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Listen Love Pray

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Deliverance is a Good Word

Fewer than seventy words—A master piece of the infinite mind of God in a form that even a young child can understand—but the most mature believer cannot fully comprehend.

These opening words from John MacArthur's fascinating 1980 sermon (<https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/2244/the-protection-of-prayer>) tell us that "On our own, we cannot defeat the pull of sin in our flesh, the attraction of the world, and the power of the devil. These temptations are too strong for us—we need God's grace. This is where many Christians fail. They unwittingly think they are too strong... therefore that makes them weak."

MacArthur builds a powerful message using many scriptures to remind us that, "part of growing in spiritual maturity is recognizing our weakness." The Apostle Paul said that nothing good dwelled in his flesh (Romans 7:18), and he called himself the chief of sinners (1 Timothy 1:15). He recognized his great weakness, and that is what made him strong.

In contrast, Peter boasted in his strength to withstand temptation, and then he not only denied the Lord, but he also began to swear like the world to prove he didn't



know him (Matthew 26:74). First Corinthians 10:12 says, *So let the one who thinks he is standing be careful that he does not fall.*"

While MacArthur acknowledges that God allows certain things, including negative or adverse life circumstances, he also says, "they are not the expression of (God's) heart, His mind, His will or His character. In fact, if you want to know what God feels about temptation, simply go to Matthew 26:41 where Jesus said to

His disciples, *Watch and pray lest you enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.* In other words, He wanted them to avoid it. Temptations from Satan, according to MacArthur, come through, *"the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (1 John 2:16)."*

Jesus prays for us, *Father, I ask not that You take them out of the world, but that while they're in the world, You keep them from the evil one (John 17:15),* or "don't let them fall into the hands of, or into the power of, the evil one." Martin Luther further addresses the issue, "We cannot help being exposed to the assaults, but we pray that we may not fall and perish under them."

MacArthur finishes his sermon with a timeless prayer, *"Father, deliver us from evil. Deliver us from sin's penalty, sin's dominion, sin's guilt. Deliver us from sin's consequences affecting our intellects and our emotions. Deliver our wills from bondage, our judgments from perversion, our imaginations from falsehood. Deliver our memories from bitter reminiscences. Deliver our instincts from sinful drifting. Deliver our affections from what is earthly. Deliver us from weakness, that we may know the fullness of Your strength."* And we all say, Amen, I agree, in Jesus Name.

A Message from the Executive Director

What are demons? Do they really exist? Can they inhabit a Christian?

9 years ago, those were questions I really couldn't answer, nor did I have any inclination to look closer into that "scary" realm. I was a life-long Christian, went to church, studied the bible for years, yet knew very little about Satan and the demonic realm. It wasn't until I came face to face with someone who "manifested a demon" that I began to pay more attention to what Jesus specifically said about this; his disciples are to drive out demons from people who are suffering (*Mark 16:17, Matthew 10:8*).

LLP first studied deliverance in 2012 from Don Dickerman, a Southern Baptist minister from Texas. After years of ministry in 850 different prisons, Don received a powerful anointing in 1995 for deliverance and healing. He and his staff hold 300 deliverance sessions per year and have seen thousands delivered and healed in the name of Jesus. In his 25 years of helping set people free, he estimates that 75% of the people sitting in church are oppressed by demons!

LLP's experience in over 100 deliverance sessions echo the words of MacArthur, Luther, Dickerman, and especially

of Jesus, who was anointed to set the oppressed free (*Luke 4:18*). Deliverance and freedom come through the power and authority in His name.

Our prayer is for you to become more informed and better equipped for the battle as we lay out the basics of deliverance in this edition. Nothing is greater than the majesty and power of Jesus, our deliverer and healer.

To God be the glory!

Lucinda Nelson, Executive Director, LLP

Testimony

Freed In Jesus

Sometime during the MD 'stay at home' order it became apparent that I was not my usual self. I felt tired with low energy, I was easily distracted. With my focus on COVID, I became fear-filled.

I scheduled a deliverance session with LLP and discovered I did indeed have demons that used my lack of focus on Jesus to oppress me. Now, I am delivered from a spirit of fear. I trust Jesus and my eyes are fixed on Him as my Lord and Savior.

— Anonymous

Christians and Demons

Years ago, I was shocked when I heard Don Dickerman say that most people sitting in church need deliverance!

I had no idea that demonic oppression was so common. Demons are most effective when people don't know they are being oppressed.

After being a part of over 100 deliverance appointments, I am convinced that a majority of Christians are dealing with major issues in their lives that are caused by demonic oppression.

— Ken Nelson

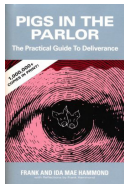


What Is Deliverance?

1. What Are Demons?

Pigs in the Parlor by Frank and Ida Mae Hammond

1 John 1:7 — But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.



Demons are spirit beings. They are evil personalities and they have a will. They are the enemies of God and Man. Their objectives in human beings are to tempt, deceive, accuse, condemn, pressure, defile, resist, oppose, control, steal, afflict, kill and destroy. Demons enter through "open doors". They have to be given an opportunity. Demon spirits thrive on darkness. Honesty helps bring them into the light. Any sin not confessed or repented of gives the demon a "legal right" to remain. The quickest way to understand what doors were opened for demons is to hear an account of a person's childhood.

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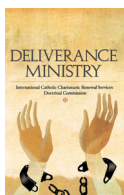
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2. Why Are Demons Here?

Deliverance Ministry by International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services, Doctrinal Commission 2017

1 Corinthians 15:57 — But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.



Our life on earth is not only a pilgrimage of faith but also a constant battle against evil and against Satan, the prince of darkness, who continually seeks to draw us away from Christ and make us captive to sin, confusion, bitterness, cynicism, and despair. Deliverance ministry brings about an understanding of the immense healing and liberating power that emanates from the person of Jesus, Son of God, in whose name the deliverance is invoked. Practicing deliverance ministry does not imply any new gift or mission, but (is) simply taking hold of and putting into action the freedom and the authority Christ has given us, for ourselves and for others.

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Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Does the Bible Talk about Demons?

Just a few of the numerous scriptures on this topic

Isaiah 55:11 — so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.



The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work (1 John 3:8). For our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground (Ephesians 6:12-13). When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases (Luke 9:1). They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them (Mark 6:12-13). I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes (2 Corinthians 2:10-11).

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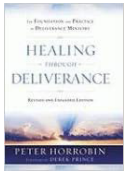
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4. How Do Demons "Get in" to Oppress Us?

Just a few entry ways from *Healing Through Deliverance* by Peter Horrobin

John 14:16-17 — I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever



Unforgiveness is probably the most common opening for demon activity. Unforgiveness and bitterness harbored in the heart for any length of time will open the door for demon invasion. Bitterness spirits keep alive hurtful incidents. Resentment usually invites in other demons, such as hatred and anger.

Rejection has an opportunity to enter when parents (mostly unintentionally) open the door for the spirit of rejection in their child. This can happen even when in the womb. This spirit is very common and is often to be found as the "strong" or "ruling" spirit within an individual. Rejection can be a 3 headed monster. Basic spirit of rejection, fear of rejection spirit and a self-rejection spirit.

Controlling people may be oppressed by spirits of insecurity, inferiority and fear. Controlling demons might exhibit in a parent showing unnatural control over a grown child, a husband or wife domineering over the other, a pastor being a dictator, a member of prayer group controlling the group (and many other scenarios).

the Spirit of truth.

5. What Happens at a Deliverance Session?

Ken and Lucinda Nelson, Listen Love Pray Foundation

Proverbs 28:13 — Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.



In deliverance ministry, we first make sure that legal rights are cancelled. Prior to the appointment, the prayer recipient will pray several prayers pertaining to forgiveness, false religions, breaking generational bonds, and unholy soul ties.

The actual deliverance session begins with a *Cancelling Permissions* prayer adapted from Don Dickerman. A prayer minister reads this out loud, and the prayer recipient repeats each phrase. Frequently, demons will claim they have legal permission, even when permission has been cancelled in this prayer. When that happens, we point back to this prayer and ask the demon again if they have a legal right to remain. The answer is usually no. If the demon does, in fact, have a legal right, we discuss this with the recipient, and they decide to cancel the permission or not. If the permission is not cancelled the demon can stay. If the permission is cancelled the demon must leave when commanded to do so.

mercy.

6. Do the Demons Actually Leave?

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John 8:36 — So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.



Yes. We question and work through all the demons until we are confident that the highest ranking demon has been found. Once the demonic structure is understood and all the areas of demonic oppression have been accounted for (gleaned from an information form, the interview, and the deliverance session), in Jesus' name, we command the demons to go directly to the abyss, never to return.

After this command, we check again to see if any demons remain, going over every possible area that has been identified. Sometimes, lesser demons are hiding. Once we find out why they didn't leave, and we remove any legal permissions that allow them to stay, they are commanded to the abyss in Jesus' name. When all the demons are gone, we thank Jesus and pray for Holy Spirit to fill the recipient with His presence and bless them with the opposite of what the enemy was doing in their life.

7. How Do We Retain Deliverance?

Keep the Pigs Out by Don Dickerman

Philippians 4:8 — whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things



Often clients face some reorganizing of their life to learn how to get along without the demons. The removal of demons often uncovers wounds the person did not know. Francis MacNutt, co-founder of Christian Healing Ministries, says that deliverance and healing go hand-in-hand. A healing prayer appointment is quite beneficial to living in freedom from oppression.

Most demons seeking to re-enter assail the thoughts. Pay special attention to the helmet of salvation for the guarding of your thought life. Become watchful of any thoughts that could be considered negative; they are from the enemy. Refuse the negative and replace them with positive spiritual thoughts (*Philippians 4:8*).

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ListenLovePray Events

All August Events on Zoom

- Aug 1 Prayer Blitz**
Saturday • 9:00 pm
- Aug 4/11/18/25 Soaking Prayer Service**
Tuesdays • 7:00 pm
- Aug 5/12/19/26 Bible Study:
My Father's House**
Wednesdays • 7:00 pm
- Aug 23/30 FRM-Beacon House**
Sunday • 6:00 pm

Helping Hands Fund

COVID-19 is a major problem at the moment, but any of us can face unexpected challenges at any time. While our primary mission is to Listen – Love – Pray for the hurting and hopeless, we have also felt led to establish a Helping Hands Fund to glorify God and assist folks facing financial hardship or unforeseen personal struggles.

All donations are tax-exempt. Donate at [listenlovepray.org](https://www.listenlovepray.org).

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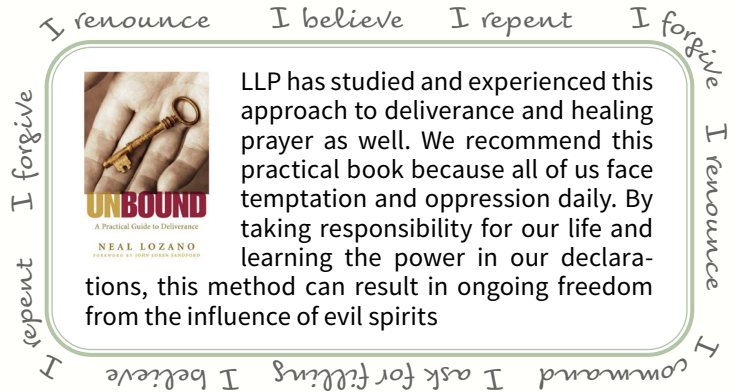
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Deliverance Book Recommendation

Unbound by Neil Lozano

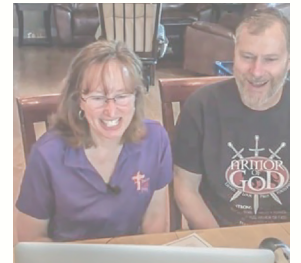


LLP has studied and experienced this approach to deliverance and healing prayer as well. We recommend this practical book because all of us face temptation and oppression daily. By taking responsibility for our life and learning the power in our declarations, this method can result in ongoing freedom from the influence of evil spirits

Jesus wants you to live in freedom, now, today, on earth. He died to bring you life and life abundantly. To schedule your deliverance session, please contact judylistenlovepray@gmail.com

LLP 2020 Teachings on Deliverance on YouTube

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OIs2mD4Qv6o&t=10s>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hF6dLolqZB8&t=4202s>
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- People feeling oppressed
- Christians feeling separated from each other and God
- COVID-19 healthcare workers
- Local Churches, Local Schools, Local Law Enforcement
- LLP Foundation

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