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What is a Demonic Home?

A demonic home is a fleshly environment which gives the demonic access and ability to live in a person. This is not a physical home, but a spiritual home. A root of bitterness for example, will create an environment or place in a person's life by which demonic spirits can enter and dwell. God's Word instructs not to give Satan a foothold or as the KJV says, "a place to the devil"¹.

If we go about casting out demons but fail to remove the "place" given to the devil (or his demons), then they still have a home within us. Jesus described a demon as a strongman who is armored and keeps his home, but by removing his armor (and taking away his home), we can spoil his goods (the area of the person's life that was once held in bondage). Jesus went on to tell us that demons like to return to their homes.

When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he comes upon him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils...When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first."

Luke 11:21-22, 24-25

Demons cannot just come back and re-enter a person without having a home there. That is why it is so important to minister to the whole person, identifying the root to their bondage, and then minister to the root so the demon has no home to return to. While there are definitely spirits of lust, anger, and so forth, there are also fleshly homes that are created by which they dwell. A spirit of bitterness cannot enter and dwell by itself, it must have a fleshly 'hook' or 'home'.

Examples of Demonic Homes

Please understand that these are only examples and not every case is the same. Some bondages may be different than the examples below even though the same demons may be at work. These examples are only here to give you an idea of how demonic homes work.

¹ Ephesians 4:26-27

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Example of a bondage to lust and pornography

Pornography and lust are known to be rooted in a lack of love. If a person grows up not feeling loved, there's a good chance they will turn to pornography or lust to fulfill that. Let's say that we're about to address and cast out a demon of lust in someone; let's first look at the flow of bondage:

*An unmet need to be loved and appreciated **CREATED** a fleshly bondage to pornography **WHICH IS** a demonic home **THAT CONTAINS** a nest of demons (lust, pornography, perversion, etc.).*

First, we must minister to the root cause of the fleshly problem. Next, we will address and clean up the fleshly problem itself (which is the demonic house). Lastly, we will cast the demon out. The person must come to understand and accept how they are loved, accepted, and appreciated by their heavenly Father. This is ministry to the root. Second, they should repent and renounce their bondage to pornography, lust, and so forth. This addresses the sin or the demonic house that is permitting demons to remain. Finally, the person is ready to begin casting out the demons that have been holding them in bondage. Since the first two steps have been completed, either the individual or deliverance minister can command the demon(s) to leave in the name and authority of Jesus Christ.

Example of bondage to rejection

Next, let's take a young man by the name Joe. Joe has been rejected as a child by his peers and today has a terrible bondage to rejection. This makes it difficult for him to create meaningful relationships with others. Joe feels alone, and even when others are not rejecting him, he perceives a simple "no" as a form of rejection. Joe has difficulty receiving correction because he perceives it as a personal attack. As a result of feeling rejected, Joe naturally fell into a bondage to rebellion, which set him up for further rejection. But these are only a few of the struggles Joe faces.

As the deliverance minister, you have two options: cast out the demon of rejection or minister to the root of Joe's problem. With Joe's situation, the flow of bondage looks something like this:

*A deep wound that was created when others rejected him **CREATED** a fleshly bondage where Joe felt worthless and worthy to be rejected, **WHICH BUILT** a stronghold of self-hate, self-rejection, and so forth, **WHICH WAS** a demonic home-**THAT CONTAINED** a nest of demons (rejection, rebellion, self-hate, etc.).*

A similar flow of bondage may look something like this:

*A deep wound that was created when others rejected him **CREATED** a fleshly need to be accepted and a stronghold of rejection (or a way of perceiving yourself as rejected) **WHICH WAS** a demonic home **THAT CONTAINED** the demons of rebellion, rejection, and so forth.*

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As already discussed, the path that leads to lasting freedom is to first address the root that created the fleshly bondage or need. Then lead Joe to repent and renounce his bondage to unforgiveness and bitterness (to self or others) or to break agreement with inner vows and ungodly beliefs concerning his identity and declaring truth over himself. And finally, address and cast out the demons of rejection, rebellion, and self-hatred, commanding them to leave. When roots, which created fleshly bondage, are addressed and removed, it strips the demon of its power and claim to remain housed by an individual. Not only does it set an individual free, more importantly, it keeps them free from further attachment.

Example of bondage to bitterness

Finally, let's take a woman by the name Susan who was molested by her father when she was a young girl. Since then, she's had trouble believing she was clean within herself and difficulty establishing genuine and meaningful relationships. This type of bondage plays havoc with marriages, as it is difficult for a wife to truly bond and enjoy physical and emotional intimacy with her husband. Again, we could start by casting out the demons which entered in through the molestation. Or we could minister to her in such a way that brings true and lasting freedom. Susan's flow of bondage might look something like this:

*A deep wound and feeling of being "used", created by the molestation, **CREATED** a feeling of unforgiveness and hatred towards her father (and often men in general), **WHICH IS** a demonic home **THAT CONTAINS** spirits of hate, anger, resentment, and so forth.*

Our first step is to deal with the wound and let Susan know she had a right to be angry with her father for the terrible thing which was done to her. It is a right God gives us, but He also asks us to yield that right to Him. God's Word tells us to let God avenge wrath², for when we give Him that right, He says He will repay. Much of the problem with un-forgiveness is we do not truly believe God will bring justice to the situation. Susan must realize that although her father is off her hook, he's still accountable to God for his actions. Susan has also lost sight of what Jesus has done for her, and what a steep and terrible price Jesus paid for her sins. Dealing with the unforgiveness root will tear down the demon house, so that when the demons are cast out, they have nowhere to return to.

Exceptions to the Rule

Sometimes you cast out demons first, depending on how Holy Spirit leads. There are valid situations where it is best to get rid of the demonic factor first, so you can more clearly deal with the root issues. Sometimes demons must be cast out before the person can freely receive healing to their damaged soul (mind, will, and emotions). However, use caution when going after the demons up front, as they love to

² Romans 12:19

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return when their fleshly house still exists. Generally, it is best to take the route laid out in this teaching as a default method, unless Holy Spirit prompts otherwise. Either way, be prepared for Holy Spirit, because there are times when it might be necessary.

In any case, when you're finished with the deliverance process, both **the root should be cleaned up** as well as the **demons casted out**. Whatever steps are taken to get there may vary but it is always the goal when ministering deliverance and inner healing. Together, this leads to wholeness and lasting freedom.

The Importance of Understanding Bondages

Whenever you find yourself casting out the same demons from the same person repeatedly, then there is a demonic home which the demon keeps returning to. Demons can be likened to rats which feed off garbage in a barn. We can keep on casting the rats out, but unless we clean up the garbage by which they feed, they will continue to return. And as scripture warns, they often return more evil and vicious than before³. Balanced deliverance ministry is typically focused on cleaning up the garbage even more than casting out the demons, because it is the key to ministering true and lasting freedom. This is not to say casting out demons isn't important, it is VERY important! But if we keep casting out the same demons and they keep coming back, what good is actually being done?

That is why every deliverance minister should take the time to study and learn the roots of spiritual bondages. Make it your mission to understand what brings on various bondages to lust and pornography, anger problems, and so forth. Yes, there are demons involved in most of these situations, but there are also fleshly roots that we need to minister to, so when casted out, the demons do not return. It is vital for deliverance ministers to take the time to learn and understand the bondages that are plaguing many people today, so we can effectively minister genuine and lasting freedom.

³ Luke 11:25