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Pastor Tom Brown has hit the mark with *Breaking Curses, Experiencing Healing*. He deals with the complete spectrum of physical, mental, and emotional diseases, as well as the destructive issue of homosexuality. In doing so, I believe Tom addresses the real reasons why a person deals with cross-gender feelings, as well as the steps to overcome this identity crisis. This is a must-read for anyone struggling with diseases that may have a spiritual root.

—*Dr. Jim Willoughby*
President, International Convention of
Faith Ministries

The vast majority of Christians today are almost completely ignorant of the nature of evil spirits. Because many pastors are fearful of things they do not understand, they choose to ignore this portion of Christ's ministry. As a result, multitudes of people—including Christians—are needlessly living in torment.

Many contemporary pastors have rejected the idea that Christians can have a demon, thereby eliminating the section of Jesus' Great Commission that instructs believers to "*heal the sick*" and "*cast out demons*" (Matthew 10:8 NKJV).

I believe that Pastor Tom Brown has answered a call to minister to the sick, afflicted, and tormented with an emphasis on the casting out of demons that is comparable to that of the New Testament church.

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Introduction

Millions saw it. Some were dumbfounded, others skeptical. Still more were impressed.

The television camera zoomed in on Lori's face as the demon screamed through her voice, "No! No! No!" She was writhing on her back, her hands swinging back and forth, punching and grabbing as if she were a puppet and someone else was pulling the strings.

By all accounts, Lori appeared to be a normal thirty-two-year-old woman. She had a regular job and many friends, but, like many others, she faced unbearable depression.

"I'm constantly depressed," she told the MSNBC reporters. She had been on medication for depression but was certain that her condition was being caused by demonic activity. She had asked me—her pastor—to pray deliverance over her.

I did not want this to become a circus. Deliverance is a personal thing, yet, at the same time, the Bible tells us that Jesus often delivered people from demons in public settings. So, you can understand my reluctance—as well as my cautious willingness—to allow an MSNBC television crew to film the actual deliverance. I did

not want anyone to be embarrassed. I agreed to allow them in the service provided anyone they filmed gave written permission for their footage to be used in the final program.

Lori had agreed not only to be filmed but also to be interviewed prior to the deliverance. She told the reporters of the many years she had suffered from excruciating depression. She testified that strange, unexplainable marks had been found on her body. The reporters also noted the medication she had been taking. For the network, Lori was the ideal subject for a documentary on exorcism: someone who not only claimed to be possessed by demons, but who was also available to be interviewed before and after the deliverance.

As the cameras rolled on that Sunday morning, Lori came forward for prayer. She stood on the platform, and all I could think to do was point my finger at her and say, “I command you, spirits, to name yourselves, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth—the Son of God.” Lori bowed her head, wrapped her arms around her body, and began to sob uncontrollably. Soon, she was prostrate on the floor and sobbing even louder.

I felt I knew which spirits were in her. “I command all thoughts of suicide, all thoughts of lust, anger, bitterness, and self-pity to come out! You will all come out. I called you by name!”

Soon, Lori was calm. A grin came across her olive-skinned face. She was free. In five minutes, the deliverance was over.

Afterward, she described to reporters what it had felt like: “It was the most unusual thing I have ever experienced.” The important thing was the result. Two days later, the watchful, scrutinizing MSNBC reporters admitted that Lori was no longer experiencing the symptoms of depression.

“I don’t have to take pills. I can handle everyday problems,” Lori delighted to say. Since her freedom, Lori continues to serve the Lord with all her heart to this day.

Of course, as in all cases of deliverance, there is no guarantee of permanent results. Jesus Himself once warned that spirits might come back to make the person worse. (See Matthew 12:43–45.)

Toward the end of their documentary, MSNBC admitted that some people do seem to get better after spiritual deliverance. Although psychologists may attribute the success to psychological release, hypnotism, or positive faith on the part of the delivered, my hope is that more professionals will acknowledge the efforts of the men and women of God who are attempting to rid people of their demons through prayer and the Word of God.

What This Book Will Do for You

Since that MSNBC documentary aired, I have received many calls, letters, and e-mails from people around the world asking for deliverance.¹ Many simply have questions about exorcism and demons. Since then, I have been interviewed many times on national television, as well as on the British Broadcasting Company, on a wide range of questions about deliverance. It is because of all this interest that I have decided to write this book.

In it, I have attempted to answer questions about deliverance and to provide sound, logical, and scriptural teaching as to its scope and value. It is my hope and prayer that through this book, you will:

- Learn how to tell the difference between natural and demonic sicknesses.
- Discover what a generational curse is, how it can bring sickness into your life, and, most important, how to break it.
- Receive a revelation of your complete healing through the redemptive atonement of Jesus Christ.
- Acquire the knowledge of deliverance necessary concerning yourself, as well as the knowledge

¹Author's note: The MSNBC documentary was originally aired in 2001; however, it has been re-aired multiple times over the years.

of what it means for you to be body, soul, and spirit, and how this relates to Satan's attacks.

- Spot the works of Satan and know how to stop him.
- Find out what the occult is and how to avoid being subtly enticed into the realm of the spirits of darkness.
- Recognize Satan's number one trap and how you can escape it.
- Be challenged to have your own ministry of deliverance.
- Be inspired with real stories of people who received healing through deliverance.

How This Book Is Arranged

I have divided this book into four sections. The first three sections cover the three compartments of health: physical, mental, and spiritual. I will show the need to be healed in all three areas and uncover ways in which demons can make people sick in each one.

The fourth section deals with common objections people raise concerning the ministry of deliverance. I will make an important defense for the need to have both a truth encounter and a power encounter if people are going to be delivered. I conclude this section with stories of real people from my church who received healing when they were delivered from evil spirits.

I encourage you to read your Bible along with this book, because what is important is not my opinion but what the Bible teaches about deliverance. You can look up the Scripture references yourself to verify whether or not they are saying what I maintain they are saying. I have nothing to hide. If what I write is not scriptural, challenge me. Of course, you will have to challenge me with Scripture, since my beliefs are derived solely from the Bible.

I hope you will find the answers and scriptural knowledge you are looking for. Ultimately, it is my desire that this book provide the healing you need—a healing that is often available only through deliverance.

Part I

Physical Diseases

Chapter One



Sickness and the Role of Demons

One Sabbath, while Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, a woman who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years approached.

On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue ruler said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath." The Lord answered

him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?”

(Luke 13:10–16)

On another occasion, a man knelt before Jesus, saying,

“Lord, have mercy on my son....He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him.”

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tion,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.” Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed from that moment.

(Matthew 17:15–18)

There is definitely a relationship between healing and deliverance. In my travels around the world, I have discovered that many people never receive healing because they never received deliverance from the spirits that made

them sick in the first place. While I am not saying that every disease is caused by demons, I do see a desperate need for both natural and demonic healing.

That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. (Mark 1:32–34)

In this passage, note that Jesus accomplished two things: He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and He cast out many demons. Some people simply need natural healing from the diseases that have made them sick; others, however, are in need of spiritual deliverance from the spirits that have made them sick.

For many, the suggestion that demons could be the cause of sickness may sound radical. If you are among them, perhaps you are in need of a radical approach to healing.

There are others who would caution me at this point and say, “Pastor Tom, we need balance.” I agree! I believe in balance; however, to some, balance means compromising by ignoring deliverance completely. That is not how Jesus achieved balance. Jesus achieved balance by being extreme on all sides. He taught:

- extreme love

If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. (Matthew 5:39)

- extreme holiness

If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. (Matthew 5:29)

- extreme faith

If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, “Move from here to there” and it will move.
(Matthew 17:20)

- extreme evangelism

Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. (Mark 16:15)

- and even extreme deliverance

In my name they will drive out demons.
(Mark 16:17)

Balance is not achieved by watering down the fundamentals of the Christian faith. When we do that, we achieve a lukewarm Christianity, and I think people are tired of tepid faith. The Bible provides a radical approach to healing as far as modern thinking is concerned—including the modern thinking of some born-again believers.

During the 1960s, when the deliverance movement was at its peak, many Christians had a tendency to see demons behind every bush.

Every problem anyone had was attributed to a demon, from the flu to overeating. Now, with the church's de-emphasis on the devil and demons, you no longer have to look behind bushes for demons—they can parade down the streets unnoticed. When was the last time you went to a Christian conference where there was a seminar devoted to teaching on spiritual deliverance?

Today, pastors, evangelists, and prophets teach on church growth, friendly evangelism, prosperity, and a host of other important subjects, but hardly ever do they mention deliverance. Don't get me wrong—I believe in teaching all those needed subjects. But why not devote a portion of those seminars to deliverance?

This de-emphasis on the devil and his demons is not only found in ecclesiastical and denominational churches; it also can be encountered in Pentecostal and charismatic churches, as well. Many in the Spirit-filled movement seem to be afraid to tackle the subject. Perhaps they don't want to be viewed as unscientific, or perhaps they are afraid that Christians will develop an unhealthy focus on demons. Whatever the case, I believe we

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Is It the Devil?

I am often asked, “How can you tell if a sickness is caused by a demon or by natural causes?” This is a great question. After hours of research in Scripture, I have developed ways to determine whether or not demons are behind a sickness. For instance, I know that a sickness is demonic if:

1. The discerning of spirits is in operation
2. No natural cause of the illness can be determined
3. The disease becomes chronic when doctors had anticipated a full recovery
4. The sickness also affects the spiritual life of the afflicted
5. Strange occurrences accompany the illness.
6. The afflicted person becomes unusually ill or emotionally distraught in the presence of an anointed person
7. The afflicted person becomes homesick when he or she leaves town
8. The infirmity returns after the person has been spiritually healed
9. A more severe illness replaces the one from which the person was spiritually healed
10. The disease is hereditary, and it is discovered that the previous generation practiced idolatry

1. The Discerning of Spirits Is in Operation

*But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit to profit withal. For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom; and to another the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit: to another faith, in the same Spirit; and to another gifts of healings, in the one Spirit; and to another workings of miracles; and to another prophecy; and to another **discernings of spirits**; to another divers kinds of tongues; and to another the interpretation of tongues.*

(1 Corinthians 12:7–10 ASV,
emphasis added)

Notice the seventh gift on the list: “*discernings of spirits*.” God gives at times the ability to see and perceive the operations of both good and evil spirits. The Greek word for *discernings* comes from another Greek word meaning “to judge.” At times, it is hard to judge whether or not a spirit is the cause of a sickness, but through the gifting of the Holy Spirit, believers have the ability to correctly perceive such matters.

The word *discernings* is plural because that is how it is in the original Greek. This means that discernment can come in various forms. Sometimes, it will come in the form of a vision in which you actually see the demon with your eyes.

One of the most influential charismatic leaders of our day, Kenneth Hagin, once told a story about a time when he was preaching in a country church and a man came forward for prayer. From his outward appearance, the man seemed normal, except that his face was grimaced in pain. As the man drew closer, Hagin experienced a vision. In this vision, he saw a monkey-like creature wrapping its arms around the man's head, as in a headlock. Immediately, Hagin exclaimed, "In the name of Jesus, you foul spirit, leave this man at once!"

The spirit looked startled that Hagin had actually seen it, then eyed him for a moment. Hagin stared right back and said, "I told you to leave this man."

The spirit, realizing it had been discovered, replied, "Well, I don't want to leave, but if you tell me to go, I have to go."

Hagin replied, "You will have to go."

The spirit let go of the man's head, jumped off his shoulders, and landed on the floor. Then, it looked at Hagin for a moment.

Hagin continued, "You will have to leave these premises, now." The spirit whimpered like a beaten dog and wobbled out of the church. Personally, I have not experienced such dramatic visions of demons, but I have had the "*discernings of spirits*" work in different ways.

The definition of *discern* is “to detect with the eyes; to detect with other senses than vision.” As you can see from this definition, discernment is not perception by sight only, but can also come through the other senses: hearing, smell, taste, and touch.

Oral Roberts, one of the most famous healing evangelists, said that he could often smell the demon in a person. I’m pretty sure that no one else in the room with Roberts was able to smell anything, but he did. Others may claim that they *feel* the presence of a demon. They may start to sweat, get clammy, or have a tingling sensation. I have heard some say that they felt heat when they were in the presence of a demon. Kenneth Hagin was told by the Lord that whenever he laid both hands on the sick, if he felt fire going back and forth between his hands, there was the presence of a demon in the sick person he was praying for. Others may feel cold, a chill, or some other physical sensation. God is sovereign, and He will work with you in His way to help you discern the presence of demons.

In my experience, the most common way that discernment works is through a sense of “knowing”—an inner sense of confidence that a demon is there. You may call it intuition or a gut instinct, but you just “know that you know” that an evil spirit is at work behind the sickness.

2. No Natural Cause of the Illness Can Be Determined

A telltale sign that a demon may be inducing an illness is when there are no natural explanations for the sickness. This type of sickness is sometimes called *psychosomatic*. Some may believe that it's all in the afflicted person's head, that his or her mind is causing the symptoms. Many discount this kind of sickness. However, if the person is suffering pain or symptoms—even if you cannot pinpoint the cause—he or she is still hurting and in need of healing.

I believe that some of the cases that are labeled “psychosomatic illnesses” are actually caused by demons, and that this explains why doctors are sometimes unable to discover the cause. You cannot spot a demon on an X-ray; you cannot see a demon in a blood sample. Demons are not perceptible through scientific methods of investigation. In cases like this, I have found great success in bringing healing through deliverance. I have also found that the leading cause of psychosomatic illness is stress. (We will talk about stress in a later chapter.)

3. The Disease Becomes Chronic When Doctors Had Anticipated a Full Recovery

One of the great powers of the human body is its ability to heal itself. For example, when you cut yourself, the body immediately begins to heal

the cut by sending bacteria-fighting agents to form a scab for protection. Eventually, the scab falls off, and the body is well. This is normal.

Consider what happens if an evil spirit is causing the infirmity. How can the body heal itself then? It can't. It simply won't be able to heal itself naturally if it is afflicted by an evil spirit.

Chronic illnesses are usually permanent. They stay with you. I believe that in some cases, chronic illnesses are demonic, and that is why they are permanent. No matter how hard the body tries to fight off a chronic illness, it can't because a demon is initiating the disease and not a natural occurrence. In cases like this, the demon must be driven out in order for healing to finally take place.

The Scripture at the beginning of this chapter deals with a woman who had *“a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over”* (Luke 13:11 NKJV). It is unnatural for the human body to remain sick. If a bone breaks, it naturally heals. In this case, the woman's backbone had begun to form improperly. She had suffered for eighteen years. It was a chronic illness, and, according to the Bible, it was caused by a spirit. When it appears that a person should have recovered from an affliction but hasn't, I

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deal with the evil spirit and drive it from the afflicted person.

4. The Sickness Also Affects the Spiritual Life of the Afflicted

Demons, when they are present, do not just affect the body physically; they also attack one's spiritual life. If the sick person feels peace even when he is sick, then the disease most likely is a natural one.

I often look for evidence of spiritual growth in the afflicted person's life. If it is evident, his disease is most likely from natural causes. On the other hand, if the afflicted person is also being attacked spiritually, there could be demonic roots of the illness. Demons are not interested in simply bringing physical infirmities, but they also desire to afflict the spiritual life.

One time, I was visiting a little church in the suburbs of Dallas. After preaching my heart out, I received little enthusiastic response from the congregation except for one dear old lady who kept shouting, "Praise the Lord. That's right! Keep preaching!" She was so exuberant.

After the service, while I was signing books, a gentleman walked up to me and said, "I want to apologize for my mother. She was the one who kept shouting, 'Praise the Lord.'" I told him that I had enjoyed her enthusiastic response. Then he said, "You see, she shouts praises because she

has Alzheimer's." It seemed that the only person who liked my preaching that night was a lady with Alzheimer's.

Here is my point: this dear lady was afflicted, but she did not have a demon. A demon would never shout, "Praise the Lord!" Her disease was physical, not demonic. She was spiritually intact, even if her mind was diseased. On the other hand, I have seen sick people become furious at my preaching. Who would get furious over the preaching of the Word? Only the devil and his demons.

Many Christians are able to grow spiritually during times of sickness, proving that their afflictions are not demonic. In cases where the sick do not grow spiritually but instead become bitter, angry, and more sinful, I believe that their sicknesses have a demonic root. These people do not merely need physical healing; they need deliverance, as well.

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Give yourself a checkup. When you are physically sick, do you find yourself getting angry over studying Scripture, hearing the gospel preached, or even reading this book? If so, you may be sick not only in body but also in your spirit.

5. Strange Occurrences Accompany the Illness

A major sign that demons are causing an infirmity is the occurrence of strange things in the life of the infirmed. In the introduction, I mentioned Lori, who suffered from depression. How did she know it was a spirit that caused her depression? She knew it because she also had strange, unexplained marks on her body. She did not suffer just from clinical depression; there was something else tormenting her, and the marks on her body testified that supernatural agents were involved.

Here is a Scripture to consider:

When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. “Lord, have mercy on my son,” he said. “He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water.”... Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed from that moment.

(Matthew 17:14–15, 18)

How did Jesus recognize that the boy’s problem wasn’t simply an epileptic seizure? In this case, it may have been the fact that the seizures occurred at extremely inopportune times, during situations in which they endangered the boy’s life. He had them around fire and water and fell into them. In my mind, that would qualify as a

“strange occurrence” and a sign of the presence of demons.

This happens today, as well. I have successfully prayed deliverance for people who happen to become sick on Sunday mornings and at no other time. It seems clear in such cases that the devil is causing the infirmity to take place at specific times in order to keep the afflicted person from hearing the Word. Others may become sick whenever they begin to read the Bible or whenever they attempt to share their faith.

Someone might ask, “If a disease is diagnosed by doctors, doesn’t that disprove a demonic cause?” Not necessarily. The Bible says, “*The body without the spirit is dead*” (James 2:26). Although you cannot see a person’s spirit, it is the force that provides life for the body. Doctors may think that the heart keeps us alive, but Scripture tells us that it is the spirit. Likewise, there is a false assumption that no spirit can give life to a disease. On the contrary, just as there is an invisible force called a spirit that keeps our bodies alive, there are evil spirits that can breathe life into diseases.

Once the evil spirit is cast out of the body, however, the

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disease—left alone without its life source—must die. This is why a disease may have both physical and demonic roots.

6. *The Afflicted Person Becomes Unusually Ill or Emotionally Distraught in the Presence of an Anointed Person*

So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. (Mark 9:20)

In Mark's account of the epileptic boy, notice that the convulsions began as soon as the spirit was in the presence of Jesus. I have seen people become physically and emotionally ill the moment they are in my presence. They can't understand it. Some become nauseated, grow depressed, or experience intense fear. They refuse prayer or feel agitated when others pray for them. They may be seriously ill, but instead of turning to a minister to pray for them, they often despise the minister. This is a clear sign that demons are involved with those people.

Another related symptom is when mentally ill people become angry or nervous around me. I have heard people scream during church services. They say, "I want to leave! Get me out of here!" The anointing on me seems to torment the demons inside of them. This is what happened

in the case of the epileptic boy and Jesus. The demon threw the boy to the ground as soon as it saw Jesus.

A person may fall to the ground in God's presence because of His power and holiness or because of an evil spirit. You can tell the difference by observing the person's behavior when he is on the ground. Does he look peaceful and joyful? Or, is he writhing, growling, and screaming? Unfortunately, many Christians do not have the discernment to tell the difference.

These signs should be obvious that demons are present and causing people to act in bizarre ways. Yet, many ministers leave people alone and attribute these weird acts to the Holy Spirit. We need to obey Scripture, which says, "*Test the spirits to see whether they are from God*" (1 John 4:1).

7. The Afflicted Person Becomes Homesick When He or She Leaves Town

Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you evil spirit!" Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many." And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area. (Mark 5:8-10)

The demon "*begged*" Jesus not to send him "*out of the area.*" For some reason, demons prefer

to stay in the same location, if possible. One reason may have something to do with rank and territory. The apostle Paul lists four ranks of evil spiritual entities in Ephesians: rulers, authorities, powers, and forces. (See Ephesians 6:12.) It appears that demons must answer to higher-

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ranking demons. It could be that they do not want to leave the area without proper demonic authority because it might seem as though they went AWOL. Perhaps they do not want to be disciplined by a higher-ranking spirit. This is only my speculation, but it seems certain that demons are reticent to leave their particular territories.

This brings us to another sign of demonic activity in the sick. Since demons prefer to stay in certain locations, the demonically sick may find themselves unwilling to venture away from their homes or cities. When they do leave, they may become homesick and wish to return.

Many sick people who are afraid of leaving their houses may have demons. Doctors call this affliction *agoraphobia*. It is not normal to want to remain at home all the time. We are social creatures who need to get out and be with other

people, or even to leave town for periods of time. This is normal, healthy behavior.

People who suffer from forms of demonic sickness may turn down lucrative employment opportunities because they don't want to leave their homes or cities. Of course, many people stay in one place because they have family nearby and a good church, in which case their desire is understandable. But some people have no legitimate reasons for turning down promotions or educational opportunities except for the fact that they are troubled with sickness. This is a sign of demonic infirmities.

8. *The Infirmary Returns after the Person Has Been Spiritually Healed*

When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, "I will return to the house I left." When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation. (Matthew 12:43–45)

Jesus taught that demons may try to come back to a person after being cast out. One sign that a disease has demonic origins is when it

returns. When a person has been naturally healed, the disease is unlikely to return. The odds are extremely low. However, demons will try to return, bringing with them the disease from which the person had been healed. When this occurs, I usually look for the demon behind the disease and cast it out.

9. A More Severe Illness Replaces the One from Which the Person Was Spiritually Healed

Jesus said, *“And the final condition of that man is worse than the first”* (Matthew 12:45).

There are people who get healed from one condition only to get sick later with something worse. They might even get better from that disease, but then an even more severe disease comes on them. Something is desperately wrong in these cases. Some people seem never able to stay well. It should be obvious that something supernatural is taking place, and that the afflicted person should definitely seek deliverance.

10. The Disease Is Hereditary, and It Is Discovered That the Previous Generation Practiced Idolatry

In the next chapter we will discuss hereditary diseases. If it can be proven that a previous

generation of the afflicted person's family practiced idolatry, then demons may be causing the disease.

Seek God

These are some of the ways to judge whether a physical disease is the result of demons or of natural causes. You do not necessarily have to experience everything I mentioned in this chapter, but if you or someone you know has one of these symptoms, take the matter to God in prayer.

Only God is authorized to show you whether or not you have a “*spirit of infirmity*” (Luke 13:11 KJV). If He confirms it, keep reading—help is on the way!