of the Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. God's Word shows us here that His Spirit imparts to a person things such as love, joy, peace, and self control. His Spirit is stronger than the flesh and any demonic spirit infiltrating against the flesh.

If God's Spirit produces such fruit in a person, then a demon spirit would be able to produce contrary fruit in a person such as hate, depression, anxiety, and lack of self control. Because we are spiritual beings in physical bodies, and are able to be influenced in the spiritual part of us in this spiritual war, that is how this works.

If we are going through any of these things we have to learn to turn to God, rely on Him, seek Him, and cry out to Him for greater measures of His Spirit in our lives. In cases of heavier demonization it would be good to seek out a deliverance ministry (a genuine ministry that doesn't require you to have money for deliverance).

In James 4:8 it says "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" and in Psalm 16:11 (KJV) "In thy presence is fullness of joy." When we read through the Psalms we can also see that David had

his highs and he had his lows. The storms of life are inevitable, but we can always trust that God has a good purpose for all things. Things that He either directly causes or allows in His wisdom.

David was able to say concerning his affliction in Psalm 119:67 "Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word." and in Psalm 119:71 "It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees." God does use affliction to discipline us, and to shape and mold us into the image of His beloved Son Jesus, also to teach us (Romans 8:28-29).

The Bible says "Even though Jesus was God's Son, He learned obedience by the things He suffered" (Hebrews 5:8-9). If even our Lord Jesus learned obedience by the things He suffered, surely on this earth we aren't exempt from suffering either.

Unlike us, with our frail limited understanding of things, thinking we know what is the best way things should go, God is always optimistic. Even in the worst scenarios of some of His people's lives, He does not see things the way maybe ourselves or other people do at times. God always looks at it with optimism and sees the positive side of things.

He never worries and does not fret. He will see us through all things, work all things out for our good and the good of His people (Romans 8:28), and lead us home to His eternal Kingdom. Where

there will be no more death, nor mourning, nor crying, nor pain, for the former order of things will be passed away and all things will be made new (Revelation 21:1-8).

Chapter 7

a. Psychology's diagnosis vs. the Holy Spirit's diagnosis

At the beginning of the psychology field, it began with a group of men that came together and came up with various problems they noticed that human beings had. They began putting them in a book called the DSM. Since then there has been continuous editions of this book made with continuous new names of disorders along with symptoms in it.

All this has been done without any scientific evidence for any of the diagnoses, and without any scientific evidence for any causes or cures for any of these symptoms. They barely understand anything about these issues, all they see is the external symptoms and they put the symptoms and a name for them into a book, and others follow.

The problem here is this— the reason why they cannot figure these problems out with the usual scientific tests, is because you cannot test spiritual things with material things. Human beings are more than flesh, they are also soul and spirit. The name psychology means "the study of the soul" yet all their studies are done on the brain. The true origin behind these symptoms can only be known

through the gift of the Holy Spirit called discerning of spirits (1 Corinthians 12:7-11), or if God imparts discernment concerning the demonic origin of these symptoms to an individual through His Holy Spirit.

Unlike a condition such as down syndrome where there are blood tests (not just to check for damage to the body from medications), and scientific evidence is seen in chromosomal abnormality in the diagnosis of every case. Diagnoses such as depression, anxiety, ADD, ADHD, ODD, bi-polar, schizophrenia, and schizoaffective disorder etc. have none. Each diagnosis is determined strictly from external observations of symptoms and behavior, and questioning the individual or friends and family about the person's symptoms and behavior. Again, the problem with this is that these are the same symptoms and behaviors that manifest in a person that is going through spiritual warfare, is demon influenced, demon oppressed, or demon possessed.

Some of the most obvious levels of demonization are observed in people with schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder. These people hear voices in their minds, the voices are almost always the same. They are deceiving, violent, and sadistic. They drive the people that are demonized by them into confusion and to do many irrational things. The voices tell them to kill themselves and others, some of the people are

driven to, and they deceive the person in heavy delusions.

The Bible tells us these characteristics about satan, and the demons under him have the same characteristics:

1. He comes to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10)
2. He is a murderer (John 8:44)
3. He is the father of lies (John 8:44)
4. He is a deceiver (Revelation 20:10)
5. He deceives the whole world and leads the whole world astray (Revelation 12:7-9)

b. Commonalities Between Schizophrenics, Psychics, and Mediums

A schizophrenic that hears voices in their head, is no different from a psychic or medium that hears voices in their head and that claim to be able to communicate with the dead or deceased loved ones. The psychic or medium isn't actually hearing from deceased loved ones they are hearing from "familiar spirits" voices of demons that are familiar with a person's life and family disguising themselves as the deceased loved one the people want to hear from. The demons can also reveal

things to the psychic or medium about the person's life that is true. When they claim to be able to tell the future, what happens is that the demons they operate with can manipulate situations to happen in the physical realm from the spiritual realm causing what was spoken to come to pass in the future.

The common thing with schizophrenics, psychics, and mediums is that they are hearing voices in their minds. Those voices are from the spirit realm. They are all being deceived by actual voices of demons, although some psychics and mediums know what they are doing.

Even though at times the voices a schizophrenic hears don't make sense, it is all a part of the deception. Just like a person who has intelligence and can speak, they can cause another person to hear anything they want them to, even gibberish. It is the same way with the demons operating with a person whose senses are opened up to the spiritual realm. The demons can say or present themselves any way they want, according to what way they are trying to deceive.

When a person consults a psychic or medium it happens like this:

Every person whether they know it or not is known by demons in the spiritual realm. Those demons make it their top priority to keep a person distracted and deceived their whole life so that they would not obtain eternal salvation through Christ.

The person goes to consult the psychic or medium and those spirits that are familiar with the person's life go there too. The spirits then relay the information they know about the person to the spirits in the psychic or medium or else they themselves directly operate through the psychic or medium. Then the psychic or medium speaks something to the person. There are also other deceptive things these spirits can do, to deceive and also cause torment while a person lives in this flesh body.

God condemns the work of psychics and mediums, but He has special grace and mercy for the schizophrenic that has become demonized against their own will. The demons in a psychic or medium use that person's body to deceive people, and the psychic or medium benefits financially and/or it feeds their pride in having "spiritual powers." The demons don't want the person's body to be destroyed, although the demons know full well the person will be destroyed eternally with them on the Day of Judgment, if the person doesn't repent and turn to Jesus Christ coming under His atoning blood.

The demons in a schizophrenic also want to continue on their work of deception, but in many cases they just want the person to have torment and want the person destroyed.

Here are a few verses concerning psychics and mediums:

“Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them. I am the LORD your God.”
(Leviticus 19:31)

“I will set my face against anyone who turns to mediums and spiritists to prostitute themselves by following them, and I will cut them off from their people. Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the LORD your God.”
(Leviticus 20:6-7)

“Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD.”
(Deuteronomy 18:10-12a)

“When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? Consult God's instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn.”
(Isaiah 8:19-20)

Many of satan's servants appear good, or as if they are righteous. Paul addresses those things like this:

“And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.”
(2 Corinthians 11:14-15)

Chapter 8

The Symptoms of Legion

In the Holy Bible in Mark 5:1-20, there is an account of a man known as Legion. We don't know his real name, we only know the name the demons that were in him gave out of the man's own mouth, when Jesus asked what his name was. They answered, "My name is Legion, for we are many" (Mark 5:9).

In Jesus' day, at the time of the Roman Empire, a legion consisted of about 6,000 battle troops. Two things I notice in this are that there could have been around 6,000 demons in this man, and the demons likened themselves to a military regiment.

Personally, I believe that God in His sovereignty allowed this man that we know as Legion to become demonized to the extent that he was. For the purpose of the glorification of the Son of God, and to display Jesus' almighty power against the demonic when He walked upon him and delivered him from such an extreme extent of demonization. Also for other reasons.

There are a few hints of Legion's symptoms that we can clearly see are of a demonic origin:

1. With the power of all those spirits that were in him, he was able to break chains and nobody could subdue him. He had a supernatural strength (Mark 5:3-4). In martial arts (which is of the occult, and has many occult practices involved like eastern meditation rituals etc.), the person uses demonic power (whether they know it or not) to break cinder blocks with their hands and feet, and do other things that are not usual for a person to be able to do. Many of the “masters” of the art and those higher up that have been opened up to the demons over a period of time are able to do this.

2. He would hang around the tombs (Mark 5:5). I believe the demons in this man gave him an infatuation with death. You can see many satanic rock bands that are all about death. Death metal, skulls, etc.

3. In Mark 5:5 you notice two other symptoms in Legion that are also in some people that are diagnosed “mentally ill.” It says “Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones” (Mark 5:5). You can see here the anguish in his heart, he would cry out and cut himself with stones night and day. Many people

afflicted by demons have severe pain in their heart. They are driven to harm their own bodies because of the severe inner affliction they go through due to the spirits that torment and oppress them. It is clear here that the symptoms of “a cutter” are of a demonic origin.

4. The demons must bow at the Name and authority of Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ has all authority over them. They also know this. (Mark 5:6-13)

5. In Mark 5:15 it is very important to notice what happened after the man had an encounter with Jesus and was delivered. It says:

“He was sitting there...*in his right mind.*”

(Mark 5:15)

By this text we can also see that it is of spiritual origin and demonization that effects the mind. Not what we know as “mental illness.”

Chapter 9

The Voice of the Holy Spirit, The Work of the Holy Spirit, and the Early Church

We are spiritual beings in physical bodies, because of this not only can people be influenced from the demonic realm in various ways, but God can also speak to His people in ways just as He did all throughout the Bible and with the early Church in the book of Acts.

God is speaking to many of His people all around the world that truly walk with Him, and seek to obey Him through His Word. He mainly speaks through His Word the Holy Bible, but He will also speak through the voice of the Holy Spirit, impressions, leadings, dreams, visions, angels, and other revelatory experiences if He chooses to.

Although in this day and age of widespread deception, everything should be tested with the Holy Bible. If it goes against the Holy Bible, it is not from God. God will not speak against the Bible, or go against the Bible.

It is important for a Christian to develop discernment through the scriptures to know what is of God and what isn't of God in everything in the Christian life:

Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, *is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness*. But solid food is for the mature, *who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil*. (Hebrews 5:15)

Many things in the Christian life that are actually evil and against God are not easy to recognize on the surface. Through constant study in the scriptures, and constant use of our discernment according to the scriptures, we can know what is of God and what is against Him.

Sometimes when reading the Bible, God will burn something we read into our heart through His Holy Spirit. Things we read can also almost jump off the page at us at times, or our heart will have a burning desire for God and the things of Him (Luke 24:32).

There has been times when I have read the Bible and it was almost as if the Holy Spirit would highlight a verse to me (not literally) but it was as if a certain part I was reading was set apart from the rest of the text. Or a passage I read would be opened up and laid especially on my heart and I read it in

an awe and wonder like I never have before. Then God would put it in a special place in my heart and life. That is God working exclusively with His Word through His Holy Spirit.

The Holy Bible is more than pages and words. When God's Spirit is involved in your Bible reading, supernatural things happen by the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit is the same Spirit that wrote the scriptures through the people that God poured His Spirit into (2 Peter 1:20-21).

Someone can also speak an inspired word or scripture into our lives and it will stay with us for awhile, that is also God through His Holy Spirit giving it a special place in our heart and life.

It is through the grace of Jesus Christ that we receive His blessings and anointing upon our lives in our relationship with Him in the measure He chooses to give according to His will. Everything in our walk with Jesus is through the grace of God alone. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, our love for Him compels us to obey Him. Here are only a few of the many scriptures concerning the work of the Holy Spirit:

(Jesus speaking)

"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

(John 14:15-17)

"We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

(Acts 5:32)

(Jesus speaking)

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, *will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*

(John 14:26)

(Again, the mind is shown as a spiritual realm)

(Jesus speaking)

But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about

judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. *But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.* He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you." (John 16:7-15)

The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." (Acts 8:29)

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. (Acts 16:6-10)

And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, *Paul was pressed in the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.*

(Acts 18:5)

(Jesus speaking)

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

(Acts 1:8)

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. *And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.*

(Acts 4:31)

(Jesus speaking)

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

(John 10:27)

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

(Romans 8:14)

Chapter 10

Satan's Traps in Relationships

Concerning friendships and dating relationships, Christians need to be discerning and careful. The enemy will use other people to try and lead the true follower of Jesus into sin and away from God. The Bible tells us:

Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God.

As God said:

"I will live in them
and walk among them.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

Therefore, come out from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them, says the LORD.

Don't touch their filthy things,
and I will welcome you.

And I will be your Father,

and you will be my sons and daughters,
says the LORD Almighty.” (2 Corinthians 6:14-18)

When a Christian truly seeks God, wants to live for Him, serve Him, and please Him, the enemy will try to use unbelieving friends and/or an unbelieving girlfriend or boyfriend to lead a Christian away from God and into various sins. He can even use believing friends or a believing girlfriend or boyfriend that isn't serious about following Jesus as a disciple, the way Jesus laid out for us in the gospels.

The enemy will try to use certain friends, try to bring old friends back into the person's life, or try to bring a worldly girlfriend or boyfriend into the life of a true believer to bring them to ruin in their walk with the Lord and bring various trouble into their lives. An unbelieving girlfriend or boyfriend or one who is not serious about following Jesus, will cause the true God seeking Christian to fall if they are not careful.

If you're unmarried, wait upon the Lord. He will bring you a wife or husband fit for marriage that loves Him as much as you do or more than you do. In the relationship of a Christian, an anointed man of God needs an anointed woman of God, and an anointed woman of God needs an anointed man of God. Unless of course you're already married, or

you choose to stay single for the sake of the Kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 7:1-40, 1 Peter 3:1-2).

In the Bible, God gave the Israelites the command not to intermarry with the nations surrounding Israel. The reason for this is because those from the heathen nations would lead those of Israel away from the Lord. They would be led into idolatry of various sorts, the worship of false gods, and other pagan practices.

This is the same reason why God gives us the command in the New Testament for the Church of Jesus Christ that has been grafted into Israel to “not team up with unbelievers.” The same way the heathen nations surrounding Israel would lead the Israelites astray, is the same way we can see that many unbelievers lead people of the Church of Jesus Christ astray.

In most cases the people of the world will lead a believer into various sins and rebellion against God. The enemy will also try to bring them across the path of a Christian to use them for this purpose.

In a dating relationship, if you think that you will convert the person later, there is more of a chance that you'll both be living like unbelievers then there is that you'll convert them. Sexual immorality, drunkenness, reveling etc. is all called idolatry in the Bible. The Bible says to not be deceived, idolaters will not inherit the Kingdom of

God, and also gives lists of various types of people that will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Notice it says “do not be deceived” and “let no one deceive you.” So don't allow yourself to be deceived or let anyone else deceive you in any way. People who continue to practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God, unless they repent and leave those practices.

Do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? ***Do not be deceived:*** Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

(1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person--such a person is an idolater--has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ***Let no one deceive you*** with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. (Ephesians 5:5-6)

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ***Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.*** (Colossians 3:5-6)

In many cases, the believer will be led by the person of the world into various sins and carnal ways. All the while loving the world and pursuing the things of the world. Not so much concerned about God, the things of God, serving Him, and pursuing their calling in Him anymore. Their heart "will not go fully after the Lord." We can take the example of Solomon in the Bible and see how this had an effect on him:

After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, *a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.*' (Acts 13:22)

As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, *and his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been.* (1 Kings 11:4)

So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the LORD; he did not follow the LORD completely, as David his father had done. (1 Kings 11:6)

Except for Jesus Christ, Solomon was the wisest man that ever lived. He was given wisdom concerning so many things from God (1 Kings 3:5-14). Yet, this did not stop him from falling from grace. Solomon was led astray by many women of

the heathen nations surrounding Israel. At the end of his life he was led into various sinful practices and sensuality through the women he went with. Things that were against God.

At the end of Solomon's life God was angry at him. This is not good at all. He had great wisdom from God, served God all the days of his life, but then at the end of his life sensual desires and lust led him astray. The Bible says after this, God was angry at him and raised up enemies to come against him:

The LORD became angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice.

(1 Kings 11:9)

Then the LORD raised up against Solomon an adversary, Hadad the Edomite, from the royal line of Edom.

(1 Kings 11:14)

And God raised up against Solomon another adversary, Rezon son of Eliada, who had fled from his master, Hadadezer king of Zobah.

(1 Kings 11:23)

That is a terrible scenario, especially to have God angry at a person like that at the end of their life right before eternity.

When Jesus Christ was on this earth He would eat with sinners and hang out with them. He did this to evangelize to them, tell them of the gospel, and call them to follow Him. Not to revel and sin with them. Jesus did not sin (Hebrews 4:15-16). Those who listened, and those who were serious, He would stay with them and disciple them. Those who weren't He would move on. When the Pharisees questioned why Jesus ate with sinners, His response was:

"It is not the healthy who need a doctor but it is the sick, I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Mark 2:17 KJV)

Jesus was not hanging out with the people of the world to revel and sin with them. He went to them to restore them out of their sin, back to the fold, and bring them into the truth. We should take His example if we think we are doing things the way He did (1 John 2:6).

Satan wants to deceive Christians concerning these things and make them believe that they are ok with God while they hang out with sinners and live just like the world. The Bible tells us:

You adulterous people, *don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.* (James 4:4)

Let it not be as in Solomon's case in any of our scenarios, being led away by lust and passions into various worldliness and idols of the heart. Things that we would put before God that would cause our hearts to not go fully after the Lord anymore. Things and people that lead us into sin and away from God.

Even Solomon with all of his wisdom fell. Jesus said in Matthew 24:13:

"the one who endures until the end will be saved."
(Matthew 24:13)

How terrible to endure like Solomon right up until almost the end and fall. We never know when Jesus will return, or when will be our time to die. If you're living a lifestyle you know is sin, repent and turn to the Lord while there is yet time. Return like a prodigal son or daughter (Luke 15:11-32).

The Father will come running to you before you even get to Him. But don't die in the pig pen filled with filthy, vile, and unclean things or you will be eternally separated from your Father.

"My wayward children," says the LORD, "come back to me, and I will heal your wayward hearts."
(Jeremiah 3:22a)

Chapter 11

Satan's Purpose and Influence in Music, Movies, and Video Games

"The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom *all causes of sin and all law-breakers*, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." (Matthew 13:41-42)

As I explained earlier using 1 John 5:19, satan and his demons' influence in this world spreads farther and is on a much greater scale than many people understand. There is nothing wrong with exposing what satan does when it is called for according to what is written in Ephesians 5:11:

"Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them." (Ephesians 5:11)

The purpose for exposing the works of darkness is for people to see them for what they are and want nothing to do with them. Instead to want to come into the truth of the Holy Bible, and follow Jesus Christ as Lord.

We should watch over our families, friends, and loved ones, nudging them onto the right path as much as we are able to. In hopes they would be saved and escape this corrupt generation.

We should always do this watching ourselves also, in case we also would be tempted in ways:

“Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.” (Galatians 6:1)

Above all we should preach and spread the gospel, but at the same time not be ignorant of satan's schemes so that he cannot gain an advantage over us:

I have done this so that we may not be taken advantage of by Satan. For we are not ignorant of his schemes. (2 Corinthians 2:11)

Concerning some more of the things satan is doing in this world I want to begin in the music industry. Again, all of satan's work begins in the mind of the person he is using, whether knowingly or unknowingly, and then manifests in this physical realm in the form of various works.

One of satan's biggest weapons to deceive and influence the masses into rebellion against God and His laws is the music industry.

He uses primarily rap and rock music but also others. Through the people he uses to inspire their songs, he promotes rebellion and sin against God to the masses. Influencing an innumerable amount of people into rebellion and farther rebellion against God and His laws. Through the lyrics of their songs, things are promoted such as sexual immorality of various forms, drug use, drinking, partying, wild lifestyles, greed, hatred, violence, vengeance, and blasphemy. All the while and quite often at times, things of the Bible are spoken of while everything contrary to what God reveals is pleasing to Him in the Bible is promoted.

Many people idolize these musicians and don't even realize a lot of them actually serve satan willingly. In the same way we have preaching to lead people to Jesus, to righteousness, and away from sin. These people in their positions of power are using the power of words and the position they are in to influence countless masses of people into various wickedness, sin, and rebellion against God.

Many of them if you look at their album covers they also clearly display satanic symbolism, blasphemous things, and other things of the demonic realm on them. Most people go through life and never notice. The servants of satan know,

and satan and the demons know that this world is blinded.

Satan also uses this music to fill many people with the pride of life. The Bible says in 1 John 2:15-17:

Do not love the world or anything in the world. *If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.* For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, *and the pride of life*—comes not from the Father but from the world. *The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.* (1 John 2:15-17)

Satan fell from pride, him and his demons love to deceive and delude frail time bound humans in pride. Humans whose lives are like a vapor that appears for a little while and vanishes, and are like a flower of the field that is here today and gone tomorrow, that can be squashed more readily than a moth, and snuffed out more easily than a candle wick. He loves causing many people to feel as though they're invincible, like they will be on this earth forever, or as if there is nothing after this life. (James 4:13-15, Psalm 103:15-16, Job 4:18-19, Hebrews 9:27).

I would really encourage you to examine your priorities if you're reading this and are

deceived in any of these things by the enemy, and if you're delighting in what God says is sinful, evil, and not pleasing to Him. In 1 John 2:17 it says:

"The world and it's desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever." (1 John 2:17)

And in 2 Corinthians 5:9-10:

"So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad." (2 Corinthians 5:9-10)

Another thing that I want to address concerning these things are the various ungodly movies. Occult movies such as Quija, and other movies that have to do with the occult and demonic realm. Also the horror movies that have killing and things in them, and things like in the movie Saw that have to do with the tortures and torments of hell. Those movies are inspired by the creatures of hell, and similar things like you see in the movie Saw are taking place in hell as you read this.

Many of the other mainstream movies such as the so called comedy movies are filled with all forms of unrighteousness and vile things. The

common thing noticed about most of the mainstream music, movies, and video games is that they promote everything contrary to what God reveals is pleasing to Him in His Word, the Holy Bible. From just plain unrighteousness, to various forms of rebellion, sin, witchcraft, and other demonic things.

In many of those movies they also blaspheme Jesus Christ and make a mockery of Him. I can assure you though, one day every eye will see Him, and they will see Him in all of His glory. Those who serve Him, love Him, and live for Him now will rejoice on that Day. Those who make a mockery of Him, and don't take Him seriously will fall down in terror.

At this time, Jesus Christ is unmoved and unshaken by any of the wickedness taking place on this earth. There is coming a Day though when He will have had enough. He will come as a warrior of righteousness in mighty strength, and will send forth His saints and angels with His own righteous wrath on their countenance and they will put an end to all of the wickedness of this world (Matthew 13:41-42, Jude 1:14-15, Revelation 17:14, Revelation 19:11-16).

Some time ago I used to wonder why many Christians would burn ungodly items. Things of the demonic realm, things of sin, and occult things. I now realize that those are some of the very things

God's angels will do when Jesus Christ returns, and we serve the same God.

God's angels will gather up everything that causes sin and all who do evil and throw them into the fiery furnace (Matthew 13:41-42). We are only cleansing our lives by destroying ungodly items that pollute our lives and our families lives with sin, unrighteousness, and deception. We are also not making an opportunity for those things to enter into someone else's life by completely getting rid of them. Throwing them in the trash can is also fine. The fiery furnace is like a big burn barrel to burn trash in.

Until Jesus Christ returns or a person dies, the wicked still have time to repent and receive mercy from Jesus Christ. Jesus is not willing that any should perish but that all would come to repentance and to the knowledge of the truth. He does not delight in the death of the wicked. He rather wants the wicked to turn from their wickedness and live forever:

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)

"Do you think that I like to see wicked people die? says the Sovereign LORD. Of course not! I want them to turn from their wicked ways and live.

(Ezekiel 18:23)

Many of the video games are in the same category. They have the person and many times innocent children delighting in playing the role of a killer, and various other forms of evil and witchcraft. Satan has infiltrated many homes without the parents even realizing it, conforming their children in the ways of sin and evil (Romans 12:2). Opening many children up to demonic influence, oppression, and possession before they even know what is happening. We have an enemy, and he especially wants to prey on young innocent children. The Christian father and/or mother needs to be sober-minded, temperate, and vigilant against these schemes of the enemy (1 Peter 5:8). His plan is to lead the children astray however he is able to.

Children need the Bible and the things of God sowed into their lives in a tactical manner, so that they will be equipped and have the highest possible chance of eternal salvation later in their lives. They also need to know about their enemy satan and how he will try to lead them astray in their lives. It is the responsibility of the parents to learn of these things and the ways of God's

righteousness to be able to watch over their children in these matters.

Our enemy is real, he is operating through this world system and in individual lives. We need to put on the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 13:14), and the whole armor of God; the shoes of the gospel, the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the helmet of salvation, take up the shield of faith, and wield the sword of the Word of God against satan and the demons he has under him (Ephesians 6:10-18). Sowing the things of God and His Kingdom into our children's lives, and preventing satan from sowing the things of his kingdom into their lives to lead them astray. The Bible says in Proverbs 22:6:

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

(Proverbs 22:6)

There are many good wholesome Christian family movies, and Christian children's movies, along with good wholesome Christian music. Things that promote righteousness, and glorify God.

Chapter 12

The Coming Antichrist, the Strong Delusion, and the Secret Power of Lawlessness

The coming of *the lawless one* is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, *because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

(2 Thessalonians 2:9-12)

We are living in what is known as the last days or the end times. Soon there will be two events that will happen to close out the end of this earth age as we know it. The antichrist will be revealed in the earth, and Jesus Christ will return. This will be a time of the greatest deception because these two events are foretold to happen around the same time. Also because all world religions are waiting on a person to appear in this earth.

The only difference between all world religions and Christianity, is that Christians are waiting on the Second Coming of Jesus Christ in the clouds of Heaven with power and great glory, with

all of the armies of Heaven with Him. Appearing as lightning that flashes in the east and can be seen in the west.

Every other religion is waiting on a person to appear in a flesh body down here in this earth. The Bible says *that one* will be the antichrist. I believe the antichrist will portray himself to be all things to all people. The Jew's Messiah, the Christian's Second Coming of Jesus Christ, and the Muslim's Mahdi.

There will also be a false prophet with the antichrist working miracles, wonders, and signs on his behalf. All world religions besides biblical Christianity are demonic doctrines inspired by satan, the god of this present age. So it is no wonder he is prepping all of them and the rest of the world to receive the one the Bible refers to as: the antichrist, the lawless one, the beast, and the little horn.

God revealed in His Word *whoever worships the beast and it's image and receives it's mark on their forehead or on their hand* will be tormented with fire and burning sulphur in the presence of the Lamb and His angels, and will suffer for all of eternity (Revelation 14:9-12).

Before I explain into this any farther I want to explain something about what is happening in North Korea. In North Korea their leader has metal images (idols) of himself set up all throughout the country, and he makes the people of the country

bow to them and worship him as god. He also has taken the Bibles there and changed the 10 commandments and changed Christian song books adding his name to them to manipulate and deceive the people into worshipping him. He has secluded all the people away from society so that they won't be able to find out the truth of the Bible and Jesus Christ, and other truths to cause them to not agree with him and possibly try to overthrow him. He considers Christians there a threat to his regime and has them killed, and has banned real Bibles and other Christian literature.

Some of the things the Bible reveals will happen during the end times at the time of the antichrist are very similar things that are happening in North Korea. Not to say that the leader of North Korea is the antichrist, but just to show that some of the very things the Bible prophesies will happen during the time of the antichrist are happening in this earth even now.

There are spirits of antichrist and spirits of Babylon over the country of North Korea. The reason why I say this is because if you look in the Bible during the time the Israelites were in exile in Babylon in the book of Daniel, you can see many of the same things happening there under the rule of Nebuchadnezzar. Nebuchadnezzar would set up idols, and make all the people bow to them and worship him as god.

The principalities that are over the nation of North Korea at the time this book is being written, are very similar demon spirits that were over Babylon, and will be over the whole earth at the time of the antichrist.

Here are a few things the Bible shows us about the antichrist:

He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. (2 Thessalonians 2:4)

The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666.

(Revelation 13:15-18)

The first beast in the book of Revelation is the antichrist, the second beast is the false prophet. The

false prophet will perform miracles, signs, and wonders on behalf of the antichrist to cause all the inhabitants of the world to worship this person. Here is what the Bible says:

“All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast--all whose names have not been written in the Lamb’s book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.” (Revelation 13:8)

All the inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast, except for those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life. Those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life will know at the time of the antichrist, and they will stand against the antichrist. Yet, many of them probably won’t be taken seriously or will be looked at as if they are crazy to not go along with the rest of the world worshipping the antichrist.

God’s true people will be imprisoned and killed at that time. They will also be tempted to go the way of the rest of the world following after the antichrist (Revelation 13:10, Revelation 14:9-12, Revelation 20:4). They will even be betrayed by friends and family and caused to be killed (Luke 21:16-19).

The whole world will be worshipping the beast. It’s no surprise many will fall for it, especially when there will be such signs and wonders

involved. The Bible says it will actually be a judgment of God on the world. That God will give people over to a strong delusion to believe what is false because they did not believe the truth *but had pleasure in unrighteousness* (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12).

For the sake of Jesus' Church whom He loves, I feel confident enough to be able to show a few things that I believe will be a part of this deception:

It exercised all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, *and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast*, whose fatal wound had been healed. *And it performed great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to the earth in full view of the people.* (Revelation 13:12-13)

The second beast here (the false prophet) will be able to perform *great signs*, the word signs is plural. So he will be able to perform numerous *great* signs. One of those signs will be that he will *even cause fire to come down from heaven*.

Who else was it in the Bible that was able to call fire down from heaven? It was Elijah.

At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, *let it be known today that you are God* in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. Answer me, LORD, answer me, *so these people will know that you, LORD, are God*, and that you are turning their hearts back again." *Then the fire of the LORD fell* and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. *When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The LORD--he is God! The LORD--he is God!"* (1 Kings 18:36-39)

A few things to notice about what happened here. When Elijah called on the LORD the fire fell as a sign to confirm the LORD is God. It was confirmed through the sign, and all the people fell prostrate crying "The LORD he is God! The LORD he is God!

When John was shown about the future time of the antichrist and the false prophet (Revelation 1:3), the Bible says *the false prophet made the inhabitants of the earth worship the antichrist*, and he performed great signs *even causing fire to come down from heaven*. (very similar to what Elijah did for the true God when he called fire down from heaven) and as we read earlier in 2 Thessalonians

2:4, the antichrist will “proclaim that he himself is God.”

Another thing I want to show concerning this that I feel strongly that the antichrist will do, is that he will take the scriptures and use them to deceive and try to prove that he is God, Christ, Messiah, etc.

One way that I believe this will happen concerning the false prophet *even being able to cause fire to come down from heaven*, is that the false prophet will claim that he himself is the fulfilled prophecy of Elijah in Malachi 4:5.

"See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes."

(Malachi 4:5)

But Jesus, the true Christ, told us that this prophecy was already fulfilled in John the Baptist.

For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, *and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come.* (Matthew 11:14)

John the Baptist was the forerunner of Jesus Christ he was the one who also fulfilled the prophecy in Isaiah 40:3.

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" (Matthew 3:1-3)

At the time of the antichrist and false prophet, the false prophet will be a similar kind of forerunner to the antichrist. Just as John the Baptist was to Jesus Christ. Yet, the false prophet will be working miracles and signs. John the Baptist never performed a miracle or sign, although Jesus performed many miracles and signs proving He Himself was God in the flesh.

During the time of the antichrist, it will be a time of great deception. The antichrist will also "oppose and exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshipped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God" (2 Thessalonians 2:4).

He will unite the world under some form of one world government and one world religion, claiming something *like* "the Kingdom of God" has arrived. It will all be a lie, and it will all happen right before the true Kingdom of God is established in this earth.

This could be another one of the many prophecies I believe the antichrist will use for himself and twist during this time of great deception:

In the last days
the mountain of the Lord's temple will be
established as the highest of the mountains;
it will be exalted above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it.
Many peoples will come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to
the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his
ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law
will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from
Jerusalem.
He will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many peoples.
They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.
Come, descendants of Jacob,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

(Isaiah 2:2-5)

If you ever see a "coexist" sticker on the back of someones car, that sticker and its meaning is also inspired from a spirit of antichrist. The world is

already being prepped to receive the lie. There is one way, and that way is narrow. The true Jesus Christ of the Bible is the Way.

For *the secret power of lawlessness* is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. And then *the lawless one* will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

(2 Thessalonians 2:7)

There is another spirit that I see operating in the Church of Jesus Christ today. That spirit is a spirit of lawlessness. In many places in the Church people have a strong aversion to the Law of God. As if the Law is bad or something. There is nothing wrong with the Law of God at all. The Bible says the Law is *good*.

We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but *for lawbreakers and rebels*, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and *for whatever else is contrary to*

the sound doctrine that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me. (1 Timothy 1:8-11)

There are some entire ministries that make it their mission to oppose the Law of God. This is not right, because the antichrist is also referred to as *the lawless one*. We do not want to get rid of the Law of God or oppose the Law of God, or else the Church is getting dangerously close to what the antichrist will do. Such a church surely has some lawless people in it, even if the pastor doesn't know it. In many churches there are rebellious people, and they don't even know that we have to obey Jesus Christ.

After a person is won to the Lord, they should be taught next to obey all that Jesus commanded us, as He told us (Matthew 28:19-20, John 14:15). This is not legalism, this is what it is to love God (John 14:21).

A person who always draws the legalism card either 1. loves their sin, or doesn't love Jesus enough to keep fighting against it until Jesus comes through and gives the victory the rest of the way or 2. They don't want to offend anyone, because when a person starts preaching or teaching we have to forsake sin, obey Jesus Christ, walk in righteousness etc. in this day and age of an apostate nation and an apostate church in many places, people get stirred up. People love their sin, and don't want to forsake

the world. Some people are also afraid of persecution and reproach for Jesus' cause and the cause of righteousness (Luke 6:26, Matthew 5:10-12). Telling everyone what they want to hear all the time and not the whole truth is easy (2 Timothy 3:16-4:3). Jesus said:

"Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets." (Luke 6:26)

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, *for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*" (Matthew 5:10-12)

In what ways were the prophets of the Old Testament persecuted? **They were mocked, ridiculed, and persecuted for calling an apostate Israel to repentance and proclaiming the whole truth of God.**

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

(2 Timothy 3:16-4:3)

A good balance of the goodness *and* the severity of God, the graciousness *and* the wrath of God is needed in the Church today. The Church needs the whole counsel of God found in the Holy Bible. Not just part of it or half of it.

“Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men.”

(2 Corinthians 5:11a)

The definition of lawlessness is; a state of disorder due to a disregard of the law.

That is the problem in many places of the Church today. Things are out of order and are not brought under the Laws of Heaven. They have completely disregarded the Law of God because we are saved by grace through faith and now are under grace.

Paul tells us in Romans 3:31:

Do we then nullify the law by this faith? Not at all!
Rather we uphold the law. (Romans 3:31)

If someone even begins moving in this direction, right away the term “legalism” will enter someone’s mind. The reason why lawlessness is so rampant even in the Church *is due to the complete disregard of God’s Laws.*

Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who *does* what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work. (1 John 3:7-8)

Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, *and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.*
(Daniel 12:3)

Chapter 13

The True Jesus Christ, False Religions, and Antichrists

In many places satan is deceiving people that all religions worship the same God, and that all religions lead to God and to Heaven. That is not true. Jesus Christ the only begotten Son of God said in John 14:6:

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

Jesus also said in Matthew 7:13-14:

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. (Matthew 7:13-14)

There is one way, and that way is entering through Jesus Christ and following and obeying His Word, the Holy Bible. There aren't many roads that all lead to the same destination concerning our eternal salvation. Many are on the broad road that

leads to destruction that Jesus talks about. It says in Proverbs 14:12:

“There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.” (Proverbs 14:12)

The broad road that many are on may seem right because many are on it, and many see no reason to get off of it, but it will end in eternal death in hell and the lake of fire someday. The Bible calls the lake of fire the second death (Revelation 20:14).

If a person's name is not found written in the Lamb's Book of Life they will have to endure an eternal conscious state of death, tormented forever in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:15). This is where the broad road that seems right leads.

Many choose to continue on the broad road that lacks repentance from sin, living a holy life, worshipping the One True God as He revealed Himself to mankind in the Holy Bible and in the body of Jesus Christ, and the atoning blood of Jesus Christ that washes away our sins.

Without the atoning blood of Jesus Christ, the very thing that every form of religion and “spirituality” lacks besides biblical Christianity, every human being will die in their sins and be condemned when they stand before a Holy God.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and whoever offends in one point of the law

of God is guilty of breaking all of it (Romans 3:23, James 2:10).

This does not mean that we don't have to obey Jesus or walk in righteousness though. Just because we *have sinned* (past tense) does not mean we have to continue in it. We won't be perfect in every thought, word, and deed, but we can obey Jesus Christ, with His blood cleansing us from the rest on our way through in our path of obedience (1 John 1:5-7).

There is a difference between obeying Jesus, though imperfectly, and living in rebellion and willful sin against the Laws of Heaven. Every nation and kingdom has laws to obey, unless of course it is a lawless nation where every form of evil is accepted. God's Kingdom, the Kingdom of Heaven, is the same way. God has given us laws to obey, while living as a part of His Kingdom on this earth, and there will also be laws to obey in Heaven. Sin is breaking the law of God (1 John 3:4-5). We should not make a practice of delighting in sin, and we should resolve to obey Jesus with all of our heart (1 John 3:6-10, John 14:21-24).

There are also many people that claim to worship God, but they want nothing to do with Jesus Christ. There is a huge problem in this because they reject the one that the Father gave all authority to in Heaven and on earth and over all things (Matthew 28:18).

If the Father has given Jesus Christ such high honor as the King of Heaven, the King of kings and Lord of lords, and at the Name of Jesus every knee will bow someday, then the Father is not going to take lightly those who reject His beloved Son. The Father bestowed the highest honor upon Jesus and crowned Him as King and Judge over all of creation.

There are many false teachers in this world today that are antichrists— antichrists under the coming Antichrist that will be revealed in this earth soon. There were many antichrists in the early days of the disciples, as there also are many today. Jesus' disciples walked with Him, learned from Him, they saw the things that Jesus did, and carried on Jesus' ministry and teachings when Jesus ascended back to Heaven after the resurrection. John writes in 2 John 1:7:

“...many deceivers have gone out into the world. They deny that Jesus Christ came in a real body. Such a person is an antichrist.” (2 John 1:7)

Those were some of the people John and the disciples were dealing with in those days. There were people that would say Jesus didn't come in a real body. They would say He came in a spirit form. Yet, John and the other disciples walked with Jesus, they knew Him, and they saw the things that He

did. If people like that are antichrists (that claimed Jesus was only here in a spirit form and not in the flesh) how much more are people antichrists that completely put Jesus aside, barely acknowledge Him, or who also don't acknowledge the truth about Him as revealed in the Word of God? John also writes in 1 John 2:22-23:

And who is a liar? Anyone who says that Jesus is not the Christ. Anyone who denies the Father and the Son is an antichrist. *Anyone who denies the Son doesn't have the Father, either. But anyone who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.*

(1 John 2:22-23)

In John 5:22-23 Jesus tells us that we are to honor Him in the same way we honor the Father:

Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, *that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.*

(John 5:22-23)

This is a characteristic in modern day antichrists, they do not give Jesus the honor that He deserves and the honor that was given to Him by the Father. Instead, Jesus is spoken of by many of them as just one more “spiritual leader.” The

difference between that and the truth is this— Jesus Christ is God in the flesh. He isn't just another man, another moral teacher, another spiritual leader, or a good person. Jesus Christ is the fullness of the invisible God living and dwelling in a human body.

Jesus the Way to the Father

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. *If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.*"

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

Jesus answered: *"Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.* Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

(John 14:5-11)

Jesus' Claims About Himself

The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?"

"I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death."

At this they exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that whoever obeys your word will never taste death. Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?"

Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word. *Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.*"

"You are not yet fifty years old," they said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!"

"Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I AM!" At this, they picked up

stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds. (John 8:48-59)

It is important to notice exactly what happened in this text. First, Jesus likened Himself prophetically to the story of Abraham and Isaac in Genesis Chapter 22. Abraham the father of many nations was tested by God the Father of all things. He was told “take your son, your only son whom you love, and sacrifice him as a burnt offering” (Genesis 22:2).

Abraham began walking up the mountain with Isaac to lay him on the altar as a sacrifice. When Isaac noticed there wasn’t a lamb with them for the burnt offering, he asked his father, “Father, the fire and wood are here but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” (Genesis 22:7). Abraham’s answer was, “God Himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son” (Genesis 22:8). Just before Abraham dropped the knife on his son Isaac an angel of the LORD spoke to him and stopped him (Genesis 22:12). He then looked up and there was a ram caught in a thicket, and he sacrificed the ram to the LORD (Genesis 22:13).

This event was a prophetic event of what God would do in the future through His Son, the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. God provided us the Lamb, the

propitiation for our sins through His only begotten Son Jesus.

Now some might say, "Why would God make Abraham sacrifice his son? What kind of God is He?" He didn't make Abraham sacrifice his son, God doesn't condone child sacrificing. He actually condemns it in the Bible. It was simply a test and it was used as a prophetic event, showing what God would do in the future through Jesus Christ. God didn't make Abraham sacrifice his son, but God did give His own Son, His only Son whom He loves as the atonement for the sins of all mankind. In John 3:16 it says:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Jesus likened Himself to the ram caught in a thicket provided by God that day for the sacrifice, when He said, "Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day, he saw it and was glad" (John 8:56). Just as Isaac was Abraham's only son whom he loved, so was Jesus the Father's only Son whom He loved. God in His great love for sinful humanity actually gave His Son as a sacrifice. Jesus was also on the cross on the day of Passover while the lambs were being sacrificed at the temple. Those are more prophetic events of God's sovereignty. The Bible

says, "without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins" (Hebrews 9:22).

Some aspects of this are a mystery, but what I do know is that even on some of my best days seeking to obey God, I need a savior. Jesus claimed to be that savior that God gave for the atonement of my sins, and not mine only, but for *whoever* would believe in Him, accept Him, and repent (John 3:16-21).

Another important thing to take notice of recorded in the eyewitness account of John, in John 8:56-59 is this:

Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad."

"You are not yet fifty years old," they said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!"

"Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I AM!" At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds. (John 8:56-59)

In John 8:58 Jesus answered and said "Before Abraham was born, I AM!" the Jews knew clearly what Jesus was saying here, that is why it says in verse 59 *"At this, they picked up stones to stone him."* The Jews were going to stone Jesus because they considered His claim to be God blasphemy.

Jesus was claiming to be the God who spoke to Moses from the burning bush, and the Jews knew that:

Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

God said to Moses, "**I AM WHO I AM.** This is what you are to say to the Israelites: '**I AM** has sent me to you.' "

(Exodus 3:13-14)

God IS WHO HE IS, and He revealed Himself completely in the body of Jesus Christ. He also willingly allowed Himself to be tortured by sinful men and nailed to a cross for the atonement of our sins.

Christ Is Supreme

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—

such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world.

Everything was created through him and for him.

He existed before anything else,
and he holds all creation together.

Christ is also the head of the church,
which is his body.

He is the beginning,
supreme over all who rise from the dead.

So he is first in everything.

For God in all his fullness

was pleased to live in Christ,

**and through him God reconciled
everything to himself.**

**He made peace with everything in heaven and on
earth**

by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

(Colossians 1:15-20)

The Ministry of Deliverance

In these last days, God's desire is to restore the understanding of spiritual warfare and deliverance back to His Church. He desires His Church to come out from under the deceptions of the evil one, and pursue the truth in Him as He laid out for us in His Word. Also to not so much rely on secular society, but on God's Word and His all powerful Holy Spirit. The same Spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

All over the world, God is raising up His servants that are knowledgeable in the ways of our enemy satan. God desires to use them to restore the understanding of spiritual warfare, deliverance, and the workings of the the demonic back to His Church. In order that His Church would not be deceived, and have any more of an advantage gained on them by the enemy.

In Jesus and the apostles' day, demons were a prevalent problem and they still are today. They haven't gone anywhere. Just as Jesus told us so is one who is born of the Holy Spirit, like the wind blows you can hear it though you don't know where it is going. In the same way, so are the demons in the air. They are operating where we

can't see, but just like the wind, just because we can't see them doesn't mean they aren't there. Many people are feeling the effects in their lives of this spiritual warfare taking place in the air.

Why doesn't God stop them? Sometimes He does to an extent in an individual's life, but the final time of Judgment upon all creatures hasn't come yet. The devil and the demons are already condemned though, and at the time of judgment they will be thrown into the fire along with those who follow their way with them. The demons already know that Day is coming as shown when they asked Jesus, "Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?" (Matthew 8:29).

Until the appointed time, we are at war, and God desires to train us in warfare. God can come through mightily in any of His people's lives and totally deliver them, heal them, and set them free from everything at any time. Sometimes He does, sometimes He is working some other things out, and sometimes there are things that need done on our part.

Just as He let some of the enemies of Israel remain in the promised land to teach them warfare, so does He sometimes let a portion of our spiritual enemies remain in our spiritual promised land to teach us spiritual warfare (Judges 3:1-4). Also sometimes for other reasons, or the enemy is just opposing the servant of God. This is

something you will have to personally inquire of God about if you go through any of these things.

When God does or allows something though, He is usually doing 10+ things at once. Many things we cannot understand at times, or they may seem wrong with our limited understanding of things. Other things, He reveals to those who walk with Him along the way. Yet, His plans are always good. If we are truly seeking Him, and seeking to live holy, we can always trust Him no matter what.

When you inquire in things concerning the deliverance ministry and you hear names such as spirit of anger, spirit of rejection etc. These are common names given to identify what a demon is doing, and the emotions and traits certain spirits project through a person. All demons have real names that were given to them by God before they fell, but that doesn't much matter anymore. What matters is that they can be identified when it is called for.

If you begin seeking into the things concerning the deliverance ministry or any ministry for that matter, there are a few things to keep in mind. Put all of your trust in God, and don't depend too much on man. If you depend too much on man chances are you might be hurt or let down.

God chooses to work through imperfect, weak, and even sometimes sinful vessels. If you're ever hurt unjustly by a person, or a servant of God, don't let that fall back on how you perceive Jesus Christ. He was the only perfect human that ever lived.

Above all else, seek God and read the Holy Bible. May God bless the reader of this book.

