

The Battle With the Powers of Darkness

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The sermon emphasizes the Christian's authority to combat spiritual darkness through holiness, prayer, and the power of God.

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the spiritual battle against unseen forces of darkness, highlighting the power Jesus gave His disciples to cast out unclean spirits and heal diseases. It addresses the prevalence of black arts and the need to confront and pray against evil influences. The importance of living a holy life, discerning spirits, and standing against abominations is stressed, urging believers to fight against spiritual wickedness in high places and maintain moral integrity in a corrupt world.

Transcript

Now folks, you know our battle really is with the unseen forces of darkness. And the Lord equipped His disciples. If you turn to Matthew 10 chapter, and the first verse please.

And when He had called unto Him His twelve disciples, He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. You know, I did not realize that one of our sisters is here, who some years ago came to this retreat, having had an appointment to follow this retreat, for knee surgery. And of course she was very dependent on her stick.

I wish you would tell that yourselves, rather than my narrating it. And the Lord healed her. And she never needed that operation.

Which He had fixed earlier, with the NHS I presume. Well, once again, let's remind ourselves, it is the law. It is the good law.

Now, what does the Lord Jesus say? And do with His disciples to equip them? He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out. Now, that people have been practicing these black arts, in Britain, in the Stonehenge and other areas, is well known today. In fact, the practitioners of these black arts, have even appeared on the BBC, saying, I am a witch.

As though it is a very legitimate thing, to be casting spells upon others, and selling yourself for money to do evil. And now, you know, I confront many of these people, who are black magicians by trade. And some of them say, I receive money to kill people, to cast spells.

And it is amazing, that all kinds of people, suffer greatly because of these powers of darkness. One medical student came to me. He said, he was a Hindu.

I have an awful headache. No doctor is able to heal me. But I know that my uncle, who is jealous of my advance in education, he is responsible.

He has had some spell cast upon me. Well, I said, the Lord is able to heal you young man. And we prayed for him.

And he was free. Some of these naughty cases, are not at all easy. And sometimes we have to struggle, and pray much, before these powers of darkness, are thrown at us.

Now, what do you do, in a situation like what we have today, when little children are being conditioned, for the black arts? What do you do for that? Now, as I was about to take my flight, catch my flight in Bombay, I saw the captain of some other craft, with a big book in his hands. What was it? The latest release, Harry Potter. You see, I do not know how some pastors, have interpreted it.

But, one thing the media itself admits, that here is, a delving, into the black arts. Is it ennobling? Does it free people, from fear? I can see a nation of psychopaths, ahead. Has the government, taken the precaution, of quadrupling, the psychiatrist facilities, in the country? Although I know psychiatrists, cannot handle this.

I know this. That's not their field, that's beyond them. However, I have to deal with, many of these things.

And what I say, what they did in the, Book of Acts, was, if you turn to the 19th chapter, of the Book of Acts, you will find, that in the city of Ephesus, when, there was a demonstration, of God's power, this is what happened. And this was known, 17th verse, to all the Jews and Greeks, and also dwelling, Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus, and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus, was magnified. And many that believed, came and confessed, and showed their deeds.

And many of them also, which used curious arts, brought their books together, and burned them, before all men. And they counted, the price of them, and founded 50,000 pieces, of silver. So mightily, grew the word of God, and prevailed.

So when the word, of God prevails, you will have some bonfires. And now there are, fellows, who come to my, meetings, who used to have, afflictions of all, sorts. One young man said, I used to find, my sheets in tatters, in the morning.

I would rip, up the sheets. One, man, said to me, as I was being, driven to a meeting, near Chicago. He was a pastor.

He said, after my son, saw, the, exorcist, he got, berserk. He was, beside himself. We couldn't, control him.

Now just recently, there was a case of a little child, in kindergarten, in the United States, who would scream, carry on, beat her teacher, and, the principal, could not handle it. And so, called the police. And

she was, criticized, for calling the police.

But the poor, principal was called in, by the teacher, found that she could not, control the child. Absolutely, out of control. Screaming, harming others.

What could they do? Just think of calling the police, for a little girl, of five, or six. Where are we headed? So the psych ward, is full. And we had to, repeat patients.

No room. Nobody qualified, to deal with these things. And many, pastors say, oh, I don't know how to deal, with these things.

You know, they pass the buck. But, what did the, what does the bible say? Now let us turn to, the tenth, chapter, of Matthew. So he equipped, the Lord Jesus Christ, equipped his disciples, for handling, these situations.

He was manifest, to destroy, the works, of the devil. Now I'm sorry, Luke 10 please, and the 17th verse. Luke 10.

We've already seen, Matthew 10. And the 17th, returned again with joy, 17th verse, saying Lord, even the devils are subject, unto us, through your name. And Jesus said, 18th verse, I beheld Satan, as lightning fall from heaven.

Behold, I give unto you power, to tread on serpents, and scorpions, and over all the power, of the enemy. And nothing shall by any means, hurt you. Nothing.

A woman said to me, in Toronto, a very normal person, she said, suddenly, I begin to smell, so bad, like something, which has decomposed. And all around me, I scan that horrible stench. Well, the Lord healed her, after a prayer.

Now, there are so many manifestations, I don't know some of those manifestations. One young woman met me, in Canada, at one of my, conferences. And she said, well, I was with, a Shakespearean, company of, Shakespearean actors.

They have a place in Oro, in Ontario, where, you know, Shakespeare is enacted. But, many of those people, were into drugs of all sorts, and a variety of black arts. I had never heard them like, never seen anything like that.

And here was this woman, suffering, young, beautiful girl. So when I prayed for her, there was one thing, she was not willing to humble herself. So, to my great sorrow, the demons did not leave her.

You see, she was all the time saying, oh, I'm a fine believer. So, there are fine believers, with these kinds of evil spirits. My dear friends, Satan appears as an angel of light, says the Bible.

So I have no hesitation in saying, there are some, who use gifts, which are not of God. Because, you can easily say, what spirit it is. The spirit of God, puts an end to a lying spirit.

Lying lips are an abomination to God, so you will not speak a lie. Two, holiness. Because He is the Holy Spirit.

So, whatever other gifts you might have, or not, you are characterized by living straight lives. Listen folks, this is missing today, in a greater part of the church. What you call the church, I don't call it the church.

I call it the synagogue of Satan. Listen, if you can't live straight, don't you talk about the Holy Spirit. As someone said, it's not how high you jump, but how straight you live.

Today it's all a question of effusion and emotion and nice feeling. I have a nice feeling. You know, there are some people who barge into a family and take away a husband from a wife, but I have a good feeling about it.

You know? Maybe you can say the same of the palace today. Oh my beloved people, when it is the gospel, it goes from top to bottom. Not as most people like it to be.

You know, start with the poor, start with the people who are disadvantaged, the socially backward, nothing of the sort. What Britain needs is top to bottom. If there is a bad example in the palace, it is going to vitiate the atmosphere on our streets.

It is going to poison the nation more than any poison gas. Holiness, my dear people, we want to play games with God. So this law applies to this poor disadvantaged boy who had only a dysfunctional family, but it does not apply to the royalty.

Where do you get that? Not from the Bible. Truth applies to the man in the pulpit first. I often say, if the preacher is right, the people are right.

That's all it takes. So, my dear friends, there was a bonfire in Ephesus of all these things. Holiness, it's a hallmark which is upon a regenerate person.

How are you regenerated? What, by waving of hands and jumping and shouting, hallelujahs? No. You're regenerated by the Spirit of God giving to you a broken spirit, which makes you put away all evil. So, if you turn to the fourth chapter of Mark, you will find that when the Word of God is sown, who springs into action first? The Lord Jesus Christ said, 14 and 15, please.

Mark 4, 14 and 15. The sower soweth the Word. And these are they by the wayside where the Word is sown.

But when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately and taketh away the Word that was sown in their hearts. Satan cometh immediately and taketh away the Word that was sown in their hearts. I don't know what is happening to the good preaching in Britain today.

Now, my dear friends, many years ago on the doorsteps or a lady said to me, and no less a place than Westminster Chapel, one of the leaders' wives said, we lose most of what we receive right here on the doorsteps. Why? Yelping tongue. Keep on yelping about this, that and the other.

If the Word of God registers, if the Word of God goes into your heart, what you would like to do is to get alone with God and put things right with God. And now if you are disinclined to do that, must you do the devil's work and engage somebody in a yelping session? Is that all your usefulness and functionality? No. But that's exactly what happens.

You'll give them lovely grounds, you'll give them quiet places, make it an excellent retreat place, but will not go alone with God and pray. What's that? It's the devil's work. The devil does not want you to come

right, to put things right.

And there you are. The devil is taking away the Word that was sewn in the heart. Should I help the devil to do his work? No.

Certainly not. So the Lord Jesus said, These are they by the wayside. Then the seed is sown, but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately and taketh away the Word that was sewn in their hearts.

So, our fight, Ephesians 6 and 12 tells us, is against principalities. Did you ever find yourself fighting against the mayor? Did you find yourself fighting against the government? Sometimes there are certain abominable statutes or laws which get into the law book. Back in 67, before some of you might have been born, before you were born properly, but back in 67, over the intercom of the ocean lineup in which I was, after the six-day war, the ship was rerouted round the Cape of Good Hope.

And as we were in an awful storm there, however, this is what I heard. BBC News? Homosexuality made legal. I heard of some godly minister who went to his pulpit and wept.

My dear friends, my legislating something as being okay never sanctifies an abomination. Never! Legislators can't do it, but God has said this is an abomination. All right.

If all your children, some of you evidently have children, turn out to be lesbians and homosexuals, perfectly legal, perfectly legal matter, and Britain produces, you know, 90% such young people, what's the outcome? What's the outcome? Extinction. Moral, physical, extinction. And in the bargain, an explosion of AIDS.

Some of the people who are stricken with AIDS today are top-notch people, names, in the entertainment world. And the business world, bankers, a great legacy to give their children and their wives. You know, I have to pray for new type of patients today, AIDS patients.

Some of the first people that approach me today are AIDS patients. So tragic, so tragic. But I want to see the Lord crack AIDS and so we see some AIDS patients healed.

But, as you know, medically there's no cure. And AIDS patients are proliferating around the world. What for? How come? You legislate an abomination as being a perfectly healthy lifestyle? And who elected these legislators? A nation of wise people, I presume.

Listen, friends, you hold the key. You never had the courage to express your dissent. Silence is consent.

You know, those that were called dissenters in Britain back in the 17th, 18th centuries were hunted, badgered, persecuted. All right, never mind if you're going to be persecuted, laughed at. And people are going to say, it's perfectly my right to be an AIDS patient.

Oh, go ahead. But you're infecting your wife, you're infecting your babes. What are you doing? You have no right to do that anyway.

All right, find yourself a place, a precipice or a cove where you can hide yourself with your partner and live in seclusion until you die. And of course, you must make sure somebody comes along to bury the last person to die. Folks, you know, this has become a laughing matter.

No thinking about it. No concern, no tears, no word of warning, nothing. Oh, that's your life.

You know what people say today? This is my life. Okay. But you don't infect the atmosphere, pollute it.

There is worse pollution around than the car emissions in the land. Worse pollution. And nobody seems to address that pollution.

The moral pollution. Killing the nation. Friends, it's time to blow the trumpet of warning.

The works of the flesh. Here we are told that we should fight against principalities and powers. Ephesians 6.12. Against the rulers of the darkness of this world.

Against spiritual wickedness in high places. Many years ago, I was invited. You know, there was an attempt made to get me to speak in the houses of commons to a group of MPs.

But it didn't fit into my schedule at that time. And I had to say no. But I do regret it.

We need godly men in high places. Not spiritual wickedness in high places. Let us pray.

Learning father, when Britain is poised in the last moments of a deadly leap into the abysm. Why are we living without a trumpet and sounding it? Oh, gracious father, forgive us. Are we just to mint a little money to fill our little bellies? Or run a trade from the pulpit? Or is the pulpit going to be the repository of the truth and the conscience of the nation? Calling people to repentance.

Save us, we pray. From all cowardice. Moral cowardice.

And spiritual irresponsibility. Forgive us. In Jesus holy name.

Amen.

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