

DISOBEYING GOD IS REBELLION

2Thessalonians 2:3-7

WHAT IS REBELLION?

Rebellion is not a demon or an evil spirit. It is the nature and condition of the heart. It is a rebellious spirit not a spirit of rebellion. When this condition is not dealt with, it will eventually lead to demonic oppression.

Until rebellion is dealt with, you will have various problems like lust, anger, hatred, inability to subject the flesh, and so on.

Rebellion is when your own desires and reasoning become more important to you than the Word of God.

A rebel is an enemy of God.

WHERE DOES IT ORIGINATE?

God created man in His own image because He wanted man to have and enjoy a divine relationship with Him. Through sin, the divine fellowship was broken, and rebellion became the nature of man.

It is difficult to deal with it because it is not easy for us to admit that we are rebellious.

HOW DOES IT DEVELOP?

Rebellion does not just happen overnight; it is a root and a fruit that grows out of:

- 1. Rejection**
- 2. Unmet needs**
- 3. Hurts from the past**
- 4. Adamic nature**
- 5. Occult involvement and**
- 6. Lack of discipline or improper correction.**

When our basic need for love and acceptance is not fulfilled, it eventually leads to rebellion.

This is how it develops:

- **Unfulfilled needs, not dealt with, becomes...**
- **Resentment, not dealt with, becomes...**
- **Bitterness, not dealt with, becomes...**
- **Hatred, not dealt with, becomes...**
- **Rebellion.**

It is important that we as Christians never get to a place where we resent God- not for any reason whatsoever. Rebellion toward God means that you declare a personal war against Him.

Unmet or unfulfilled needs causes you to develop a hostile attitude.

REBELLION AGAINST GOD WILL MANIFEST ITSELF IN: REFUSING TO READ AND OBEY THE WORD OF GOD; REBELLION AGAINST THE MARRIAGE ROLE.

HOW TO RECOGNISE A REBELLIOUS SPIRIT?

A rebellious person:

- Likes to make outrageous comments, especially towards those in authority to provoke a reaction
- Likes to procrastinate and put off making decisions.
- Thinks rebellious thoughts like; 'nobody is going to tell me what to do, it's my life.'
- Also thinks vengeful thoughts and always wants to get back at someone.
- Will always challenge the authority of others, especially those in positions of authority.
- Doesn't like being held responsible or be accountable.
- Wants to be in a leadership position, because he doesn't want to submit to authority.
- Is unwilling to be corrected (unteachable)
- Insists on controlling his own life and refuses to be restrained by anyone or anything.

A rebellious person thinks he is independent, but in reality, he is bound by his own emotional instabilities and insecurities.

RESULTS OF REBELLION

Romans 1:21 – 28 (read).

1. The body or flesh rules over the person – you are bound to the desires of your flesh.
Galatians 5: 19-21
2. Homosexuality, just like every other sin is rebellion towards God.
3. Witchcraft – the principle of witchcraft is to control and manipulate others.
1Samuel 15:23
4. It blocks the learning process- because rebellion doesn't want boundaries. You will never grow spiritually. **Proverbs 22:6**

HOW TO BE SET FREE FROM REBELLION?

The first thing is to know that you can trust God and that He loves you. Secondly, know that Jesus wants to set you free.

And then:

1. Repent of your rebellion; see it as God sees it- identical to witchcraft.
2. Forgive your parents and all authority figures for whatever they did or said that made you rebellious.
3. Choose to adopt a heart of submission to human authority and to God
(Romans 13:1-2).
4. Place your life in God's hands and come into total submission to the Lordship of Jesus.
5. Renounce all occultic activities and close those doors.
6. Ask God to break the domination of rebellion over you.

Liberty and restoration become ours when we deal with the problem of rebellion in full. Do not allow even a shred of hostility or rebellion to remain in your heart.

PRAYER OF DELIVERANCE

Father I come to you in the Name of Jesus and confess that i have a rebellious heart.

I ask you to please forgive me and help me to change.

Today I place my life completely in your hands and submit myself to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and I now make a decision to adopt an attitude of submissiveness to human authority as well as to you.

Father, I ask that you break the domination of rebelliousness in me now, in the name of Jesus.

Please loosen the ground around these roots of rebellion so that I can uproot every root, even to the finest hair that is attached to it, out of my heart in Jesus name.

Thank you, Lord, that you help me to completely uproot this tree of rebellion in my life today, in Jesus name. Amen.