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When Can
Demons Enter?

**HIS OWN INIQUITIES ENTRAP THE WICKED MAN,
AND HE IS CAUGHT IN THE CORDS OF HIS SIN.**

Proverb 5:22

We know that demons can enter into a person from many examples given in Scripture. And we know also that they may come out of a person.

**When an unclean spirit goes out of a man,
He goes through dry places, seeking rest,
And finds none. Then he says,
'I will return to my house from which I came.'**

M't.12:43

Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him.

Jo.13:27

**And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him
And cried out with a loud voice,
He came out of him.**

M'k.1:26

**You deaf and dumb spirit,
I command you, come out of him,
And enter him no more!**

M'k.9:25

**For the ruler of this world (Satan) is coming,
And he has nothing in Me (Jesus).**

Jo.14:30

This last verse shows that Satan had none of his spirits in Jesus. Therefore, to be as Jesus, we must not have any of the spirits of Satan within us. No demon could enter Jesus because He was without sin or iniquity.

When we commit sin, we open ourselves to the entrance of demons. Sin is disobedience to God. And we have already seen that the Lord allows the enemy to take us captive when we are disobedient. Thus demons can enter only if we sin; and all have sinned.

**For all have sinned
And fall short of the glory of God,**

Ro.3:23

This does not imply the Baptist doctrine that we are all in sin now, but quite the contrary. For when we have Christ formed within us, we cannot sin. This Scripture tells us that we have sin in the beginning and need a Savior, and to be cleansed.

Before a demon can enter, we must sin, and before we sin, iniquity is found in our heart. Iniquity is sin in the heart. Before an adultery or a murder or a lie is committed in the physical, the desire to do it is already there. Thus the sin has already been committed in the spirit.

**You have heard that it was said to those of old,
“You shall not commit adultery.”**

But I say to you that

Whoever looks at a woman to lust for her

Has already committed adultery with her

In his heart.

M't.5:27,28

You have heard that it was said to those of old,

“You shall not murder,”

and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.

But I say to you that

Whoever is angry with his brother without a cause

Shall be in danger of the judgment.

M't.5:21,22

The outward sin comes from the inward sin. What we do in our actions always comes from what is inside. Jesus is telling us in the verses above that by a new covenant we are now to be judged in the spiritual as well as in the physical. Therefore, God judges not only by our actions, but by what is in our heart.

Many people think they are not sinning because they are not sinning on the outside. They may not commit murder, but inside they feel anger. They may not fornicate, but they desire to in their heart. They do not practice homosexuality, but perverse thoughts keep coming to them. They smile on the outside, but inside they are envious, etc. All such as these appear to obey the commandments in the flesh, but sin

dwells in their spirit (heart). They are walking by the law; and according to the word of God, the law brings death.

Therefore by the deeds of the law

No flesh will be justified in His sight,

For by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Ro.3:20

(The law came to show man what was in his heart. For further understanding see Romans 7 and Galatians 3.)

Therefore, all those who obey the law on the physical level, but not in the Spirit, will find on judgment day that they did not know Jesus in truth (Ro.8:10) and because of the iniquity in their heart, they never knew Him.

Not everyone who says to Me,

“Lord, Lord,” shall enter the kingdom of heaven,

but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

Many will say to Me in that day,

“Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name,

cast out demons in Your name,

and done many wonders in Your name?”

And then I will declare to them, “I never knew you;

Depart from Me. You who practice lawlessness!”

(Many will say and hear this.)

M't.7:21-23

*See Matthew 13:41. Lawlessness means iniquity. Iniquity translates from the Hebrew into illegal, wrongful, wicked.

Iniquity becomes sin when we yield to that hidden desire in our heart during temptation. Then, we bring forth into the flesh what was hidden within.

But each one is tempted

When he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

Then, when desire has conceived,

It gives birth to sin;

And sin, when it is full grown,

Brings forth death.

Jas.1:14,15

Sin brings spiritual death and spiritual death eventually brings physical death.

Thus, demons bring forth spiritual death into the flesh.

...him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.

Heb.2:14

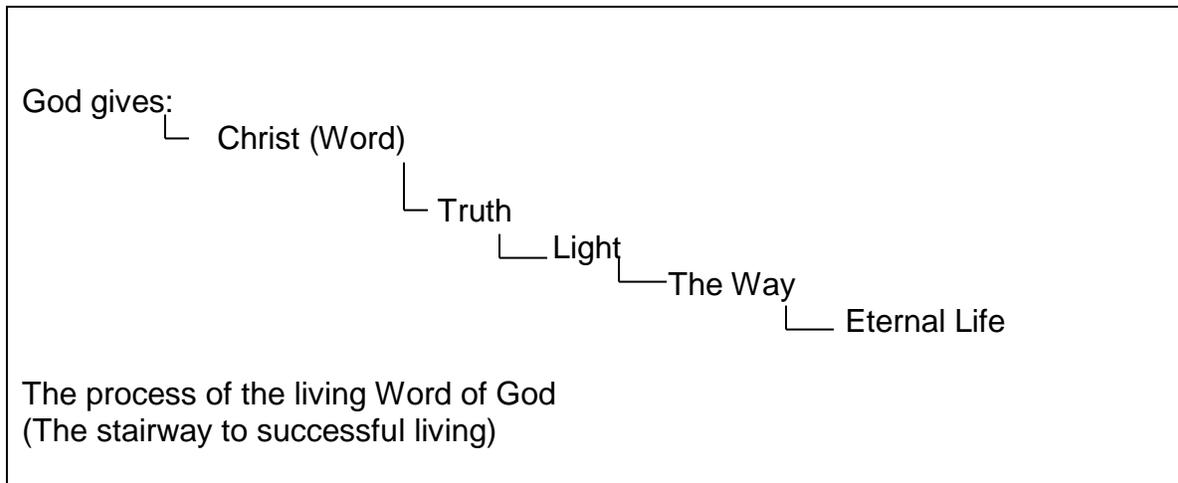
Thus iniquity brings forth sin, and sin brings forth demons, and demons bring forth spiritual death, and spiritual death brings forth physical death with all its accompanying symptoms of sickness, bondage, deception, hate, anger, depression, strife, bitterness, and every form of evil. It is a downward, wide road unto death.

But in the opposite direction is the process of the “Living Word” of God. In this direction, God, the Father, spoke the Word, and the Word brought forth the Truth, and Truth gives “Light”, and the “Lights” show the “Way” that leads to eternal life. It is a progression unto eternal life and joy.

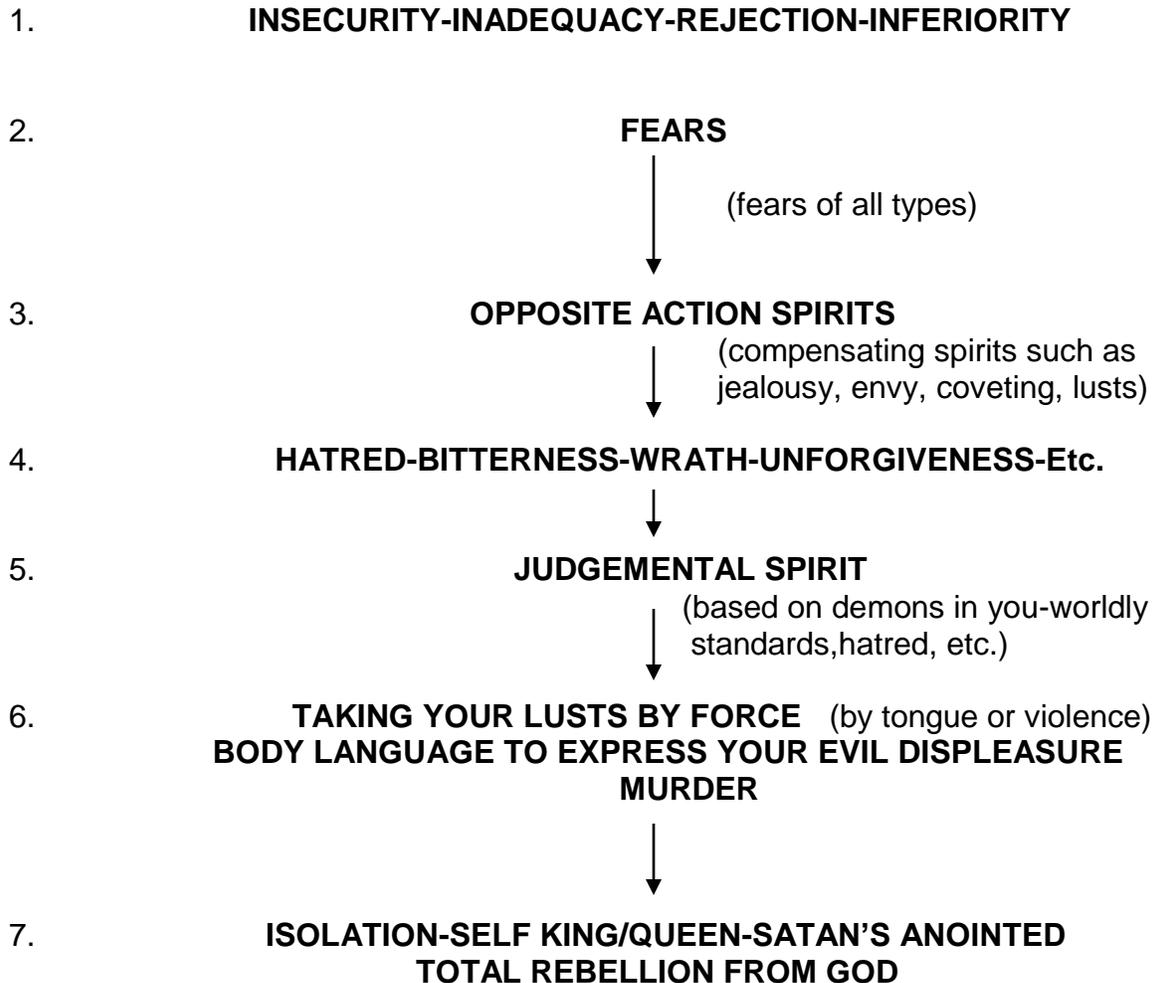
**For whoever has,
To him more will be given,
And he will have abundance;**

**but whoever does not have,
Even what he has will be taken away from him.**

M't.13:12



THE SEVEN STEPS UNTO ETERNAL DEATH



The first step begins as a child. Each succeeding step covers the previous step like a blanket, so it cannot be seen nor confessed. One iniquity is covered by another iniquity and eventually one believes that others are the problem and the blame for one's loss of rights, goods, etc. No one is exempt from this exact sequence. However, the "cover-up" spirits involved at each stage may vary with the person. To uncover these layers, you must start at the seventh or last stage and work down to the first stage, as they are revealed to you by the Spirit of truth. You may thus fill out a chart for yourself listing the spirits you acquired at each of these stages.

The kind of demon that enters depends on the kind of sin committed. If you fornicate you get a spirit of fornication. If you envy you get a spirit of envy. The spirit that comes matches the desire in your heart. You receive a spirit of envy because you want to envy. The desire to envy is in your heart. You receive a spirit of fornication because you want the spirit of fornication.

**You are of your father the devil,
And the desire of your father
You want to do.**

Jo.8:44

God allows what we want to come upon us.

“But as for those whose hearts walk after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their deeds on their own heads,” says the Lord GOD.

Eze.11:21

Once we have the spirit of fornication, we will want more fornication to appease that spirit. It is the same with a spirit of lying, or anger, or irritation. The more we submit to a spirit, the more it controls us in our thought, our will, and our actions (2Pe.2:19b). (One may grow too old to fornicate, but he will still live with it in the lusts of the heart. That in itself should indicate that it is demonic, rather than a mere biological drive.)

Once our will has been taken captive we will be serving an idol god. We will have something in us that resists, opposes, supersedes, and conflicts with the direction of the Spirit of God (Jo.8:34).

**His own iniquities entrap the wicked man,
And he is caught in the cords of his sin.**

Pr.5:22

One demon will lead to other demons. Envy will lead to hatred for those envied. Hate will lead to loneliness. Loneliness will lead to self-righteousness. Self-righteousness will lead to arrogance. Arrogance will lead to malice and a multitude of transgressions. We will steer further and further off course. That is why Satan only wants a little sin to begin with.

**Do not be deceived, God is not mocked;
For whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.
For he who sows to his flesh
Will of the flesh reap corruption,
But he who sows to the Spirit
Will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.**

Ga.6:7,8

