

The Way of the Lord

4. Jesus Came To Free Me From WHAT? (Part 2)

In this video segment we'll discuss the two major sources of demonic strongholds in your soul. We'll also show you the NATURE of the spiritual battle inside you so you can begin to experience the victorious freedom Jesus promises. You'll need to be determined and act deliberately in order to experience the freedom only Jesus can give you in the battle going on inside you.

And know that Satan is a deceiver. He's doing all he can to keep you UNAWARE of this inner demonic struggle. You'll understand the nature of this battle more clearly if we illustrate it. Inside your soul you have both a sin nature AND any undemolished strongholds you may have inherited from your parents. So your PARENTS are one potential source of strongholds in you.

The second source of strongholds are those YOU allow to form during your life. Let's look at how this takes place:

1) Satanic-inspired THOUGHTS are introduced into your mind. And yes, the demons do speak. They sound just like the voice you hear in your head! These demonic voices oppress and discourage you. Their goal is to get you to react to situations, circumstances or people in a way that's CONTRARY to the character of Jesus and the commands of God in the Bible.

2) If you keep entertaining these negative thoughts, you'll develop TEMPTING EMOTIONS about them.

3) If you don't resist these emotions, they eventually lead to SINFUL ACTION.

4) Continuing to DO the sinful action causes you to develop a HABIT.

5) Once a habit is developed, a DEMONIC STRONGHOLD is built in your soul. You'll always have your sin nature.

The Bible confirms that it struggles against the Holy Spirit within you: *"For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want"* (Galatians 5:17).

In a later segment we'll show you how our Lord Jesus can help you RESIST your sin nature. In this segment we want to show you how your sin nature COOPERATES with any demonic strongholds in your mind, will and emotions. As you'll see, the TEAMWORK among the strongholds and your sin nature is very similar to how CANCER cells operate in your body. And BOTH situations are unhealthy and destructive.

Your body is made up of billions of cells. This is a HEALTHY cell. And, within your body you also have cancer cells. This is what THEY look like. The cancer cells in your body remain dormant, until conditions CHANGE within your body that allow them to grow into tumors.

Scientific research has shown that certain factors enable the cancer cells to multiply and become tumors. These factors include refined sugar, white flour, excessive red meat, hydrogenated vegetable fats, and toxic environmental hazards, even those in certain commonly used plastics. Once a cancerous tumor begins to grow, it convinces your body to nourish it by extending capillaries to it. The tumor then

develops rapidly.

Let's compare cancerous growth in cells to the battle taking place in your MIND. Inside the cortex of your brain are NEURONS where your memories are stored. This is a HEALTHY memory.

But this is a memory structure when a STRONGHOLD is formed. The neuron becomes dark and thorny, with TOXIC chemicals attached to it. Studies have shown that BITTER MEMORIES can cause several types of cancer in the body.

Attaching itself to the toxic memory are demons that create a spiritual stronghold around your memory. The demons within the stronghold make that memory ANTI-Christ and ANTI-God's Word. Just like a tumor needs capillaries to sustain it, a demonic stronghold relies on your SIN NATURE to support it. Demonic strongholds grow and multiply whenever your thoughts lead to tempting emotions, then to sinful actions, then to habits, and then to more strongholds.

If you're not spiritually alert, the demonic strongholds try to attach any incoming negative thoughts to THEMSELVES. Like a cancerous tumor their goal is to grow larger and more powerful. These ANTI-Christ, ANTI-God's Word memories will entice you to sin whenever the opportunity presents itself.

In this video segment we've made you aware of the struggle going on inside your soul. But KNOW that in Jesus it's a battle you can WIN if you're determined.

If you used the Demolishing Strongholds Questionnaire we recommended at the end of our last segment, you may have identified some demonic strongholds within yourself. We encourage you to TAKE ACTION to rid yourself of the demonic influence that's in those strongholds.

At the end of this segment you'll find several resources from our website. These will help you FREE yourself from the demonic darkness in your soul that opposes Jesus and His Word. Please use these resources so that YOUR way of life and the way of the LORD are the same.

For Further Study:

Demolishing Strongholds Workbook

<<http://www.restorationministries.org/pdf/books/dms/DemolishingStrongholds.pdf>>

Or,

Demolish Your Strongholds (a shortened version)

<<http://www.restorationministries.org/pdf/hebraicArticles/DemolishingYourStrongholds.pdf>>

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