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INTRODUCTION

We wrote our book "Territorial Spirits" about 4 years ago, but God has put on our hearts to expand the message in the book with other testimonies and prophetic warnings in these dark times, when receiving the love of God becomes more urgent.

Churches have become, to a large extent in our experience, clubs for the benefit of the members instead of "**lights to the nations**", and the pastor and paid staff (often quite large) have become the "professionals" who are supposed to do the work. The main responsibility of the members of the church is to contribute and do menial jobs and fill rosters, no matter what their particular spiritual gift is. Maybe when one becomes a member of the "club" one is encouraged to develop spiritual gifts, but our experience is that encouragement is given only to do the latest course on offer which leads nowhere as far as extending the Kingdom and many give up in discouragement.

Some churches show favouritism and some promote members of the pastor's own personal family which causes either envy or indifference, depending on the members' own personal ambitions. There are comparisons and rivalry from denomination to denomination just as Paul preaches against (1 Corinthians 1: 10-17) and worldliness and lack of hunger for what God is interested in. As we have visited different churches we have also witnessed that the church "welcomers" are only interested in the newcomer if they are interested in joining that church, but not for the sake of loving that person so that they know this is a spiritual home. As we go home from some churches we wonder what is wrong with us that we should be treated so. There have been some friendly ones but by the third visit the "welcome mat" is gone and the roster maker is out begging.

What has happened that churches in general are no longer **lights on a stand**, shedding the glory of Christ, welcoming the lost, healing the sick and blessing every person that walks through the door, so that they cannot wait for next week to come again?

Since we first wrote the book we have found that things have got worse, yet the people outside the church have got hungrier for meaning and purpose for life. People are actually saying "yes" when asked outright if we can bless them with the Holy Spirit, though they do not want to go to church. This is a very troubling fact and we must ask God for His strategies because Jesus trusts His own to continue His work to the close of the age.

TERRITORIAL SPIRITS

It is very difficult to obtain any up-to-date information on this subject, yet the Lord has laid it on our hearts to write our experiences because we have discovered that the church seems very ignorant, even though the Bible warns us "that 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." (Ephesians 6:12) Our website, munumin.com, has some short articles under the "School of Evangelism" and there is also a chapter in "Inherit the Land" (under "Books"), which talks about Satan's strategy, but it

seems to us that the church as a whole ignores this to their detriment in these "last days".

This passage in Ephesians goes on to talk about warfare and armour. If Paul thought this was an important subject 1900 years ago it must be more timely now.

The Lord has laid on our hearts that there will be no bibliography for this book, because this subject is very dear to the Lord's heart and, rather than look to revelation and scholarship of the past, we are to look to Him alone for strategy like Paul's experience. (Galatians 1:12) God has allowed us to "struggle" in our own strength for a long time, but He has not left us unprotected. (John 17:15) He has baptized us with His dear Holy Spirit to reveal His truth to us, so His word, written in the Bible and revealed to our hearts, is all we need in these last days.

The first thing to define is territory – the place where one lives, works, and belongs, whether an address, or a country. Our territory can therefore be small or large. The Bible encourages us to begin where we are and expand. (Acts 1:8 and Isaiah 54:2&3) Certainly Adam and Eve were to be fruitful and increase in number and to fill the earth...(Genesis 1:28) Paul explains. (Acts 17:26) "From one man He (God) made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth, and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live."

In the Bible, territory is inextricably linked with humankind. God formed the man...and breathed into him the breath of life. (God's Spirit came to live in man's body.) God planted a garden in Eden, and there He put the man He had formed. (Genesis 2:7&8) Man was clothed with the glory of God.

First principle is that a spirit must have a body to live in on the earth, and in God's plan this spirit is God's Spirit. Secondly, a human body must have a territory to live in, to rule over and to look after. This is God's plan in His creation according to His word.

This rule, then, must apply to Satan and his demons too. They also require a body (even an animal's body) to occupy territory on this earth and they are constantly on the prowl but God gave this dominion to His man. (Psalm 115:16) Satan can only occupy by default, which is what happened when Adam and Eve sinned. We know that they were sent out of the garden where they might otherwise eat from the tree of life and live forever and that the ground was cursed because of their sin. From this time ground would have to be worked to be a blessing, because it would produce thorns and weeds without hard toil.

Man – the human (spirit, soul and body) was designed by God to be an extension of Himself on the earth, so that man and God together ruled the earth. Man was clothed with God's glory and God had a dream of His man's family spreading

throughout the world, as we expect Heaven will be; God's presence everywhere. The Bible refers to man's body as **flesh and blood**, and God thought it was very good.

When man sinned and betrayed God, the glory covering left and man's body was naked and he was ashamed. God, in His mercy covered them with animal skins, and, by inference, introduced blood sacrifice to cover sins. Abel must have understood this so his sacrifice was pleasing to God. Cain, on the other hand, did not understand God's heart. He conceived the idea (certainly from Satan) that human sacrifice was one better than animal sacrifice. God warned him that sin was crouching at the door (Genesis 4:7) but he ignored the warning and went out and shed Abel's blood anyway. This precedent encouraged Satan and his demons so that it is not at all surprising to read that Lamech boasted about killing people. (Genesis 4:23) Satan has used this act of ungodliness to tempt God's people over and over, especially as they witnessed it among those with whom God had not made covenant, in the territories they travelled through and lived in, down through their history. People offered their sons in the fire, thinking this pleased the gods.

Satan likes to use successful strategies again and again, so, unless we recognize them we can fall into his traps. Sin, that is not doing things God's way but according to our own "wisdom", is what Satan prowls around waiting for. (1 Peter 5:8) This is his

opportunity to kill, steal and destroy. James warns (3:15) that our "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. Paul also writes about God's wisdom compared to man's "wisdom" which he calls foolishness. (1 Corinthians 1:20-25)

The writers of the Epistles all warn against living contrary to God's way and encouraging us to live, not in our own strength but in the power of the Holy Spirit. This is not a New Testament concept because Zechariah wrote (4:6), "not by might nor power but by my Spirit says the Lord Almighty".

So our struggle is not against flesh and blood, according to the Bible. **It is not people who are our enemy**, but we do have a clearly defined enemy and his team are–

- rulers and authorities
- powers in this dark world
- spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

We need to understand the different thrusts of God's enemy and ours, because although Jesus has won the war when He died on the Cross, (Colossians 2:14&15) Satan is going to fight us all the way until he ends up in the lake of burning sulphur. (Revelation 20:10)

"Rulers and authorities" are those who have a legal right, such as police, teachers, ministers of religion, judges, elected representatives etc. (Romans 13:1-7) The word of God says we

must submit to these as unto God who has established these. We are also warned to pray for them that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. (1Timothy 2:2) Unless they are serving the Lord in His strength they are going to follow wisdom that is not from heaven, they will operate in legalism. They will therefore listen more to their master, Satan, and could act corruptly, which we see happen often. Because they have legal status they give demons rights to act on their behalf. Thus they gradually become controlled by these demons and whole areas and countries are also corrupted as the demons proliferate.

Doctors are also in this group. Their responsibility is to diagnose a medical problem but they go outside their rightful authority when they give prognoses and quote statistics to manipulate the patient's thinking. God is our healer and Jesus died on the Cross for our sicknesses as well as our sins. If we choose to believe the doctor above God's word we have listened to the devil.

"Powers in this dark world" flourish in secrecy. The Bible makes it plain that darkness is ignorance. Secrecy is not the same as privacy, which is personal matter which we often long to share, but only with someone we can trust.

For example God longed to share something that was very heavy on His heart – the matter of destroying Sodom. (Genesis 18:17-22) Abraham was God's friend and knew God's heart so he

began to reason with Him and make an appeal on behalf of the "righteous" there. Although Abraham showed God the greatest respect, God also showed Abraham great respect too. Abraham seemed to understand God's predicament.

Secrecy, on the other hand, shows no respect for the opinions and beliefs of the other party and is totally in the interests of the person with the secret. This person wants to be in control and only reveals enough to get the upper hand. Many "religions" are like this and get unsuspecting people in on good works and "brotherhood" and "tolerance", where the former beliefs and reservations count for nothing and "loyalty" to the leader is paramount. People are locked in to the propagated beliefs, practices and policies without being able to question whether this is wisdom from God or not. Anything that binds people, rather than setting them free to be what God has designed them to be, becomes a power in this dark world. Jesus' ministry was prophesied in Isaiah 61:1&2 and ratified in Luke 4:18&19. He says (John 8:36) that He sets us free, and Paul, writing to the Galatians (5:1), "Christ has set us free. Stand firm then and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

"Spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" is the third level of our struggle against Satan's control in this world. These are the unseen powers that humans have given authority to be around, not exactly on the earth but above the earth but below the place where God is. They are continually looking for a

"body" to legalise their place on the earth. For example, a spirit of anger must wait for an angry person to actually display anger so that they can come and inhabit. Paul warns (2 Timothy 3:1-5) that there will be terrible times in the last days. Each of these acts attracts demons who will multiply in that area or that person. He has just written to Timothy (2 Timothy 2:25 & 26) to gently instruct...so that God will grant them repentance ...to a knowledge of the truth...to escape the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

Romans (chapter 1) explains how this godlessness increases.

- **did not glorify God or thank Him**, so their thinking and their foolish hearts became darkened. (Not acknowledging God therefore gives opportunity to the "prince of this world") (verse 21)
- **claimed to be wise**. (Thinking we know better than God is Satan's own sin and is dangerous for our spiritual health. Satan was cast down from heaven because of pride.) (verse 22)
- **exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images** (God's glory is the anointing, the reflecting of His character to attract others. It is well known that pagan people who worship animals often manifest those animals' characteristics, such as barking, hissing etc.) (verse 23)
- **exchanged the truth of God for a lie** (refused to believe God's word and made up their own set of beliefs to justify their actions. This is very common in western society when people

put a bit of this religion and a bit of their own ideas to suit their lifestyle.) (verse 25)

- **worshipped the created things rather than the Creator** (gods that are no gods do not interfere with our lives, according to the world's warped thinking. Yet on the other hand astrologers think that the sun, moon and stars influence our lives and cause certain inevitable traits. This plays right into the demons' hands so that these people can easily be influenced to do what the devil wants.) (verse 25)
- **degraded their bodies with acts conceived in their minds** by a spirit of lust. (verses 26-27)
- **sin multiplied within them** to every kind of wickedness. (demons multiply wickedness just as weeds overtake good plants when unchecked.) (verse 28)
- **justify and approve of these deeds of wickedness.** (Those in "darkness" prefer to not only drag down others to their depraved level but mock those who do not join them. They are as "evangelistic" for their wicked ways as we are supposed to be for God's ways.) (verse 32)

Each of these enemies (spiritual forces) manifests through foolish, ignorant or proud people but they are mere puppets of the evil one. There is no way to stop the downward slide except by the grace of God intervening and enabling them to repent. There can be no permanent deliverance without the continuous filling of the Holy Spirit to keep us clean and undefiled. (See Luke

11:24-26) Because of the spiritual nature of these enemies Paul reminds us that the weapons we fight with have divine power to demolish strongholds. (2 Corinthians 10:4)

The Old Testament is full of examples of these territorial spirits taking over the human spirit, which is not submitted to God's Spirit.

King Saul is one of these. God's Spirit came upon him in power...and he was changed to a different person. (1 Samuel 10:6) He was a mighty instrument for God until the day he had his army at Michmash near the valley of Ben Aven (wickedness). (1 Samuel 13) He had 3000 of his best soldiers but because the Philistines assembled to fight against Israel, Israel allowed fear to overtake them. Saul forgot God's promises and God's instructions and tried to "buy" God's favour with a burnt offering, which God had decreed only the priest could do. Saul should know that the Archangel Michael was the guardian angel of the Israelites and fought their battles in the heavenly realms. (eg, Daniel 10:13) By faith, how could uncircumcised Philistines, having no covenant with God, possibly win at Michmash. He must have thought instead about a battle in the valley of wickedness and focussed on the wickedness of the Philistines instead of what God would do for those who worship Him. It was a similar situation when Goliath opposed the army of Israel, except on that occasion David, full of faith and confident of the promises of God, was able to accomplish a quite different outcome. (1 Samuel 17)

From this point Saul began to lose his anointing, and because there is no record of him repenting, he is recorded as making mistake after mistake until the Spirit of the Lord departed from him, and an evil spirit tormented him. (1 Samuel 16:14) This tormenting spirit only left when David played his harp in Saul's presence. Worship of God brings His healing presence, but Saul still did not respond appropriately with repentance.

David learned a valuable lesson from Saul's mistake. When he sinned against Bathsheba and Uriah (2 Samuel 11) and was challenged by God's prophet, Nathan, David acknowledged his sin immediately and repented. (Psalm 51) David valued the anointing of God and knew he could not fulfil God's purpose for him without God's power. The **difference between the two men** was that David had a personal relationship with and real love for God. He wanted to do things God's way and to be "ruled" by God. He believed and trusted God and was trusted by God. David invited God to deal with any offensive way within him (Psalm 139) because he valued God's presence so much.

Only the Holy Spirit can keep us safe from an evil spirit if we practise any of the ungodly ways, and even then they will torment us unless we are clean.

THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE are not the weapons of the world. (2 Corinthians 10:4)

The weapons of the world are darts, spears, bombshells, shocks, verbal attacks as well as the modern weapons which destroy life. There are drugs, curses, beatings, robberies and murder. Then there is man's inhumanity to man, exploitation and enslavement. Colossians 3 has a list such as slander, malice, filthy language, rage, lust and greed. This is a token list of Satan's ways to attack and incapacitate us, because his purpose is to kill, steal and destroy. (John 10:10a)

When Jesus was attacked He used God's word against the devil each time. Paul wrote "when the day of evil comes you may be able to stand your ground...put on...take up..." (Ephesians 6:13) the **belt of truth**, around the waist. Police wear amazing stuff on their belts. Apparently their belts weigh several Kg because they have every piece of equipment that could conceivably be needed in an emergency. The truth of God's promises equip us for every possible contingency, every attack that Satan can rustle up, but we do need to know them and use them.

The **breastplate of righteousness** covers our heart. Proverbs 4:23 warns us "above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life". Satan's first line of attack is to make us conscious of our weakness. God's word says that we have become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21) We are therefore foolish to agree with Satan that we are sinners because

we are truly saved by grace. Our sin is in the depths of the sea. (Micah 7:19) As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us. (Psalm 103:12) When we have asked Jesus to come into our lives, not only as our Saviour from sin and sickness and the effects of all that sin brings, but as Lord and Master, taking responsibility for our welfare, we can have great confidence of our high standing in God. We are co-heirs, ruling with Him, His representatives on the earth. We have received our righteousness as a glorious gift to protect us, especially from the attacks that wound our hearts. This is the GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Shoes of the gospel of peace enable us to be ready to go anywhere to bless others and to be blessed. The Hebrew understanding of the word "peace" includes health, restoration, happiness, wholeness and goodwill. Strong shoes can walk on any rough ground in any weather (circumstances). These are not only armour but also a weapon against Satan's strategies. The whole world is under the control of the evil one (1 John 5:19) but the word also says that whoever wins souls is wise. (Proverbs 11:30) If we can help people to come into God's family and be filled with His Spirit our walk is more effective and we honour Jesus. Every place where we tread, by faith, is claimed for the glory of God. We are taking the fragrance of our knowledge of Jesus (relationship with Him) into every place we go, (2 Corinthians 3:15&16)

including the places where Satan seems to have a strong influence.

The **shield of faith** is so that we can extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one. Satan never stops trying to swerve us from our relationship with God. God has made it plain that without faith it is impossible to please Him. (Hebrews 11:6) He has decreed that the righteous shall live by faith (Habakkuk 2:4 and Romans 1:17) and everything that does not come from faith is sin. (Romans 14:23) This also is not only armour but also a weapon to stop Satan and his demons in their tracks. When we speak out the promises of God, knowing that God will back us up in the same way as Jesus did to the storm, (Mark 4:39) we prevent whatever damage Satan intended and enforce the Kingdom of God.

The **helmet of salvation** protects our mind. Satan puts thoughts to our mind first. If we have a weakness in that area of our thinking and it appeals to a desire in us James warns us (1:14&15) that desire gives birth to sin, and sin, when fully grown, to death. The unsaved are vulnerable to this all the time and one false step can lead to Satan and his demons destroying a life, physically, mentally and spiritually. For example our young people think it is OK to experiment with drugs because they can always say no another time. They do not realize that Satan will have a legal right to tempt them again and again until they can no longer resist the enticement and are drug addicted. The helmet of salvation is important to protect our mind. We know that God

has cleansed us and made us new. We do not yield to the devil because we belong to Jesus and He will strengthen us.

The **sword of the Spirit** is the word of God, both defensive and offensive. Jesus used this against Satan at every attack, to protect Himself and also to defeat Satan's personal plans and ambitions, especially during His own time of temptation. Revelation 1:16 tells us that the two-edged sword came out of His mouth. The sword of the Spirit, then, needs to be spoken aloud. The Bible in the book shelf does not work. It works a little for the reader but is **only effective for the doer of the word**. God really appreciates, cooperates with and empowers those who take His written word seriously, as if God was not saying idle words but giving us a manual for living. The Lord's eyes range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him. (2 Chronicles 16:9) As Paul said to Timothy "all Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16&17) "The word of God is living and active...judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart..."(Hebrews 4:12)

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. Our relationship with Heavenly Father is our best protection and guide for strategy in the war against the devil. We can talk to Him in our own language or in His (our prayer language). We can talk to Him aloud or in our minds, from our

hearts. We know that the Spirit intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express, in accordance with God's will. (Romans 8:26&27) The Holy Spirit also gives us boldness and authority to speak out to demons as Paul did to Elymas (Acts 13:10&11) or to the sick and crippled as Peter did. (Acts 3:4-6) Jesus obviously expected His disciples to speak to the storm (Mark 4:39&40) and to deliver a boy from a demon. (Matthew 17:19&20) In fact He expected all believers to do these things and more in the power of the Holy Spirit. (Mark 16:15-18 and John 14:12-14)

UNDERSTANDING THESE CONCEPTS

A testimony by PL

Camouflage is a weapon of war and we do not want to fight our own soldiers, but support them; so it is important to identify the enemy in his environment. After reading the history of DR Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, and Uganda I realised that God's people are surrounded and outnumbered by evil forces that are hidden, until those same forces rose up and killed millions of people and wait for the opportunity to do it again but are held at bay. Apostle Paul identifies who it is that we fight (Ephesians 6:12), so Christians have a **responsibility to be equipped** to do this work. "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish

strongholds". (2 Corinthians 10:4) "God has not given a spirit of fear, but of **love, power, and a sound mind.**" (2 Timothy 1:7) I have been challenged by the Holy Spirit, with whom I have been filled and continue every day to be filled, to become a mighty warrior. I lead many people out of darkness, to righteousness through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Head of the Church. I have agreed with God that I have been equipped and have His authority and power. I am now seated with Jesus in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6) and His ambassador (2 Corinthians 5:20). When I speak, it is Jesus speaking through me because I am the hands and feet of Jesus.

A testimony by JM

I come from an evangelical Anglican background and had very good teaching of the Bible, and then received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in 1982. My arms were lifted up supernaturally to praise God, and I knew something had happened that I really knew nothing about. My wife and I thereafter went to every meeting so that we could find out more; we were really hungry for God, and we saw God's hand working in a way we had never seen before. One of the strange things we saw was people screaming and behaving in strange ways which were very similar to demonic manifestations described in the Bible. This provoked in us more desire to carry out the ministry of Jesus. (John 14:12 and Acts 10:38) At this time we were also learning cross-cultural

evangelism and had begun to realise how God had given different strengths to different nations and how they also quite clearly had different weaknesses. During this time we occasionally invited people who had had problems such as drug abuse and occult involvement into our home. We realised that the invited presence of Jesus in our home enabled them in their resolve to follow Jesus and, having repented of their former sins, to put them behind them. I had a very interesting experience of angelic protection when one of these people tried to attack me and suddenly and unexpectedly fell back as he went to lash out. Once I opened myself up to wanting to understand the invisible world God was able to give me more and more revelation.

A testimony by EM

During my time as a teacher I learnt what dabbling in the occult can do to people and also the power of God to set people free from the damaging effects. I also learnt about how Satan traps foolish people who get into prostitution and satanic cults or have their bodies pierced (tattooed), which introduces demons into their flesh. I prayed for several, some were set free but some I never saw again. I also had an ex-witch in my home and former drug addicts/alcoholics who wanted to get away from their former environment which seemed to automatically pull them back to the very things they hated. JM and I did door-to-door and “arranged

visit” evangelism (called Evangelism Explosion) and we met many people who loved us visiting but could never actually take the step to accept Jesus into their lives. On one occasion we visited someone who, upon being asked to talk about Jesus, flew into a terrible rage (and we beat a hasty retreat). It all seemed too slow and ineffective and we kept asking God who we believed must have answers for all these disappointments. His answer was just around the corner because He had a special team in His mind.

A testimony by RS

I was baptised and raised in the Catholic faith growing in knowledge of Jesus. I believe and love Jesus, was confirmed in the Holy Spirit. I lived according to my faith and prayed to my Father in heaven but never heard His voice, I read the bible but without any revelation from the Holy Spirit. I existed in a state of belief without growing in a relationship with Jesus. My Catholic faith was a religious walk in knowledge, something was missing. You see I never meet Jesus in my church; I meet HIM outside on the street. I spoke to my Father God, directly from my heart with a deep desire and hunger to meet Jesus personally. God heard my cry; I repented of my sins, asking for Jesus. I received... immediately being changed. Born again spiritually, made a new creation in Christ, and filled in power with the Holy Spirit. That's

the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I now know His voice and get revelation from the Holy Spirit daily....WOW. Praise God. The love for Jesus drew me to street ministry, to witness and invite others to Him. Not to just acquire knowledge but the LIVING PERSON of JESUS HIMSELF.

PUTTING THESE REVELATIONS INTO PRACTICE

These 4 people became a team. This street ministry began slowly at first. We had a very encouraging time, as we invited people in the streets to ask Jesus into their hearts, but we had opposition from the local church pastor who did not want the people with whom we prayed in his church.

It was about this time that, as we were praying for rain, the Lord told us that the people who lived in the areas where the rain was needed most were undoing our prayers. Because they had the “authority” in their own area they were speaking out that it would never rain, even while some were begging God for rain. They obviously had no idea of the authority to hold back the rain that they had given the devil. We decided that it would be good to go to these places and have local people agree with us. Our strategy was to ask people in the streets to pray our “sinner’s” prayer, to come before the throne of grace together with us and see God answer. We visited Broken Hill and God sent rain that night after 6 months of no rain. This was the first place that we

methodically anointed all the “high places.” Since the ministry God showed us for Broken Hill was so effective we looked forward to our next visit, somewhere else, anointing the churches, schools, clubs, police and courts, hospitals, halls and Masonic halls and other religious places, and anything else that the Lord put on our hearts. We met many people for what we call “divine appointments”, who are in the streets and want to be blessed. Over these last 7 years we have covered the whole of NSW. This anointing with oil is for “holiness unto the Lord”. Many unholy things have been exposed and we have seen the drought easing, and water flowing again in the rivers. God is good. God has revealed to us many of the territorial spirits that have kept these places oppressed. We have seen with our own eyes how evil has multiplied in some places because the church, which should take the spiritual authority over these spirits, has not exercised any faith and has tolerated much wickedness in their town, but we have also seen a few times how community spirit has made a beautiful and welcoming environment.

When we first began the anointing work we wanted God to confirm it in His word. God led us to study the kings of Israel and Judah and revealed to us that the good kings pulled down the “high places”, but kings, who not only left altars to other gods but let people worship them and even worshipped these gods themselves, were considered evil by God. We did the anointing then to “pull down” the places where rulers and authorities are

compromising the word of God. Some churches are good, but we continue to anoint “unto holiness”. We are conscious that we are claiming “ground” for Jesus in His name.

Our ministry in the streets was confirmed in the word by the story of the king’s banquet. (Matthew 22:1-14 and Luke 14:15-24) Because most of the “church” expects people to come to their building and to listen to their teaching until they have learned enough to be baptised in water and whatever other initiation is required, the church is growing only very slowly and in some places shrinking rapidly. This is unacceptable to God because the time is short. The original commission was “**GO**” and make disciples, baptising them in the name of the Father (the creator God – Romans 1:20), and of the Son (through whom we enter into the new Covenant – for forgiveness of sin) and of the Holy Spirit (through whom we are born again, not of the flesh but of the Spirit, and into relationship, family). (Matthew 28:19) Our revelation is that the grace of Heavenly Father turns the heart in repentance towards Himself; the Son, Jesus, has opened the Kingdom to all believers through His death on the Cross; and the Holy Spirit enters the heart and empowers the new believer to be a new creation. There are 3 baptisms involved; baptism unto repentance, washing away of all sins; sealing with the Holy Spirit as a promise of our entry into Heaven on the last day; and empowering to live the Christian life which involves continuous

filling to be clean so that Satan and his demons have no opportunity to get a hold in our lives.

The disciples were baptised by John (at least two were John's disciples), breathed on by Jesus and still told to wait in the city for the empowering. Ezekiel was given a vision which showed this process of moving into the river of God. (47:3-10) As we discussed this together, these steps seem to be ¹putting the toes in, ²wading in, ³committed, ⁴overwhelmed. Where the river flows, everything will live. It is necessary for the water to be deep enough to have to swim. Baptism is immersion. Fruit bearing is only possible when the water is fresh. Therefore the most important thing for the new believer is not teaching, other than the very basic gospel, but tasting the Heavenly gift and sharing in the Holy Spirit and discovering the power of the word of God. According to Hebrews 6 this is enlightenment and this is what Apostle Paul prayed for his converts. (Ephesians 1:17-19) It seems that the wedding guests had lost their focus and their first love, using excuses that were only valid if they were going to war. (Deuteronomy 20:5-8) The king rejected these excuses as invalid and ungrateful and resolved that He would fill His banqueting hall with anyone who would accept the invitation and receive the "wedding dress" of imputed righteousness. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

We are amazed at how many from the streets and alleys and country lanes are only too glad to accept the king's offer and are so grateful that God wants to bless them. They are baptised in

the Holy Spirit before they receive water baptism, and begin to taste the goodness of God from that moment. (Psalm 34:8)(Acts 10:47)

THE IMMUTABLE LAWS OF GOD are written down for our blessing, so that we can know how to avoid Satan's trap that Adam and Eve fell into. In our flesh we cannot keep them but when we are filled with the Spirit of God, who convicts us of sin, righteousness and judgement we can renew our minds so that we are no longer sinners but are saved by the grace of God. It is interesting to see what ugly things Satan had in mind to gain dominion in the world and rob God of His family.

You shall worship me only, God said. (Have no other gods before me – Exodus 20:3) This is what Jesus said when the devil offered Him the whole world. (Matthew 4:10) As we seek God's presence and look into His face we begin to reflect His image and His glory. If we seek other gods we will become like them and validate the demons they represent, who will multiply. This is why countries that have worshipped other gods are overrun with demonic problems. The second commandment emphasises that defying the first and actually making idols to worship causes the demonic "infestation" to the third and fourth generations. This is why heart problems, blood problems and other health and emotional problems are inherited. The warnings in the Bible (Deuteronomy 28:15-68) reinforce this.

The third commandment concerns God's Name. **God's name designates His entire person, His uniqueness and His power.** Misusing God's name is actually blasphemy. This is why the teachers of the law were so outraged when Jesus told the paralytic his sins were forgiven (Mark 2:7) and when He was before the High Priest and admitted to being the Christ. (Mark 14:61 & 62) God's name is so highly exalted that it is the name above every name and Jesus, by His obedience to the Father, has been rewarded by being given the Name that is above every other name. (Philippians 2:9-11) David acknowledges that God exalts above all things His Name and His Word. (Psalm 138:2) There are actually slander laws in our country for using someone's name dishonourably but we hear people every day use God's name wrongly under the impulse of God's enemy and thus give demons entry into their lives.

The fourth commandment talks about one day in seven as a rest day. Our bodies are not machines and God says they need time to be refreshed in God's presence. This principle also applies to the land. (Leviticus 25:1-7) This one in seven sevens is extended to jubilee – **consecration and restoration.** Daniel (9:24) speaks of the seventy sevens which are decreed to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy. Interestingly, we are now moving into the 7th millennium since God's revelation as written down in Genesis.

Unbelief, hardened hearts and disobedience of God's purposes and revelation will prevent us from entering God's rest. (Hebrews 3) Isaiah prophesies "your eyes will see Jerusalem, a peaceful abode...there the Lord will be our Mighty One. It will be like a place of broad rivers and streams. No galley with oars will ride them (no human effort), no mighty ship will sail them (nothing man-made). The Lord is our judge, our lawgiver, our king; it is He who will save us". (33:20-22)

These four commandments are usually called "our duty towards God". If we acknowledge these God promises to pour out blessings in abundance (Deuteronomy 28:1-14); everywhere we walk the blessing of God will flow out to people and the "territory". Satan hates the presence of God so much that as we draw near to God the devil will flee. Being intimate with God's heart, His goodness helps us to understand His purposes in giving these commandments.

The other six commandments are about our duty to our neighbour – Jesus calls it loving our neighbour as ourselves.

The fifth commandment talks about **honour**, beginning with mother and father. This is God's promise for long life in the "land" God is giving you. This is family, country and nation in this world and heaven in the next. This is then our eternal life, beginning at the point of our being born into God's family by the Holy Spirit and forever. Showing honour begins in our own family and extends to the family of God (eg, 1 Timothy 5:1-2), to God Himself

and His word. We are told to honour one another above ourselves (Romans 12:10) and all governing authorities (Romans 13:1-7) who have been established by God. Jesus gave a different definition of mother and family members as those who do the heavenly Father's will (Matthew 12:50) and He was grieved that "familiarity bred contempt" when He said "only in his home town and in his own house is a prophet without honour." (Matthew 13:57) He is the ultimate example of showing honour – He has called us to work His works, He trusts us in spite of our weaknesses and failings and He empowers us so that as we are yoked to Him we share His glory in the works He does in us and through us.

The sixth and seventh commandments, do not murder, do not commit adultery, are both commented on by Jesus. (Matthew 5:21 & 22 and 5:27-31) He recognises that sin is first conceived in the mind. (James 1:14 & 15) This is the job of the Deceiver and people fall for it as readily as Eve did. The end result of practising these two sins is exclusion from Heaven. (Revelation 22:15) Because Jesus came so that we could enter the Kingdom of Heaven He sees it as important that He makes it plain how much God hates these sins. Defying these two gives great power to Satan and his demons that will quickly capitalise on "man's" folly and multiply their demonic presence. This is what grieved us when we went to Africa. The rape of the land and the women, the enslavement and killings committed by the "colonisers" has left a heritage so demonic that everything is being destroyed and no amount of

money poured into these countries makes any difference. The people are deceived into thinking that money will solve the problems and are reduced to covetousness of so-called rich western nations. **Only Jesus can set people and land free from demonic control** – not money, not doctors and agriculturalists, no matter how well-intentioned.

The eighth though (do not steal) has a double edge. Malachi chastises Israel (descendants of Jacob) for robbing God. (3:8) God's nature is a lover and a giver. Therefore the opposite is the devil's way. Stealing gives room for the devil. His signature is to kill, steal and destroy. God made a covenant with Noah that He would not destroy the earth by flood (Genesis 9:11) and His promise was "as long as the earth endures...seedtime and harvest will never cease". (Genesis 8:22) The blessing of God therefore flows as we sow (give). (Luke 6:38) Stealing cuts us off from the blessing of God. This is quite apart from the ramifications of the law which rightfully treats stealing as a crime.

False testimony – **lies play right into the hand of the devil who is the father of lies.** (John 8:44) Since many people lie out of fear it is plain that they are not "perfected" in love. (1 John 4:18) Unholy living is indicative of the old fleshly nature (Colossians 3:9) which has not been crucified with Christ. Practising falsehood will also keep us out of Heaven. (Revelation 22:15) Jesus is the Truth and if we belong to Him we want to honour Him by being truthful, especially where it concerns another person.

Covetousness is the prerequisite to stealing and also indicates discontentment. Paul wrote to Timothy that godliness with contentment is great gain. (1Timothy 6:6) This is in the context of no matter what our circumstances, **everything more than the basics is a blessing from God to be shared. Then we can lay up treasures in Heaven.** Jesus also teaches us to invest our treasure where thieves do not break in and steal. (Matthew 6:19-21) He goes on to teach us not to worry about these basics for Heavenly Father knows we need these things. Covetousness actually allows Satan to steal from us what Heavenly Father has promised us.

These ten commandments were (and are) guidelines for God's required standard for His people, but no one could keep them. (Romans 3:23) People like to fool themselves that they keep some of them so perhaps that is near enough (for example the rich young man – Matthew 19:16-26). Jesus talks about fulfilling the Law, not abolishing it. (Matthew 5:17) James writes (2:10) that whoever keeps the whole law yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. Jesus says “not the smallest letter...will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.” This makes Jesus’ statement a powerful promise which of course spoke of His Death and Resurrection. He became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey Him. (Hebrews 5:9) “There is a new covenant – I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write

them on their minds. Then He adds; their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.” (Hebrews 10:16 & 17)

The fact that these laws are not abolished is so that **there is a standard – God’s way or the devil’s way**, but God has defined it for us so that there can be no confusion. They have been fulfilled by Jesus so that those who believe Him, who receive His righteousness as His gift to us, are not under judgment for falling short or overstepping the mark. If people choose the devil’s way it gives him power that he uses to kill, steal and destroy. Psalm 36:1-3 warns of being “wicked” or perverse to God. Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 warns of not letting our mouths lead us into sin. The demons wait for a body to inhabit all the time and every victory for the devil increases evil in the land. God’s people must continue the work of Jesus, in His authority and power of the Holy Spirit. We have been given the keys of the Kingdom and what we bind on earth will be bound in Heaven. (Matthew 16:19) God backs us up all the way but we **MUST** do it.

WAYS IN WHICH DEMONS MANIFEST

Territorial Spirits are a bit like animals which define invisible fences that mark out their territory with urine. Invisible human territories are established by God, but the devil sends his demons to rule over them in a watchdog fashion. This is

because Adam and Eve handed their God-given authority to the devil in Eden and, though Jesus claimed this authority back on the Cross, He is relying on His family to continue to enforce this victory. These watchdogs zealously guard their territory marked out by an invisible fence. People are safe outside the fence but could be bitten if the boundary is breached. When threatened, most animals become aggressive, especially against larger predators.

People react in similar fashion and guard their territory forcefully and their reactions can be observed or discerned.

Crowd dynamics is the experience of invisible walls for those on the inside who become emboldened when conscious of the power of mass support and identification.

Every living creature with a flesh body can become a house for an evil spirit and the preferred choice is a human body, being God's highest creation, which exerts more influence than animals generally. A lion roaming free is much more dangerous than a caged lion which does not have the same fear of a human. This may explain why most captive animals can be tamed but animals roaming free usually cannot be controlled. This fear factor is what Satan needs for control. This is why knowing the love and protection of God is important. Jesus came to set the captives free. This is also why God gave His "highest creation" freewill to choose how they want to conduct their lives. God is

DEFINITELY NOT into control because a love relationship relies on love freely given and received.

Many people do not realise the consequences when they decide to try something that introduces demons into their lives. God has forbidden things (in Leviticus) which are an abomination. Our little pun is that these are a bomb in a nation (and will explode in our lives eventually as surely as landmines do). God is not trying to stop us enjoying our lives; quite the contrary. He wants to protect us from Satan's powers. Demons do not manifest unless triggered but most if not all people who have not been filled and continue to be filled with God's **HOLY** Spirit will have demons. Most of us have enough self-control to keep them under wraps.

As many of us have witnessed, crowd dynamic can go crazy and very destructive when there is a trigger. An evil attitude can fight against another evil attitude for supremacy. These are territorial spirits trying to impose their wills, one upon the other.

Once in a Scripture class one of us was telling the story of the Gerasene man (who was so filled with demons that he had lost control of his mind). (Mark 5:1-20) One of the children spoke up. "That sounds like my uncle when he comes home drunk". It made us realise that things are not so different in these days when demons get a hold in a person's life. The Gerasene man was so violent with a supernatural strength and everyone was afraid of him. Only Jesus had the power to confront him. The

head demon, the territorial spirit, was forced to name itself and Jesus cast it out with all the others, by the power of the Word. Because the demons went into the pigs which destroyed themselves, all the locals were afraid. They did not want to see these things or try to understand how Jesus could do this and wanted Him to go away. Luke wrote that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and He went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with Him." (Acts 10:38) Jesus expects us to do these things too because He has given us His authority.

When the purity of the presence of Jesus and the Holy Spirit comes into contact with the ugliness that is within those who have demons inhabiting them, there is always a manifestation because the light penetrates the darkness and the darkness, although it tries, cannot put it out. (John 3:19-21) When a Christian who is filled with the Holy Spirit comes into contact with demons they will manifest. We see people behave strangely often when we are in the street, representing Jesus. They might scream at us or use absolutely foul language, although we have not provoked them in any way.

A warning here is that so-called "deliverance ministry" is dangerous for those who are not filled with the Holy Spirit.

The seven sons of Sceva, the Jewish priest, decided to try driving out evil spirits, invoking the Name of Jesus over some who were demon-possessed. (Acts 19:13-16) They must have had

some success but one day they struck a strong demon which answered back. "Jesus I know...but who are you?" Because these men did not have a personal relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit, they were set upon by the man who had the evil spirit and were overpowered. Although Jesus wants us to deliver those who are under the power of the devil we must have the greater power within us. "The One who is in us is greater than the one who is in the world." (1 John 4:4)

When anyone is willing to ask the Holy Spirit to come to them, He does His own deliverance. The Name of Jesus is so powerful, by faith, that even the most demonised person can be instantly delivered if they want it. We cannot deliver anyone who is not willing, but God sees the heart. When a person is unclean and knows it, the Gospel is as effective today as it was when Jesus walked the earth. Jesus said, "My Father is always at work to this very day, and I, too, am working." (John 5:17)

We choose to set boundaries by anointing with oil, symbolic of taking ground and serving notice to the devil that is also busy against those who serve the Lord's purposes. When people come into this marked territory we exert the authority of Jesus in order to touch as many with the presence of God as possible. We also want to work with Him with all the gifts He bestows, especially words of knowledge and discernment, miracles and healings, to bring many blessings to our Divine appointments. Because this is our aim we are liable to attack but the Lord

protects us, no matter what is out there. The people in the world who are demonised cannot or will not go into a church but they need rescuing. Those who are not full of faith and a love for the lost retreat into the relative safety of the church building but this inaction suits the devil who can then hang on to those he has taken captive.

Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour". (Luke 4:18&19) He is with us to the end of the age and has commissioned us to continue this work, in His power and by His authority. Satan is active but He in us is greater. And yes, we will be persecuted but Jesus warned us that this would be so, but we persist because the love of Christ compels us. (2 Corinthians 5:14)

THE MAIN MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE, both Old and New Testaments, is **repentance**. "If you turn to me I will turn to you, and I will bless the land." If we are willing to repent, not only does God pull down the fences and territorial divisions, but makes mankind one in Spirit, a Spirit of Unity and Love that are Family, Christ's body, and intimate with Him – a joining that cannot be undone, being part of the whole which is exactly as Jesus described. "I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you." (John 14:20) The Kingdom of God is righteousness,

peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. (Romans 14:17) "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36)

NOT BY MIGHT NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, says the Lord Almighty. (Zechariah 4:6)