

CAST OUT DEMONS

Matthew 10:1, 7-8 NIV - Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. ... As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

DESCRIPTION

Jesus gave authority to us as His disciples to cast out demons, also known as unclean spirits. Demons keep people in bondage to states of mind or behaviors from which they desire to be free. Demonic oppression can be the cause of torments, addictions, compulsions, and chronic or irrational behaviors which plague people with trouble.

The aim in Christ is freedom from all oppression for everyone. Unbelievers may be possessed, oppressed, or afflicted by any sort of demon. Christ followers cannot be possessed by demons but can experience oppression due to harassment from unclean spirits.

When a believer commands demons to leave in the name of Jesus, deliverance from these torturous afflictions can happen in an instant. This said, once the unclean spirits have been cast out, the formerly oppressed person must also modify their behavior to live by faith in Christ's freedom so that the demons do not return.

Therefore, to practice Casting Out Demons is about discerning the unclean or demonic spirits so that we can expose and expel them in the name of Jesus, bringing liberty to the captives with the power of God!

PRAYER

Father, thank you that you have granted me authority to cast out demons. Help me to discern spirits afflicting and oppressing me and others and the power to cast them out by faith. In Jesus' name, Amen.



PURPOSE:

To grow in exercising our God-given authority over the powers of the devil.

To set ourselves and others free from demonic oppression through the name of Jesus.

To fill ourselves and others with the Holy Spirit rather than unclean spirits.

SPIRITUAL FRUIT:

Greater functioning in God's authority for us as His children.

Deeper experience of God's ways and work on our behalf.

Freedom from oppression.

Repentance from ungodliness.

Renewed purity in the Holy Spirit.

PRACTICE



1. Identify potential areas of demonic oppression. For example, behaviors that are irrational, uncharacteristic of the person's normal state, uncontrollable, or addictive.
 - For example, some common oppressions include:

Anger	Rejection	Infirmity	Pornography
Fear	Self-loathing	Religion	New Age spirits
Anxiety	Depression	Bitterness	Abandonment
Jezebel	Witchcraft	Divination	Hopelessness
Regret	Offense	Leviathan	Manipulation
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you any demonic or unclean spirits which are the cause of oppression or affliction.
 - Write down what you hear the Holy Spirit saying.
 - If you do not have one word for it, write down a brief description of what the unclean spirit causes. For example, "a spirit that causes me to hate myself."
3. Believe in your heart that it is God's will for those captive to demonic spirits to be set free.
 - Believe that as Christ's disciple, you have authority to cast out demons in His name.
4. Expel the demons. Take authority and command the spirit. (Speak the way you would command a dog to sit.)
 - Say something like, "In the power and authority of the name of Jesus, I command the spirit of [name of unclean spirit] to leave right now and never return."
 - If you do not have a specific name for the spirit, address it as an unclean spirit or spirits.
5. Refill with the Holy Spirit and live out your liberty.
 - Ask the Lord to fill the formerly oppressed person with the Holy Spirit in place of the unclean spirits.
 - Encourage them to change any behaviors which may have become habitual due to the demonic oppression.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

Mark 1:23-27

Matthew
8:16, 28-34

Acts 10:38

Acts 16:16-24

Luke 10:19-20

Luke 11:24-26

Acts 19:11-20

1 Timothy 4:1

Ephesians 6:12

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