DELIVERANCE
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Handout #12: ENTRY POINTS FOR DEMONIZATION
Rebellion against Authority

REBELLION TO AUTHORITY

We have discussed some of the entry points for demonization in the previous 5 handouts. These handouts are not an exhaustive list. There are other inroads and open doors that the enemy can come through. Last week we briefly discussed rebellion against authority. Because this is such a common problem in the age we live, I am covering this more thoroughly in this handout.

For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, He hath also rejected thee from being king. 1st Samuel 15:23

This passage of scripture speaks of King Saul who disobeyed the Lord's specific instructions to destroy all of the Amalekites and all that they had. According to *The Bible Knowledge Commentary* (p. 447), *"When Saul saw the fatness of the Amalekite sheep and cattle and when he considered the enhancement of his own glory and prestige in bringing back Agag, king of Amaleki, as prisoner, he could not resist returning them as public exhibits of his leadership."* Saul basically lied to Samuel and said that he brought the sheep and cattle back to sacrifice them to the Lord. To this, Samuel gave his famous reply: "*…Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice…"* (1st Samuel 15:22). 1st Samuel 15:23 tells us that rebellion is just like witchcraft in the Lord's sight. Indeed, rebellion, like witchcraft, involves wresting for control, manipulation, and rejecting the word of the Lord.

Four (among many) Examples of the Rebellion Hall of Fame in Scripture

1. Lucifer (Isaiah 14:12-14, Ezekiel 28:11-17, John 8:44, 1st Timothy 3:6, Revelation 12:7-12)
2. Adam and Eve (Genesis 3, Romans 5:12-21)
3. Absalom (2nd Samuel 15-18)
4. The 10 Tribes of Israel who rebelled against Rehoboam, the rightful heir of the House of David. Only Judah and Benjamin stayed with Rehoboam (1st Kings 12:16-20)

Woe unto them! For they have fled from Me. Destruction unto them! Because they have transgressed against Me; though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against Me. And they have not cried unto Me with their heart, when they wailed upon their beds; they assemble themselves for grain and wine, and they rebel against me. Hosea 7:13-14

Nine Characteristics of Rebels

1. Secret Sins (Hosea 7:1)
2. Lying (Hosea 7:1 & 13)
3. Stubbornness (Hosea 7:2)
4. Glory in Sins (Hosea 7:3)
5. Love of wine and women (Hosea 7:4-5 & 14)
6. Extreme lustful passion (Hosea 7:6)
7. Prayerlessness (Hosea 7:7 & 10)
8. Ignorance (Hosea 7:9 & 11)
9. Wicked Imaginations (Hosea 7:15)

If rebellion is as witchcraft, scripturally rebellion must be tied to witchcraft or divination. The Spirit of Divination in scripture is literally translated *the Spirit of Python* in the Greek. It is my personal belief that rebellion in the Body opens up the Church to a Spirit of Python. Because there is rebellion against authority (authority of God's Word; authority of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; parental authority; authority of God-sanctioned pastoral leadership and elders, etc.) in the Church today, we have opened ourselves up to a Spirit of Python, which in turn is why the Body is often
dull and lifeless.

The python is a large nonpoisonous snake that crushes its prey and kills by suffocation. The death process is slow, and when the python has you in its grip, the only way to kill it is by cutting off its head.

The seed of the woman (Jesus and collectively the Body of Christ) *shall bruise thy head and thou* (the serpent or Satan*) bruise his heel* (mankind) (Genesis 3:15)

And the God of Peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly (Romans 16:20).

The Spirit of Python wants to keep you from doing what God wants you to do. It acts by crushing your hopes, faith, vision, dreams, drive, motivation, and fight. It is the source of spiritual apathy. Spiritual apathy is a state of no fight or drive to possess the promises of God. (*This charge I commit to you, Son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare* -1st Timothy 1:18). Spiritual apathy is caused by the

Spirit of Python. This spirit actually whispers in your ears lies, accusations, condemnation, fear, and unbelief. Its goal is to cast doubt and suspicion on God's Word. It cast out life, breath, and joy of the Lord from our lives and is closely associated with the spirit of heaviness and even death. This spirit makes it difficult to feel the Lord's presence and brings hopelessness, discouragement, depression, tiredness, defeat, and sickness. Many with this spirit struggle with addictions, particularly to smoking and drugs. Sometimes people come to such a place in the warfare associated with Python and its slow death process and feeling of being weighed down, that they commit suicide to end the pain.

When the 12 spies went out to spy out the land that God had promised them, ten came back with a bad report saying in Numbers 13:33: "*And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants, and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight."* The name ANAK literally means in Hebrew, "to choke as with strangulation using a necklace." Sound like a Spirit of Python to me!

When we speak death over people (Proverbs 18:21) in curses, slander, judgment, and criticism, especially in regard to elders and spiritual authorities (*Rebuke not an elder, but exhort him as a father, and the younger men as brethren-1st Timothy 5:1),* or when we use manipulation or control, we are using divination and are in rebellion to God's authority and have a python problem.
(Information on Python came from Dr. Paul Cox's *Guidelines to Deliverance.)*

PROPER SUBMISSION TO AUTHORITY

Five Scriptural Commands to *Submit*

1. Submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21)
2. Submit to God (James 4:7)
3. Submit to every ordinance of man (1st Peter 2:13-14, Romans 13:1-8) (This command has to do with human government and law. However, it is not to be interpreted as following man-made degrees that contradict scripture. Peter and John made this clear in Acts 4:18-19: And they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. *But Peter and John answered and said unto them, whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.*)
4. Younger submit to elder (1st Peter 5:5)
5. Wives submit to husbands (Ephesians 5:22, Colossians 3:18. 1st Peter 3:1-6)

BILL GOTHARD'S BASIC STRUCTURES OF AUTHORITY

A KEY SAFEGUARD AGAINST THE DEMONIC "SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY"

"Obey (Greek: *Peitho*-allow yourself to be persuaded by) *your leaders and submit to them; for they watch over your soul, as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not grief, for this would be unprofitable to you."* Hebrews 13:17

"In the multitude of counselors there is safety." Proverbs 11:14

God has established spiritual authority, as an umbrella of protection, to help guard us from self-deception within our hearts, as well as from the deception of Satan.

What to look for in a Spiritual Counselor:

1. A close friend, one who knows the sheep and whose sheep recognize his voice
2. One who has a solid biblical orientation
3. One who can sense the voice of the Spirit of God in his own heart
4. One who is wiling to commit himself or herself to the sheep, who will invest his or her time and energy, and is willing to lay down his or her life for the sheep for whom he is responsible
5. One who is willing to receive counsel himself or herself
6. One who is ahead of you in spiritual maturity