

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

Christmas time is here! Increasingly, I'm honored to celebrate and remember God's love for us by taking on the form of a man to redeem a lost and hurting world. In Genesis 3, He promised a Savior, and He kept His promise! Have a marvelous, merry Christmas!

Praises:

I praise God for His continual work of rescuing us from the powers of darkness. As I've grown in ministry, I see so many hurting people, and it breaks my heart. It brings great joy when I see hurting people set free!

I praise God for how He works out things for the good for those who trust Him. Certainly, I dislike the hardship I've experienced and what I see in others. However, ministry has shown so many times how He has carried hurting people through difficult times.

Note of Reminder for Christmas and Year End Donations:

As we rapidly head toward Christmas, if you shop through Amazon.com for purchasing gifts (or any other item), please enter Amazon through the LFM website. Any purchase through this link brings a donation by Amazon to LFM at no cost to you! Contributions to LFM from Amazon has slowly increased over the last few years, and it does help!

Also, if you give year end gifts to nonprofit organizations, please prayerfully consider LFM. Gifts such as these help our finances greatly. *The need this year is much greater than recent years.* Thank you for your support!

Short Report:

Ms. W was bombarded in her thought life with sexual perversion. She definitely did not want to have such thoughts in her mind, but she was not able to make it stop. The thoughts then turn accusatory against her, trying to get her to believe she abused or is abusing children. She confessed then that she was sexually violated by family members as a child. She confessed to God these sins that were done against her, as well as cancelling the soul ties that came from the sexual contact. She also confessed all other sin that had never been confessed to God before. We then confronted any spirits of darkness that were residing with her, and there were many. Ms. W certainly was tormented by these spirits, as many were sexual in nature. They also tried to cause her to doubt her faith in Christ and make her angry at God and people. The chief spirit though, was Fear. These spirits were cast out, and Ms. W was set free from these afflictions in her mind and emotions.

Something to Consider:

2 Corinthians 10:3-5—³*For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.*⁴*The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.*⁵*We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets*

itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

1 John 4:1-3—*Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.*

The idea that a thought in one's mind just might not be his or her own is often very new to my clients. For Ms. W, there was a bit of a struggle with the source of these thoughts. She heard me share with a group one time on dealing with evil spirits and was convinced the thoughts she was having were not of God, or her own. She was right. The demons had invaded her life due to sins done against her and used that platform as a way to torment and accuse her mind. She learned the truth, and was set free (John 8:32). This was not a very dramatic case in regard to addressing the spirits, but for her the thoughts were definitely a serious issue.

Because of the potential of evil spirits planting thoughts in our minds, it is important to take our thoughts captive. Especially when thoughts are accusatory, we must evaluate who the source is. Satan's host will even try to impersonate the soft voice of the Holy Spirit with their accusations. So we must be on guard and test the spirits. A simple question you can ask: *"Does the spirit that brings this thought to my mind acknowledge that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh?"* Demons do not want to acknowledge the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. When testing the spirit in this way, we expose them as the source of the thought and reject it in Jesus' name. Again, the Incarnation is a very significant matter! Demons detest it.

Second, does the thought attack your personhood? If it challenges your worth and value and shames you, it is the work of the enemy. Your worth and value is in Christ, and the Holy Spirit doesn't attack that. He may challenge us for what we are doing, but not who we are. The enemy wants us to believe lies of any sort, as they did with Ms. W. When thoughts come to your mind, don't just assume they are yours. Put them to the test! If the spirit doesn't acknowledge Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, reject it! He came to set us free from these things!

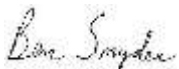
Have a Merry Christmas!

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for those who are hurting during the Christmas season. Some years, this time of year can be really busy for me.

Please pray for the people of the world to remember why we celebrate this time of year: the Incarnation.

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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