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DEMONIC AFFLICTIONS

Yesterday we looked at demonic attachments of a behavioral nature. Today we will look at attachments or afflictions of a physical nature.

The spirit world (second heaven) is continually interacting with our physical world (first heaven). Diseases are brought upon us from that spirit realm by demons who inflict disease upon our bodies.

There is a difference between being diseased and being sick or ill. Illness is temporary and can be brought about environmentally; infections, viruses, and such things as that are short term and they either resolve themselves with time or are cured by medicine. Disease is long term and not easily cured by medicine if it is curable at all. Many diseases have no cure. It is these diseases with which the demonic entities afflict us. This fact is not acknowledged in medical science, and it is rarely, if ever, addressed in churches. In fact, it is rare to find a church that has a deliverance ministry, and almost equally rare to find a minister that is experienced in deliverance.

When you study Jesus' own ministry of healing in the gospels, the healings, and the casting out of devils seem to flow together. When the devil (demon, unclean spirit) is cast out, the disease or physical malady (deaf, dumb, etc.) is also gone with it.

Look at Chapter 1 of Mark. Jesus was in Capernaum. In verses 23-28 Jesus' fame spread throughout Galilee after he cast out unclean spirits in the synagogue, of all places! He then went to Peter's house (Simon), healed Peter's mother in law, and that evening people brought there to Him all the people who were diseased. In verses 29-34 He proceeded to cast many devils (demons) out of them and their diseases were healed.

Cancer is a disease from a demonic affliction. If you cast out the demon the cancer will be gone, and the person will be totally cured. The most commonly (almost always) chosen path is the medical route through surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation. This does not cure it. It may diminish it to a non-detectable level called "remission," but many times it returns later and is then usually fatal. Most preachers do not even seem to know there is a demonic entity behind it. Their seminaries do not teach it.

Another classic example is epilepsy. There is an epilepsy which is organic (natural cause) with seizures caused by a physical injury to the brain. That type of epilepsy is not demonic. The more typical seizures of epilepsy have no identifiable cause. Doctors use medicine to control the "fits." There is no cure for it. This kind is from a demonic affliction. A classic example is found in Matthew 17:14-23 when a man brought his "lunatic" son to Jesus. The description in verse 15 is a clear description of epileptic seizures. NKJV reads, "**Lord, have mercy on my son**

for he is an epileptic...he often falls into the fire and...the water." Jesus rebuked (cast out) the devil and the boy was cured.

If the church would realize the connection between the spirit and the natural (physical) world, we could be so much more effective in bringing the victory to "ground level." Because Jesus won the victory, we have been given the authority through Jesus' power and name. Now we must learn to walk in that authority and use it to set people free.