



Being Bullied by Demons? Don't Delay, Get Delivered! - By Karen Sue Nyquist

1. Definitions of terms - For clarity, I'll be referring to Christians as believers who have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior, which results in receiving the Holy Spirit inside. Non-Christians are unbelievers who have not accepted Christ. Demons are evil spirits, unclean spirits, and devils.

2. Who can be oppressed or bullied by demons? - Anyone! It's possible for Christians and non-Christians (non-believers) to be oppressed, afflicted, tormented, bullied by evil spirits. They can cause financial, family, health, mental, and emotional harm. The Bible says Job was a godly man who Satan attacked, trying to get him to sin, to curse God. He took away Job's family, possessions, even his health, but Job did not sin (Job 1-2). Another example, a godly woman was afflicted by a spirit of infirmity, so that she could not stand up straight for 18 years (Luke 11:13-17). When Jesus delivered her, by casting out the demon, she stood up straight!

Some spirits may be attacking from the outside (like Job), others (like the woman) may actually enter the person's soul (mind, will, emotions), body, or spirit. They may not enter a Christian's spirit because the Holy Spirit lives there (1 Corinthians 6:17), but can enter other areas of Christians and all areas of non-Christians. "For you (*Christians*) are the temple of the living God" (2 Corinthians 6:16). **Can the Holy Spirit and demons live inside us at the same time?** Yes! The Bible shows that while God lived in His temple, idolaters brought idols inside, so God was living in the temple with idols and their accompanying demons (Ezekiel 8:3-4)! Whether they are inside or outside, evil spirits can seriously torment people. The full gospel includes salvation, healing, and deliverance (Mark 16:16-18)! With deliverance, "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them (*evil spirits*), because He (*the Holy Spirit*) who is in you is greater than he (*Satan and his evil spirits*) who is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

3. How do evil spirits enter a person? - They usually enter when a person sins, which is like "opening a door," allowing them to enter. But there can be other causes such as family curses, abuse, or trauma, etc. Evil spirits usually use very subtle methods to tempt us to sin or others to sin against us, then they enter so quietly that we usually don't even know they are there. These doors include but are not limited to spending time at sinful places (these could be in actual physical locations, or on TV, or on line); giving into temptations such as pornography, the occult, or false religions; loving money or things more than God; harboring unforgiveness or pride, etc. Both believers and unbelievers can open these doors. (1) "6 Signs God Is Exposing Demonic Oppression to You," by Mark Ballenger, <https://applygodsword.com/6-signs-god-is-exposing-demonic-oppression-to-you/>. Once in, they become unwanted trespassers, squatters who refuse to leave. When a person becomes a Christian, they do not automatically leave. But God can deliver us!

4. Are you talking about demon possession? That sounds spooky! - "The term demon possession is an unfortunate term that has found its way into some English translations of the Bible but is not really reflected in the Greek text. The Greek New Testament can speak of people who "have a demon" (Matthew 11:18; Luke 7:33; 8:27; John 7:20; 8:48, 49, 52; 10:20), or it can speak of people who are suffering from demonic influence (Gk. δαιμονίζομαι, G1227), but it never uses language that suggests that a demon actually "possesses" someone. (2) (Grudem, W. A. (2004). *Systematic theology: an introduction to biblical doctrine* (p. 423). Leicester, England; Grand Rapids, MI: Inter-Varsity Press; Zondervan Pub. House). The more appropriate term, is demonized.

5. But Christians don't need to worry about demons demonizing or tormenting them, do they? - Actually, they do. Jesus told the parable, "The Unforgiving Servant," in which He warned of the sin of **unforgiveness** and the resulting demonic attacks. Jesus told His disciples, "And his lord (*king*) was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. **So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you**, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses" (Matthew 18:21-35). We all sin, but any sins that we hold onto, such as **pride**, open doors to demonic attacks or even intrusion. "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble. Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (James 4:6-07). In any spiritual warfare, first, we need to **repent and renounce all sin**, humble ourselves, and submit to God. Then, if we are Christians, we can resist and fight demons in Jesus' name and they will flee from us. If they are inside of us, we can cast them out or ask someone else to help deliver us. But non-Christians don't have the power of the Holy Spirit inside, nor the right to use Jesus' name in the battle, they need a trained Christian to help them get delivered.

6. But why would God, the Heavenly Father, turn us over to demons? I thought He loves us. - He does love us, very much so. He said, "Yes, I have loved you with an



everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you” (Jeremiah 31:3). It is only after a period of time when He has been dealing with us, urging us to repent and turn away from our sins. If any person refuses to obey the urging of the Holy Spirit, then God has to turn to stronger methods to help us change our minds. Some people refuse to stop sinning, until they experience more serious consequences. Paul explains, “deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus” (1 Corinthians 5:5). God is “not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). He wants everyone to repent and accept Jesus, so we can go to heaven when the Lord Jesus returns or when we die, whichever happens first. He may deliver us over to Satan, for a season, but after we repent, He wants to deliver us, casting evil spirits out of our lives.

7. What do you mean, “destruction of the flesh and saving the spirit?” - There is a battle inside each of us, where part of us wants to do what is right and the other part wants to do what feels good, but is often wrong. God tells us in the Bible, to “walk in the (*Holy*) Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh (*sinful, bodily desires*). For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish” (Galatians 5:16-17). Often the temptation to do what we know is wrong is so strong, that we give in and sin. After we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit comes into us to help guide us and to give us the power to make the right decisions and to follow through with them.

8. A. Do you want Jesus as your Lord and Savior? ... B. Are you a Christian that needs to repent of your sins and draw closer to God? Or ... C. Are you an obedient Christian that just needs deliverance from demonic attacks? - Come to our church and we will walk you through salvation and/or deliverance.



9. Be aware that after deliverance, the spirit(s) will try to deceive you into believing that you are so much better now, that you don't have to be so full of all this “Jesus stuff” so you'll stop attending church. Jesus explained that, “When an unclean spirit goes out of a man (*person*), he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. Then he says, ‘I will return to my house (*the person*) from which I came.’ And when he comes, he finds *it empty, swept, and put in order*. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is

worse than the first” (Matthew 12:43-45). At our church we will teach you how to prevent that, by keeping your deliverance.

10. Are you ready to commit to deliverance from demonic harassment and to following the necessary life-style to keep your deliverance? If so, here are:

Steps to Deliverance

- A. Confess, Repent, and Renounce any of these that you can think of:** sins, false religions, idols, and occultic connections. - “They provoked Him (*God/Jehovah*) to jealousy with foreign *gods*; ...They sacrificed to demons, not to God” (Deuteronomy 32:16-17).
- B. Ask God to show you** any other causes of your oppression, affliction, such as being victimized or deeply hurt. Then tell the Lord about them.
- C. Forgive all who've hurt you.** “But if you do not forgive (*others*), neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses (*sins*)” (Mark 11:25-26).
- D. Receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior.** “But as many as **received Him** (*Jesus*), to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name” (John 1:12).
- E. Ask God for forgiveness and to cleanse you.** - “**If we confess our sins**, He is faithful and just to **forgive us** *our* sins and to **cleanse us** from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).
- F. With faith, pray for God's help and command each spirit to leave. Expel them in Jesus' name.** Or, you can get help from the deliverance ministry in our church.
- G. Get filled with the Holy Spirit and keep filled daily.** “And they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit**” (Acts 2:4). Keep filled, not empty!

God'll give you deliverance, protection, and victory!

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