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# TALKING TO DEMONS

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## 1. Many strongly object to the idea of talking to demons.

There are several reasons people object to this method of deliverance. Though some objections I have heard have some measure of validity, I see scriptural and practical evidence that this can be a very helpful method to bring a thorough and lasting deliverance to those who are demonized. Verses such as Mark 1:34, “Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.” (**Mark 1:34 NKJV**), are sometimes used as an argument that we should command demons to be silent when they begin to speak during deliverance. In this particular verse, Jesus did command the demons to stop speaking and they obeyed Him. I believe the main reason He did this in this particular instance was because the demons were publicly revealing that He was the Son of God and it was not yet time for this message to become public. I believe we should command demons to be silent if they begin to curse, speak threats, speak in demonic tongues, or if they begin to beg for mercy to avoid being cast out. I would command them to be silent and they will obey!

## 2. Some object to the method of talking to demons because they believe that demons will always lie.

They base this objection on John 8:44, “You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it” (**John 8:44 NKJV**).

Though it is true that the devil and demons are liars, they often speak their lies into our minds, lies about God, about our identity, and about the Word of God. I have found that there is something about the anointing of the Holy Spirit (the Spirit of Truth) that is released during a deliverance session that forces demons to speak the truth! This idea makes sense to me because we see on the Day of Judgment when the devil and demons stand in the presence of God even they will be forced to speak the truth and confess that Jesus is Lord (see **Philippines 2:8-11**).

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I have looked through the entire New Testament at every example of demons speaking through the vocal cords of a person while they were being delivered and every time the demons spoke the truth. I could not find one single instance where the demons spoke a lie!

## Examples:

- “Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, saying, ‘Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!’” (**Mark 1:23-24 NKJV**).
- “Then He asked him, ‘What is your name?’ And he answered, saying, ‘My name is Legion; for we are many’” (**Mark 5:9 NKJV**).
- “Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, ‘These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.’” (**Acts 16:16-17 NKJV**).
- “Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, ‘We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.’ Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, ‘Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?’” (**Acts 19:13-15 NKJV**).
- “And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of God!’ And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ” (**Luke 4:41 NKJV**).

### **3. Some object to the idea of talking to demons because they claim that this will embarrass and humiliate the person who is being delivered.**

- There may be a measure of validity to this concern. While there are extreme cases of high-level demonization where the person who is manifesting demons is completely unconscious and unaware of what the demons are saying or doing through their body, in most cases the person is completely aware of what is going on!

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- Their body is moving and contorting in strange ways, screams and strange sounds are coming out of their mouths, and even other voices are speaking things through their vocal cords. They can hear what the demons are saying but they are not completely in control of what is happening! This could cause a great amount of fear and confusion if the person is uneducated about deliverance and the process of expelling demons or they were previously unaware that they are demonized.
- If this seems to be the case, instead of commanding the demons to leave or commanding them to speak, I would bind the demons and bring the person forward by saying something like this (speak in a calm but authoritative manner), “Demons I bind you in Jesus’ name, go down! (speak the person’s name) take control of your mind and body right now!”

I would then continue to speak the person’s name until the demonic manifestation subsided and the person began to speak to me.

Be calm and reassure the person that they are ok and tell them that many good people are tormented by demons and in need of deliverance. At that point, I may share some of my testimony of going through deliverance and begin to lovingly explain the deliverance process and what we intend to do! This will ease the person’s fears and get rid of any confusion. Then, once I have the person’s permission and cooperation, I will have them agree in prayer with me commanding the demons to come forward and obey my commands to speak.

When confronted, the demon will come forward and begin to speak.

It is my experience that when the person hears the demons speaking through their vocal cords confessing their evil assignments and the lies they have been telling the person, the person’s faith is strengthened! They realize that certain sinful compulsions they have dealt with did not simply originate in their flesh or mind but came from an unclean spirit! This will set them free from shame! It will put them on guard against ever entertaining these thoughts again because they will clearly see their evil origin!

It will demonstrate to them the reality of the spirit realm and the power of the name of Jesus!

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#### 4. Many believe that all deliverance sessions that we read about in the Bible happened quickly, almost instantaneously.

While this was the case sometimes such as (**Matthew 8:16-17**, **Acts 5:15-16** and **Acts 19:11-12**). In other cases, the demons put up a fight and struggled greatly before leaving even when the command was given by Jesus or one of the early Apostles (See **Mark 5: 1-20**, **Luke 8:26-39**, **Mark 9:14-29**, **Matthew 17:14-21**, **Acts 16:16-18**).

In Luke chapter 8, we see an interesting account of deliverance:

- “Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, ‘What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!’ For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, ‘What is your name?’ And he said, ‘Legion,’ because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So, they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away,

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saying, 'Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.' And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him" (**Luke 8:26-39 NKJV**).

- Notice in verse 29 Jesus commanded the demons to come out, yet the demons continued to manifest and did not instantly leave the man.
- In verse 30, Jesus provoked the demon to speak by asking its name. The demon's answer (Legion) gave away two pieces of information, the name of the strongman and the number of demons that were present. Apparently knowing the name of the strongman and the number of demons present was key to a complete and through deliverance! Once the demons began to speak, there was a back-and-forth dialogue between Jesus and the demons that went on for some time. We see a small snapshot of this exchange in four verses but this exchange could have gone on for an extended time before complete expulsion of the demons.
- Two other interesting points Jesus did – this deliverance was done in a very public setting. (Actually, every deliverance recorded in the New Testament took place in a public setting. The modern trend is to minister deliverance in a private setting away from crowds, but we actually find the opposite practice in the Gospels and the book of Acts.)
- Second, Jesus told the man who had been delivered to share his testimony everywhere! Again, in our modern world some would say that his story was too intense to share with the masses and that the story of his deliverance would scare people ways, BUT JESUS TOLD HIM TO SHARE IT OPENLY WITH EVERYONE!

## 5. Some practical suggestions for interrogating demons.

- If you are going to use this method of deliverance, know that you have complete authority over the demons! If you command them to speak, they will obey you! If you command them to stop speaking, they must obey you! Though in some cases they may try to resist your commands, continue with boldness and persistence and you will eventually get the results you desire!

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Demons do not like to manifest; they do not like to speak! I will often taunt them into manifesting and speaking by quoting certain scriptures that they hate to hear and by speaking in tongues!

I will begin to say you know that you have to leave?!? Answer me!

You know that you have to leave! Say yes! (this almost always provokes a response).

When the demons begin to speak, I'll look them in the eyes and quote: "And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore, God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (**Philippians 2:8-11 NKJV**).

I will say to the demon, you know it's true, don't you??? You know it's true?!? They will get mad and look disgusted but they will say yes! Then I will say to the demon **THEN SAY IT! SAY JESUS IS LORD**, (they will fight this, but I keep commanding until they say it! They will say Jesus is Lord, usually in a loud angry scream!) This establishes Christ's authority and the demon's defeat from the very beginning before I ask any questions! It also breaks the demon's will to stay!

- I've found often the first demon that speaks is not the strongman but a weaker demon that was pushed forward, in hopes that stronger demons could avoid being discovered and expelled; however, this weaker demon can be broken down and forced to reveal a lot of information including the strongman's identity.
- If demons begin to manifest with physical violence, bind the demons and ask the angels to hold them down!
- When the demons begin to speak, they may speak curses or speak threats to those ministering deliverance or to the person being delivered. They may use profanity or speak in a demonic tongue. When this happens, command them to be silent and only speak in response to your questions.

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- It's only appropriate to ask the demons questions that pertain to the person's deliverance. Anything beyond that is on dangerous grounds and possibly opening a door to demonic attacks on your life.

## **Some questions that may be helpful to ask the demons:**

- What is your name?
- How many of you are in this body?
- Who is the strongman?
- Do any of you have any legal right to be here?
- What have you been doing to this person?
- What lies have you been telling this person?
- How many generations ago did this curse start?

Command them repeatedly to speak the truth that Jesus would confirm as truth!

## **6. If demons reveal that they have any legal right or open door to be there, then command the demon to stop manifesting and the person to come forward, (using the example command I gave earlier in this lesson).**

Have the person close that door, by repeating a prayer out loud after you.

- (Examples to forgive someone who has hurt them. To repent of sins, they committed personally such as adultery, abortion, drug or alcohol abuse, etc. To break generational curses, renounce the sins or their ancestors.)
- It's usually best for you to form the words of the prayer (since the person may be confused, disoriented, or highly emotional) and have them repeat it out loud.

(Note if it is revealed that a generational curse opened the door to demons, I question the demons to get as specific information as possible! For example, when asked if they have any legal right to be here, a demon may reply yes! Her ancestors dedicated the family to me! I will then ask how many generations ago? The demon may reply 17 generations. I would then say what happened 17 generations ago. The demon may reply her ancestors performed a human sacrifice to a demonic idol! I will then lead the person to renounce the curses as specifically as possible!)

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## 7. Once you have identified the strongman. Call the strongman or the ruling demon forward.

- Since this will likely be a different demon than the one you were initially speaking to (as mentioned before in most cases the first demon to manifest and speak will be a lower-level demon), I would repeat the above procedure forcing the demon to admit Jesus is Lord and that it knows that it must leave. At this point, you can command the strongman by name along with all demons to come out!

### **Example:**

Leviathan, you and all 66 of those demons come out now in Jesus' name! You could repeat this command until they all exit. However, I have found a more thorough and effective way to drive out all (or at least most) of the demons together, and seal off any future attempts to return.

I must give credit where credit is due, this method was taught by Dr Bob Larson. It was first introduced in his book Larson's Book Of Spiritual Warfare page # 446. It is taught at length in his international school of exorcism. Though I've made some slight changes, the template and idea came from his teachings.

Force the strongman to repeat the words of his own expulsion:

### **Example:**

I (demon speaks its name) renounce my claim to (demon speaks the name of the person) and to their children (if they have children) and to future generations. I lift the curse off of (demon speaks the person's name) and future generations. I bind every demon under my authority to me! When I come out of this body, they must all come out with me! None can stay behind! I bind to myself any disease, affliction, or disorder in this body (if you are aware of any specific disease such as cancer or arthritis that the person has, have the demon speak the disease by name!). When I come out, I take that disease with me! When we come out, we can never enter this person or their family again! I lie not to the Holy Spirit; we all go now into the Abyss!



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(AS SOON AS THE DEMON REPEATS THIS I WILL FORCEFULLY AND REPEATEDLY COMMAND IT TO COME OUT IN JESUS' NAME ALL OF YOU! THE PERSON WILL NORMALLY BEGIN TO SCREAM, COUGH, AND VOMIT THE DEMONS OUT! I WILL CONTINUE THE COMMANDS UNTIL THE MANIFESTATIONS OF EXIT SUBSIDE).

- 8. Once it appears all of the demons are expelled, I will spend a few minutes double checking to be sure.**

Giving commands such as if any demon stayed behind, find your exit now in Jesus' name! If more demons begin to manifest, I continue commanding them to leave! If after a few minutes nothing appears to be happening, I'm satisfied that our work (at least at this time) is done.

- 9. Pray for infilling of the Holy Spirit (if they have never received the infilling of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, now is the perfect time to pray for that!) pray for healing and speak words of blessing scripture over them to close the session.**