

INVISIBLE BARRIERS TO SPIRITUAL BREAKTHROUGHS

Session 2

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Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

There are many people who do not receive breakthrough in their lives, for example healing, deliverance, etc. because there are spiritual powers and forces hindering the breakthrough. There can be spiritual principles and or forces keeping you from experiencing growth and victory the way God wants you to experience it. Our battle is spiritual. It is important that we get rid of these invisible barriers in our lives.

Today, I want to help you to remove some of the barriers. We will do this by engaging in confessional prayers together. Barriers in your relationship with God is not from God, but from the enemy and we need to get rid of them.

5. PRIDE

God accepts everyone that comes to Him, but there is one type of person the Bible says that He resist and that is the proud.

Pride reflects the devils attitude towards God. Satan rebelled against God and wanted to elevate himself above God. Pride is rebellion against God's authority. Pride causes you to become blind to your own condition and state before God. Prides gives men a foolish sense of wisdom (Proverbs 1:7; 1 Corinthians 3:18-20)... A prideful person wants his ways to be done and often wants to be right, even at the cost of others. Pride will rob you from deep and good relationships, including your relationship with God.

The prideful heart does not think that it is proudful. Don't think that there is no pride in your heart. Rather, search your heart and ask God to show you if there is any pride.

Characteristics of a prideful person

- a. Fault-Finding
- b. Their life and world is primarily about themselves. A focus on self.
- c. They always like to be right

Prov 8:13

"The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverted mouth, I hate.

Proverbs 16:18

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

James 4:6-7

...God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." 7Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.... (see also Proverbs 3:34)

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Your Son Jesus. I repent of my pride. I am sorry that I have placed myself above You and have rebelled against Your ways. Please forgive me for my pride. I choose to live a humble and God-fearing life. I now submit myself under Your authority and I acknowledge that You rule supreme in my life, in the Name of Jesus, Amen.

6. OCCULT INVOLVEMENT

Many people partake in the occult without knowing it. Things like fortune telling, Ouija board, horoscopes, rituals from other religions, etc. The occult brings a division between you and God. I have often counselled people who could not get breakthrough in their lives simply because they chose to associate themselves with the occult. Sometimes people buy statues, images, symbols, books, etc. of other religions, e.g. small buddhas, and take it home and it brings a curse into your home. You might want to get rid of symbols and artifacts of other religions in your home and life. Calling up the dead or communicating with the dead is a sin in the bible.

Deut 7:26

Do not bring a detestable thing into your house or you, like it, will be set apart for destruction. Regard it as vile and utterly detest it, for it is set apart for destruction.

Don't visit temples and places of worship that calls upon other gods or deities and thereby unify yourself with them.

Leviticus 20:6

As for the person who turns to mediums and to spiritisms, to play the harlot after them, I will also set My face against that person and will cut him off from among his people.

Exodus 23:24-26

You shall not worship their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their deeds; but you shall utterly overthrow them and break their sacred pillars in pieces. But you shall serve the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and your water; and I will remove sickness from your midst. There shall be no one miscarrying or barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.

Leviticus 19:31

'Do not turn to mediums or spiritists; do not seek them out to be defiled by them. I am the LORD your God

God hates idolatry (where you unite yourself and serve a foreign god). He loves you so much and He does not want you to fall into satan's trap.

Prayer

Father, in the Name of Jesus I pray, if I have ever been involved in the occult, whether I knew it or not, willingly or out of ignorance, I repent of it. I confess my involvement in the occult as a sin. I renounce it and I ask you to forgive me for partaking in XXXXXXXXXXXX (Just name the occult practice to the Lord. It is between you and the Lord). I turn away from all occult practices and

I choose to serve You alone. Release from the influence and the curse of the occult in my life. I am now dedicated to You alone. In the mighty Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

7. SINFUL COVENANTS

Christians often belong to secret societies and organizations that stand against God. Christians sometimes join organisations that opposes God in their vision, values and ideology. One such example is Freemasons. I have had to counsel many people over the years that were held captive due to their agreements and association with Freemasonry. There are countless good and well researched books available about this topic. I have found that often woman who suffers from miscarriage after miscarriage are afflicted and unfruitful due to their, or their parents', or grandparent's involvement in Freemasonry.

The name of the Supreme Being, which Masons must accept before joining a Lodge, is Jah-Bul-On. This is confirmed in Freemason Jasper Ridley's book "The Freemasons", where he twice refers to the Masonic god as being Jahbulon, as revealed in the Royal Arch Degree.

Jahbulon is a composite name made up of three parts

- "Jah", being the Hebrew name for God...

- "Bul" refers to the Babylonian deity Baal (Old Testament demon god, 1 Kings 16:29-33) and

- "On" refers to the Egyptian deity Osiris (sun god & also identified as the god of the afterlife, the underworld).

Very often the lower degrees of Freemasons do not know the full ideology of the higher degrees. Combining the God of the Bible, Yehovah with other gods is a sin.

Exodus 23:32

You shall make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against Me. For if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you.

Deut 12:3-5

3" You shall tear down their altars and smash their sacred pillars and burn their Asherim (Phoenecian goddess) with fire, and you shall cut down the engraved images of their gods and obliterate their name from that place. 4" You shall not act like this toward the LORD your God. 5" But you shall seek the LORD at the place which the LORD your God will choose from all your tribes, to establish His name there for His dwelling, and there you shall come.

1 Samuel 7:3

And Samuel said to all the house of Israel, "If you are returning to the Lord with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you and direct your heart to the Lord and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines."

Ashtoreth (moon goddess), was the name of the chief female deity worshiped in ancient Syria, Phoenicia, and Canaan. The Phoenicians called her Astarte, the Assyrians worshiped her as Ishtar, and the Philistines had a temple of Asherah (1 Samuel 31:10).

Luke 4:8

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

Christianity cannot be combined with other religions or the worship of other deities, or mammon. We need to repent from any covenants that we have made with any other powers, deities, spirits, ideologies, etc.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, in the Name of Jesus, I renounce my involvement in sinful covenants. If there are any curses upon me and my family because of our involvement in freemasonry or any other cult or secret organization that violates Biblical truth and goes against Your will and character, I repent of it and ask Your forgiveness. Release me and my family from this curse and break its power over me and set me free. In the Name of Jesus.

INDICATIONS OF A CURSE IN YOUR LIFE

If you recognize any of these indications in your life, please consider coming to see us. Derek Prince lists the following curse indicators and I want to share it with you.

1. Mental and emotional breakdown
2. Repeated and chronic sickness, especially hereditary
3. Miscarriages and female problems with procreation
4. Breakdown of marriage and family alienation.
5. Continuing financial insufficiency
6. Accident prone
7. History of suicide or unnatural deaths

PRAYER

Thank you, Lord Jesus, that on the cross at Calvary, you were made a curse so that I can be redeemed from the curse and enter into the blessings of God. Because of what you did, today, in Your Precious Name, I release myself from every curse that is over me and my family and I claim the blessing that You purchased for me with Your Blood, In Jesus Name, Amen.

Now, thank God for your deliverance!!!