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DEMONIC ATTACHMENTS

Two days ago, we studied about the “three heavens.” The third heaven is where God sits. The second heaven is the “air space” around us and is inhabited by invisible entities, angels, and demons, i.e. the spirit world. The first heaven is our physical “ground level” world which is inhabited by us and all that our physical senses perceive.

The first and second heavens exist together and are constantly interacting. What happens in the physical realm has its base or cause in the spirit realm. It is from this spirit realm that comes both our problems and victories.

The demons can attach to us and cause problems, especially when we do something or say something which gives them the legal right, or “permission,” to attach to us. It is not a “possession,” nor a recession, oppression, obsession, or depression unless we “give over” to it in a greater fashion. It can be seen as an “attachment” or an “affliction.”

Today we will consider demonic attachments of a behavioral nature. Tomorrow we will look at those of a physical nature.

One of the most common behavioral attachments is that of addictions. All addictions are caused by a demon that binds you to that behavior. Many of the addictions are both physical and psychological, such as drug addiction. Drug addiction includes tobacco, alcohol, and “recreational” drugs.

Let’s take nicotine addiction as an example. Cigarette smoking is the most common delivery vehicle for this one. The nicotine “works” on your body’s nerves to alter their normal function. When the nervous system is suddenly denied its “fix,” it gets very “irritated” and “screams” for relief. When the “fix” is given, the nerves relax and seem to be normal again until it needs the next fix. That is the physical side of it.

The psychological side conditions your mind to the “need” for it or the “pleasure” of it. You “believe” you need it even when the nerves are not yet calling for it. You accept it as “your normal.” This is the area where the demon truly has you hooked.

Medical science and “help organizations” like AA or NA teach that “once an addict, always an addict.” Behavior modification is their goal. This is why a person may quit smoking (or drinking or “shooting up”) for a period of time, even several years, but if they take one smoke (or drink) they promptly fall right back into that behavior pattern.,

Behavior modification (self-control) may give behavior relief but it does not “cure” you of it because it does not deal with the spiritual root (bondage) of it. The true “cure” comes from deliverance when God breaks off the bonds of the demon that has attached itself to you. When

God delivers you, you are truly set free. There will be no more desire for it. There is no “withdrawal symptoms” from it. To paraphrase John 8:36, *“He who the Son sets free, is free indeed.”* The demonic “chains” that bound you are broken off. This is the only true deliverance.

This applies to all addictions; gambling, sex, or whatever behavior has its “hooks” into you. Jesus alone is the answer.