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# DEVIL DEMONS AND SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Power to Engage and Defeat Demonic Forces

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## *Introduction:*

### **Freedom for the Whole Family**

**T**he television producers of *Judge Judy* and *Crossing Over with John Edwards* contacted me to ask if I would be interested in hosting my own reality TV show on the subject of exorcism. Even though I told them I was not ready for such a task, I am more than ready to help you find your freedom and victory in Christ.

I'm not like the many people who discount the reality of the devil and demons or who have suggested that it is all in your head! Like many of you, I have faced the devil and his power. I know what it is to sense him breathing down my neck. I know the feelings of powerlessness over his works, but I have also broken through to victory, and so can you. By God's grace, I have been used in freeing others from demons.

Cindy is one example. She was a young mother who came forward in one of my meetings. When I went to pray for her, she ran away, holding her baby in her arms. Others were about to block the exit to stop her from leaving, but I told them, "Let her go, if that's what she wants." Just then, Cindy froze in the doorway, looking at me and then at the

exit. I told her, "Come down here and let me pray for you. You don't want to stay like this, do you?" After about a minute, she walked slowly toward me, and one of our leaders gently took the baby from her arms for safekeeping.

After giving Cindy a prophetic word, I spoke directly to the demons within her and told them to leave. She let out a high-pitched scream and fell to the floor. When she arose, Cindy was completely free from her demons.

I asked, "Have you ever made Jesus Lord of your life?"

She shook her head.

"Would you like to accept Christ now?"

With a smile, she nodded yes.

As I was about to lead her to Christ, a young man came forward to stand next to her. He was her husband, and he, too, wanted to accept Christ. As I was about to lead them both to the Lord, an older man walked forward to stand next to them.

"I'm her father. I want to get saved, too."

As I led them in prayer, that whole family was saved and delivered in a single night.

I believe this book can bring deliverance to you and your whole family. Cindy's problems were similar to many others'—depression, suicidal thoughts, anger, and obsessions. Perhaps, like Cindy, the devil has descended on you with feelings of condemnation. Perhaps demons are saying, "You are too far gone to be helped." Or, perhaps they have enslaved you with addictions too strong to overcome

in your own strength. Perhaps their grip is so tight that you fear for your very life.

Hold on! Help is on the way.

In your hands is a book that can bring freedom for you and your loved ones. Don't give up. God has an answer for you.

## **What You Will Learn**

In this book, I have attempted to present sound teachings, both scriptural and rational, about the devil, his demons, and your deliverance. I hope what you learn will provide the answers you need to be free and fulfilled. In addition,

- ✦ you will learn why an understanding of Satan is so important.
- ✦ you will discover what keeps people from seeing the light.
- ✦ you will uncover Satan's plot against you.
- ✦ you will recognize the need to accept forgiveness to keep Satan away from you.
- ✦ you will be able to tell whether or not you need deliverance.
- ✦ you will be instructed how to cast out demons.
- ✦ you will find the answer to the question: Can Christians have demons?
- ✦ you will guard yourself from going overboard on the practice of deliverance.
- ✦ you will be strengthened to take charge over the battleground of your mind.

## How the Book Is Arranged

This volume is divided into three sections. The first section deals with the lead general of the forces of evil: Satan. You will learn his number-one strategy and how to overcome it.

In the second section, you will be equipped with the knowledge you need to cast out demons.

The third section deals with fallen angels. This part is extremely important, for it shows how fallen angels work to create an atmosphere to help demons to carry out their diabolical work.

This book is unabashedly Christian in its approach. I do not make any apologies for believing that *“there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved”* (Acts 4:12). Others may debate the Bible’s inspiration, but I simply use it as the Word of God to set captives free. If you are looking for a book that takes spiritual warfare seriously, while maintaining a biblically balanced approach, then this book is for you!



*Part One*

**The Devil**



## *Chapter One*

### **The Villain**



Filmmaking has always interested me. Recently, I became curious about how to write a good screenplay. In my research, I came across a successful screenwriter who offered this sound advice: the plan of the hero is not as important as the plot of the villain.

Something about those words struck a chord with me. He was explaining that unless the story has a strong villain, no one will care about the potential hero.

Superman is a great example. Would anyone really care about Superman's powers or his love for Lois Lane if he were not forced to battle the diabolical Lex Luther? Would Batman be as compelling without the Joker? Would Luke Skywalker's quest matter as much without Darth Vader? Would Clarice seem so brave without the opposition of Hannibal Lecter? In other words, great heroes are only heroic when facing great villains. Without such strong opposition, the greatness of their character would remain unknown to us.

The concept of hero and villain is not just for the silver screen. It is also true in real life. For example, Winston

Churchill is considered one of the greatest heroes in history, not necessarily for his political or economic theories, or his brilliant mind and oratorical skills, but because he went to war against Adolf Hitler. Few would remember Churchill's name today if his strong leadership had not been at his nation's helm during the historic conflict of World War II.

 *The greatest story ever told is the tale of God's response to the plot of His enemy, Satan.*  Whether we realize it or not, the concept of hero and villain is played out in the spiritual universe, as well. The greatest story ever told is the tale of God's response to the plot of His enemy, Satan. The gospel is God's response to Satan's schemes. It is the demonstration of God's love for mankind—a love that caused Him to risk everything to rescue us from the hands of Satan.

Satan's plan was to separate Adam and Eve from God by tempting them to disobey His Word and eating from “*the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*” (Genesis 2:17).

### **Reason for the Incarnation**

The intention behind Satan's plot was to usurp the authority God had given mankind. When God created man, He gave him dominion over all of creation, saying, “*Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground*” (Genesis 1:28). Through Satan's plot, however, he was able to render

the first couple's dominion over him null and void. Not only were Adam and Eve not able to rule the serpent, but the serpent became ruler over them.

God's plan, therefore, had to go beyond merely forgiving sinners—it also had to include reestablishing their dominion over Satan.

Consider the words of the apostle John: “*The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work*” (1 John 3:8). The word *reason* indicates a purpose. It demonstrates God's real motive: to defeat and conquer the devil, once and for all. Most Christians do not consider Satan's defeat as at the core of Jesus' incarnation. John, however, considered it the very reason for His coming.

It is my great concern that the body of Christ is leaving out this essential purpose for the gospel. Some think Christianity would be better served if the concept of the devil was removed completely from our message. On the contrary, I believe the church is better served by reintroducing the plot of our villain. Only then will we appreciate God as our great hero.

## **Rescued from Darkness**

Someone might ask, “Isn't the gospel about God satisfying His own sense of justice? What does that have to do with defeating the devil?” Of course, the gospel is about God forgiving us; however, that forgiveness is possible only when we are rescued from the grip of the darkness that threatens to keep us from turning away from sin and seeking His forgiveness.

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*For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*  
(Colossians 1:13–14)

Salvation is nothing less than God rescuing us from Satan's dark grip. Only then are we able to see the truth: that we have been aligned with the devil through *sin*, but because of Christ's sacrifice for our *sins*, our connection with the devil has been broken.

Once you understand Satan's role in keeping people in darkness, you will come to appreciate the specific and urgent need to cast demons out of people's lives. Demons are Satan's "ground troops" whose main job is to keep people in darkness. Demons succeed at doing this by binding people with terrible sins and circumstances until their situations seems to be greater than God's power to forgive and redeem.

To combat the work of demons, Jesus gave a clear commission to His church, not just to the original twelve apostles: "*And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons*" (Mark 16:17). Some Christians balk at this order, but it must be carried out.

To make this order clear, Jesus, after His ascension, gave a postscript commission to the apostle Paul:

*I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.*  
(Acts 26:17–18)

These were not Jesus' final words *before* He ascended on high, but rather, they are the command He gave to the apostle Paul *after* His ascension. It is very clear: "*turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God.*" Unfortunately, the world is blissfully unaware that Satan is ruling them by his power. As believers in the gospel, we are ordered to free people from Satan's powerful hold so they can "receive forgiveness of sins." The only reason people remain in their sin is because of the dark force that keeps them ignorant of the truth.



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## **Saving My Grandfather**

Being from a broken home, I was raised by my grandparents. My grandfather was an atheist—not a sophisticated one, but an atheist nevertheless. I told him everything I knew about God and Jesus, which wasn't much at the time, but I shared it with all the sincerity I could muster.

He argued back, "I don't believe there is a God in heaven. You see this chair? This is god. And you see this table? It's god, too. This world is the only god I know."

I pleaded with him, "Grandpa, you're wrong. There is a God in heaven, and He loves you so much that He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to save you, so that you can have eternal life with Him in heaven."

“I don’t believe in Jesus Christ. He was just a man like us.”

Those words crushed me. I couldn’t understand how my grandpa could be so wrong and not see who Jesus really is.

One day, as I was praying for God to save my grandpa, the Lord spoke to me, saying, “Tom, you keep asking Me to save your grandpa, as if you need to talk Me into it. I want him to become saved. The problem is not with Me. I’m not willing that any should perish. (See 2 Peter 3:9.) The problem is with the devil.”

In that moment, the Lord taught me about the role Satan plays in keeping people from being converted. He first led me to read in 2 Corinthians,

*Satan, the god of this evil world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe, so they are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News that is shining upon them. They don’t understand the message we preach about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.*

(2 Corinthians 4:4 NLT)

It is not that they do not *want* to see the light; they are *unable* to see it. You cannot be angry at a blind man for not appreciating the color of a rainbow any more than you can get angry at a sinner who cannot appreciate the glorious light of God’s grace through Christ. The sinner is “*blinded*.”

On that day, the Lord seemed to say to me, “Satan is the god of all unbelievers. It doesn’t do much good to ask Me to save unbelievers, because I’m not their personal God. Yes,



I'm the God of all mankind, but I'm not necessarily their Lord and Savior. (See Romans 10:9–10.) Now, you can ask Me to send forth laborers into the harvest field. (See Matthew 9:38.) The laborers are My children and I can instruct them on what to do, but I will not force unbelievers to accept Me—it must be their choice. What good would it do for Me to order unbelievers to accept Me if no one is witnessing to them? Instead, ask Me to send people to cross their paths so they can hear the gospel."

So, I asked God to send people to my grandfather. When I did, the Lord seemed to say, "Okay, I'm sending *you*. You're the laborer for your grandfather."

"But Lord," I said, "I have been witnessing to him; he doesn't seem to respond."

The Lord responded, "If your grandfather understood the gospel, he would love to get saved. Unfortunately, the god of this age has blinded his mind from comprehending it."

"What do I do, then?"

"I have given you My authority and power to bind the devil from blinding your grandfather's mind. Say out loud to him, 'I bind you, devil, from blinding my grandfather's mind! Stop it now, in Jesus' name!'"

"Are you telling me that the only reason why my grandfather hasn't gotten saved is because the devil has blinded his mind?"

"Yes."

"You must give me another Scripture to prove this."

The Lord took me to the parable of the sower. He made me study the people along the path who heard the Word: *“Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved”* (Luke 8:12).

The Lord asked me, “Why did those people along the path not believe and get saved?”



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I looked carefully, and then I saw it. The Bible says that *“the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts.”* The reason that they did not believe was because the devil stole the Word from them.

“That’s right! Many of My people think that unbelievers don’t get saved because they choose not to be saved. In truth, many unbelievers would choose to be saved if the devil did not steal the Word from their hearts. So stop the devil from stealing the Word by *binding him*. Bind him with your words! Tell him to stop! Because of the authority I’ve given you, he’ll have to obey you.”

Just as Paul was commissioned and given authority to *“open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God”* (Acts 26:18), I took this commission personally. We have the same authority as Paul! We can turn people from the power of Satan by binding his efforts and by preaching the gospel to them.

Once the Lord showed me this truth, I walked into my grandfather's bedroom and said, "Grandpa, I realize that you would want to get saved if you understood the gospel. The devil is the one blinding your mind, so I'm going to bind him from your life right now."

There in his bedroom, I shouted at the devil and told him to leave my grandfather, who stood there, speechless. I left the room, confident that he would be saved. Immediately, there was a change in him. He finally confessed his belief in the existence of God, though he was still hesitant to accept Jesus as God's Son. Later, however, he began to talk much about God and Jesus in interchangeable terms.

My aunts asked me what I had done to Grandpa. "Tommy, all Grandpa wants to talk about is God—God this and God that. He doesn't stop talking about Him. He has never been concerned about any religious discussions, but now it's all he talks about." I smiled as I heard this. Grandpa was now seeing and feeling the warmth of God's great love for him.

Before long, I married my wife, Sonia. A few months into our marriage, the Lord led us to pray the prayer of agreement from Matthew for my grandfather to become saved.

*Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.* (Matthew 18:19)

On the following Monday, I was on my way to visit my grandfather, as usual. I drove to his house and walked into his bedroom with a big smile on my face. My grandfather was

lying in bed, sick. I knelt beside his bed and said, "Grandpa, the Lord showed me that you're ready to get saved. Are you ready to get saved?"

Without hesitation, he nodded. "I'm ready." I led him in the sinner's prayer. We wept as we prayed together.

Soon after that, my wife and I started our first church. Although my grandfather was incapacitated because of his age, he asked my father to bring him to a service at my new church. I'll never forget it. My dad practically carried him in and sat him down on a chair in the back. As everyone stood up to sing to the Lord, my grandfather made the biggest effort to stand up, which he managed to do. With his left hand holding a chair in front of him for balance, he lifted his right hand to praise the Lord along with the rest of us.

That was the first and last service he was able to attend. His health continued to deteriorate until he died not so long after that. Now, my grandfather is in heaven, the real place full of happiness and joy! He is there, in part, because I understood there was a real battle for his soul. Can you imagine where my grandfather would be if I had not understood that we have a real villain?

Through this experience, the Lord taught me something that I will never forget. He seemed to be saying, "Remember, Tom, you are the answer to many people's prayers." Since that time, I've taken this responsibility seriously and have recognized the fact that, whether they know me or not, many Christians are counting on me to reach their loved ones for Christ. I am the laborer they have been praying for.

You, too, are the answer to people's prayers. Right now, people are praying for God to send laborers to go to their loved ones...and God has sent you.