

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## DECEIVED BY DEMONS

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### **SPIRITUAL ATTACK**

Spiritual attacks will never end regardless how long a person has been a believer in Christ. They will continue until the day Jesus brings you home to heaven.

I have been walking with Jesus for some sixty years and one would think that I know all there is to know about spiritual warfare. I was in for a surprise last Sunday.

My morning routine was normal and I did not anticipate any problems. I felt great health wise and anticipated the message I was going to preach.

I started to cough about ten minutes into the message, and since I always carry a throat lozenge, I put one in my mouth thinking the episode would quickly go away.

But the coughing increased to the point that I could not speak and my body shook with the spasms. I rebuked what was happening in the name of Jesus and then it got worse.

I could not think properly and called for Charles Thorell to come and finish the message. After that I exited the building and went to lie down.

### **FEELING DEFEATED**

As I laid in bed, I stopped coughing and the whole thing that ailed me never returned. In hindsight, I realized that I had been exposed to a powerful demonic encounter.

Then demons taunted me and shot in one thought after the another into my mind.

- ❖ “You shamed out yourself in front of the cameras and people could see how weak you are spiritually.”
- ❖ “People lost respect for you and will never watch you again.”
- ❖ “Where is your bragging about casting out demons?”
- ❖ “You have lost respect in the spirit world, from people, and you will never get that back again.”

I was so wiped out from this defeat that I did not want to pray for the rest of the day. The remainder of the day was spent moping around.

### **GOD IS FAITHFUL**

When I did my regular prayer time on Monday morning, I asked the Lord why the demons did not stop when I told them. The Holy Spirit replied:

*“You did not use the Word against them; you spoke in your own power.”*

I realized the verse I recite every day was the answer, and I had bypassed quoting the Word of God at the pulpit.



*“For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:10-11)*

This triggered my memory of how Jesus dealt with the Devil when He was tempted.  
**Matthew 4:1-11**

### **Temptation 1**

Then was Jesus led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the Devil. When he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry afterwards.

The Devil: “If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.”

Jesus: “It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

### **Temptation 2**

Then Satan took Jesus to Jerusalem and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple.

The Devil: “If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.”

Jesus: “It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.”

### **Temptation 3**

Then the Devil took Jesus up to a really high mountain and showed him all the glorious kingdoms of the world.

The Devil: “All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.”

Jesus: “Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”

## **SCRIPTURAL RESPONSE**

Jesus quoted Scripture in response to each of the three temptations.

*“And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.” (Deuteronomy 8:3)*

*“Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted him in Massah.”  
(Deuteronomy 6:16)*

*“Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.”  
(Deuteronomy 6:13)*

## **QUOTING THE BIBLE**

I did not use the Sword of God to rebuke the attacking demons; I merely told them to leave me alone.

*“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12)*

When we cast out demons as part of our deliverance ministry, we start each session by affirming our authority in Christ and how we have His authority to undertake the task.

Having cast out demons for some 57 years, I always have the victory, but there have been times that demons have resisted and so I quote Bible verses to remind them that they were defeated at the cross.

*“Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.” (Colossians 2:14-15)*

As the Holy Spirit showed me these things, I realized that I had gotten sloppy, skipped quoting Bible verses. I had tried to deal with the demons in my own power and this brought me to repentance for my negligence.

The strange thing is that there was no more coughing after I left the church building. I did not have a cold; I was totally healthy before and after the service.

Tuesday night is our weekly prayer meeting, and as I shared this information with the group, I also asked them to pray over next Sunday. As different people prayed, the Holy Spirit provided the revelation that the attack came from two groups which had targeted me for humiliation and loss of respect. It was a joint attack from a group of Satanists and a group of witches.

That brought back memories from the past. This ministry was targeted by these two groups which resulted in Christian Life Ministries in Carmichael being shuttered in 1982. Some thirteen years later as I was the pastor at Resurrection Life of Jesus Church in Citrus Heights and we were hit so hard that it became necessary to move to a smaller location after we lost more than 50% of the members.

Before we started the prayer meeting on Tuesday night, we called upon the Holy Spirit to guide and protect us from the enemy. I did not have any problems that night. We closed by taking dominion over the witches and Satanists and I look forward to standing at the pulpit on Sunday to proclaim my victory over Lucifer and his minions.

## **BIBLE VERSES**

I quote the following Bible verses every morning during my prayer time.

*“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.” (Matthew 10:1)*

*“And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.” (Matthew 10:7-8)*

*“After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.” (Luke 10:1)*

*“And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, 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. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.” (Luke 10:17-20)*

*“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.” (Mark 16:17-18)*

*“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” (Matthew 28:18-20)*

*“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:11)*

*“Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do;*

*because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments.” (John 14:11-15)*

Let us boldly declare that Jesus Christ is the King of kings and Lord of lords!  
In the name of Jesus, we have the power to step on the enemy and defeat him!

***Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!***

***Do you have an ear to hear with?***