

Occult Deliverance

One part of Jesus' commission to his disciples is to cast out demons.

Lk. 9:1-2 Lk. 10:1-11, 17

Mk. 16:15-18 – “in my name shall they cast out devils” – is a part of the great commission

There are only two sources of supernatural power – God and the devil. God speaks through His angels, His Word, and occasionally by His direct voice. The devil works through demonic activities and almost always seeks to hide himself so the person does not recognize him as the source. In fact if they don't even believe in his existence or activity, he can work unmolested in their lives. This influence is often accomplished through occult involvement. Naïve people think that anything supernatural must be “God”, and yet 2 Cor. 11:13-14 says that as false and deceitful men transform themselves into the apostles of Christ, even Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. We must judge everything by the Word.

I P. 5:8 – Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour”

Types of Occult Activity

1. Fortune-telling – includes Ouija boards, Tarot cards, reading of tea leaves or clouds or animal innards, horoscopes and astrology, books by psychics like Jean Dixon, Edgar Cayce, or Ruth Montgomery
2. Witchcraft – attempts to use supernatural powers (really demonic) to enforce one's will upon someone else, or to bring evil or calamity upon them. Potions, incantations, voodoo, curses, magic, etc.
3. Spiritism – seances, necromancy, table-tipping, Satanism, water-witching
4. Pagan religions, secret societies, false religious cults – Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, Free Masonry, fraternities/sororities, etc.

God unequivocally condemns all such activity.

Lev. 19:31, 20:6 – wizards, familiar spirits (is to go “a whoring”, and to be defiled. Got sets face against them
2 K. 23:24 – in Josiah's reform, he put away those with familiar spirits, wizards, with images, idols, and abominations

Isa. 19:3 – they seek to idols, and charmers, familiar spirits, and wizards

Gal. 5:20 – witchcraft is listed as one of the fruits of the flesh

What makes these activities more dangerous than sins of the flesh, emotions, etc.? These activities are not just the satisfaction of a fleshly desire, but in reality, are seeking after another god. The people almost never realize this, but they are really seeking guidance, healing, knowledge, position, power, or revenge from Satan.

Satanic oppressions are often not recognized as such, and so earthly remedies are attempted against the symptoms, and never against the cause. Psychology, psychiatry, drugs, AA, imprisonment or mental institutions, counseling, etc.

What are some possible symptoms of demonic oppression?

- Spirit activity – ghosts, UFOs, all kinds of paranormal activities, sex-with-spirits, etc.
- Mental/emotional oppressions – chronic lying, debilitating fears or doubt, hate, thoughts of murder, suicide, rape, depression, anorexia/bulimia, etc.
- Physical problems – seizures, deafness, blindness, dumbness, etc. (such things are not always caused by spirits, but can be – Mt. 9:32-33, 12:32)
- Addictions – nicotine, alcohol, drugs, sex, etc.
- Marital problems – fighting, rage, physical abuse, unfaithfulness
- Sexual problems – self-abuse, pornography, homosexuality and all the LGBxyz stuff, adultery, fornication, weird and bizarre sexual fantasies/activities, etc.
- Church problems – schisms, heresies, attacks on valid ministries, etc.

There are times when a person can be so strongly oppressed that they need help from others in casting out the spirits. But what we are talking about here is not “being possessed by the devil”, but the reality that Christians can and do suffer demonic oppressions. We have the power and authority to break those bondages and obtain freedom. We as Christians can practice “self-deliverance” through Christ. That means you don't have to find some exorcist, but **you can exercise the power you already have as a child of God to gain freedom from demonic oppression.**

How?

1. Confess your faith in Christ and acknowledge Him as your Savior and Deliverer, and that God is your Father. If you have unconfessed sins, deal with them first.
2. Name specifically, confess and forsake every personal involvement in occult activities, If you know of family involvements (parents, grandparents, etc.) in such sins, renounce those also.
3. Then you yourself address the devil. Tell him that those sins that allowed him access to your life have been renounced and are now forgiven through Christ. Do not request, but command him to leave off all those oppressions and declare that the “door is closed” against him in the future.

If necessary, you should do some “house cleaning”, where you throw away or burn items that are particularly bad, like Buddha statues, pornography, games like Ouija boards, books about psychic or paranormal activities or UFOs, literature from false religious cults, things related to magic or fortune telling, etc.

Ac. 19:18-20 – those who “used curious arts” brought their books together and burned them publicly. They were worth 50,000 pieces of silver.