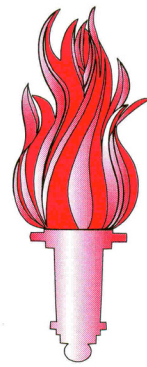


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## Its 2012 – Time For A Review !!!

I have been drawn again and again to the following Scriptures from the book of Daniel referring to the last days we are now entered into:

*“The people who know their God shall prove themselves strong and shall stand firm, and do exploits for God. And they who are wise and understand among the people shall instruct many and make them understand” (Daniel 11:32-33, Amplified).*

*“And the teachers and those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness—to uprightness and right standing with God—shall give forth light like the stars for ever and ever....And none of the wicked shall understand, but the teachers and those who are wise shall understand” (Daniel 12:3, 10, Amplified).*

I asked God, “When are your people going to rise up and be truly wise and instruct many to do exploits for God? So many seem distracted by being under siege from all directions.”

### IT TIME FOR A FINAL REVIEW:

It is time to go back to the basics and make sure that we can use the Keys of the Kingdom to their maximum. God created man’s body from the dust of the earth, breathed the spirit of life into it, and man became a living soul (Genesis 2:7).

Our souls (consisting of our minds, emotions and wills) exist midway between two worlds—the natural world that our bodies relate to and the spiritual world that our spirits relate to. Our souls have the power to determine which world we will most identify with and cleave to

These abilities were not supernatural to Adam; they were natural abilities God had placed into his soul. After the fall, when Adam’s spirit suffered separation from God’s Spirit, God diminished Adam’s ability to use the original, natural super-abilities of his soul. What happened to them?

Watchman Nee says that God did not destroy them; He just made them latent within mankind from that day forward. Latent means *hidden, escaping notice, having a dormant potential*. This is a most interesting thought, that God sunk this natural power deep inside man and hid it there. God knew this natural power was dangerous in conjunction with wrong motives, and should not be easily accessible to fallen man.

We must not believe that since we could never be demon possessed as believers, we have nothing to worry about from dabbling in our own soul power. Nothing could be further from the truth! Defeated though Satan is, he is diabolically clever in *directing* the soul power that men and women tap into; he is ready to assist any of us in releasing it for whatever purposes. He can propagate his ways of sin and wickedness through Christians by using their unsundered souls and mortal bodies. Satan cannot use regenerated man’s spirit because the Christian’s new nature will not sin. Unfortunately, the old nature, the unsundered soul when alive and well, will cooperate with sin.

I believe God intends to bring this power of the human soul back to the forefront in the end times in a manner few have yet to really understand. As many realize, man has already learned to do deceptive things with soul power. Much of the paranormal things we hear about—psychics, moving of objects, mental telepathy, etc.—are the result of soul power. They usually become mixed with demonic power, as Satan will always take maximum advantage of any soul power available to him.

Our souls are meant to express and reveal the illumination, revelation, and power of God that He releases into our spirits. Our souls are supposed to be vehicles to deliver to the world what we're thinking, feeling, and being directed to do by the Holy Spirit within our born-again spirits. Our minds are to express the revelation and wisdom God imparts into our spirits. Our emotions are to express the love, joy and worship our spirits feel in response to God. Our wills are to express the holy boldness and courage imparted into our spirits so we can take righteous stands or go forth as God directs.

No matter how humble, loving, or sacrificing a human being may try to be—an intellectual, emotional or soulish understanding of God's purposes will never come to those who try to develop and extend their soul power. There are two reasons this is so.

Number one, Satan is the master of mixing it up with any soul power we can release. He will always invade and twist the finest of original motives of soul power. Number two, God does not and will not work through man's soul power. He speaks, guides, directs, and empowers us through our spirits. We must strip away our unsundered souls' natural desires for power and control and surrender ourselves completely to God before He dares to pour the power of His Spirit through us. God will not entrust His power to a soul that wants to participate in controlling its own destiny. Most believers have little understanding of the many works of their own unsundered souls that prevent God from using them in great ways.

Today, we have many races, religions and cults whose practices all flow from one single governing goal: To break all physical and material bonds so as to get man's soul power released. Any human attempts to release this latent power of the soul opens doors for Satan's advantage.

Satan is constantly priming the pump of the human soul through television, videos, movies, music, and society. We are facing tremendous efforts to entice, stroke, and inflame our souls to expect more and more. As believers, we may recognize this when it is blatant and obvious, but if we are not bound to the will and purposes of God, we may well be deceived by it in subtler ways. Unsundered areas in our souls will grasp at and respond to any soul enhancement and enticement they come near.

You may believe that Satan could never deceive you like that. Perhaps not, but your own unsundered soul could, can and does on a regular basis. God won't save you from your own willful soul's deception! That is the lie that too many Christians today believe—that God will protect them from everything—sort of a spiritual blanket policy that allows them to pursue their own willful ways in safety. **He will not protect you from the power of your own soul! You must choose to do that yourself.**

The good news is that Jesus Christ made sure that provision existed for us to remove the protective walls that cause our souls to increase in self-power. This can be accomplished by using the Keys of the Kingdom (see Matthew 16:19).

Do not believe the lie that to be whole you must analyze your offenses, hurts, and unmet needs over and over, always learning new methods of probing your own soul (and yet never coming to the real truth). The truth is that we need to cease believing that we will get any good thing from our souls in their current state. How do you know when you can trust what your soul is feeding you? When it is in perfect alignment with God and you are able to walk on water, raise the dead, and speak healing into being wherever sickness exists.

It is time to have our souls to be so cleaned out and tuned into God that they will function like spiritual Rolls Royces, Range Rovers, and Cadillacs to carry forth our delighted new creatures who can begin to clear up deception and confusion in the world. It is time to expect every good thing, every necessary thing, every godly thing to come to us through our spirits from God and His Word. This kind of receiving, flowing forth through a self-stripped vehicle of the soul, will shine forth brightly and purely to a darkened world around us. God will work swiftly and supernaturally through such a vessel. These are the end-time vessels He is searching for this very minute!

*Lord, you have said that if we, your people, would humble ourselves, pray, seek your face, and turn from our wicked ways (2 Chron. 7:14), you would forgive our sins and heal our land. Please forgive me and my people for not having obeyed your clear commandment in this Scripture. For centuries, millions have made wrong agreements about each other and against you out of their needy, hurting, and defensive souls which has allowed territorial demonic dominion over their lands. The law of the power of agreement produces absolute consequences just as the law of gravity does.*

*Thank you for the Kingdom Keys of prayers to bring myself and my people into alignment with your already established will in heaven, Father. I bind the minds, wills, and emotions of everyone in my land to the mind of Christ, the will of God, and the healing comfort and balance of the Spirit.*

*I loose all stronghold thinking, the effects and influences of wrong agreements, wrong patterns of thinking, as well as generational, political, religious, and cultural bondage thinking from myself and the souls of people in my land. Jesus, the Word says you came to destroy (loose) the WORKS of the enemy (1 John 3:8). I now loose, smash, crush, and destroy the effects and influences of all wrong agreements in my city, state, and nation which have given*

*territorial spirits the right to cloud people's thinking and confuse their emotional reactions.*

*I declare that the people of my land are being set free because we are dislodging the effects and influences of wrong agreements, and we are declaring right agreements with your Word. We are loosing the stronghold thinking, wrong attitudes, and wrong beliefs of the politicians, the leaders, and the people of this land. Thank you for the delegated authority you have given us when we pray with the Keys of the Kingdom. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

### Do I Really Have To Change That, Too?

QUICK REVIEW: Stronghold thinking is the rationalization, justification, and human logic that we use to help us embrace ungodly beliefs we insist upon believing. It is a rare human being who likes the prospect of unknown change. I don't either, but the message God has given me means I am constantly having to move out of my personal comfort zone. That requires leaning hard into the principles of binding and loosing many times before I'm willing to give up some of these familiar areas. Three things must occur before you will successfully choose and voluntarily change an entrenched pattern in your own life:

- (1) You must become frustrated, fed up, or even disgusted with the way your life presently is.
- (2) You must believe things could be better.
- (3) You must believe that there is some way you can attain that better state.

Unless all three of these frames of mind exist, you rarely will successfully change anything! If you try to change just because you should, you often won't push through temptations and obstacles that arise when the heat starts rising up and the pressure starts coming down. You will quit—discouraged, disheartened, and depressed, falling back even further than where you were when you started. Ask any discouraged dieter or alcoholic who tries to change out of his or her own will power alone! If a projected change or goal is feared or doubted more than a present circumstance is hated, you will remain right where you are. Even if you are in pain!

Praying to bind yourself to the will and purposes of God for your life and praying to loose wrong beliefs and ideas about your will clear the smoke and the underbrush to help you to see your path to freedom. I read a series of articles on the problems of forest fires. When natural fires were allowed to clear out the underbrush of the forest in the past, the forests thrived. Through misunderstandings and efforts to protect the forest from this natural cleansing and clearing of underbrush and *trash growth*, man has created a new level of destructive fire potential. Forests today are often sickly, weak and

densely packed with the most explosive kinds of fuel (easily ignited trees) they have ever had.

Think about the parallel we have created in our own lives today. We have not dealt with the *underbrush* and *trash growth* of our pasts and as a society that we are now seeing the incredibly explosive and dangerous results. Some *controlled burning* by the Holy Spirit may be required, but when you have loosed your wrong beliefs about the refining potential of fiery trials and tribulations in lives, you will see people emerge strong and pure as fine gold!

Someone quite excited about the message of SYS once said to me, "I get so frustrated with people. The keys to tearing down stronghold thinking is right here, but they refuse to use them. What's wrong with them?"

I replied, "They have stronghold thinking."

"But binding and loosing could get them free. So, why won't they do it?"

I replied, "They have stronghold thinking."

"I know that! But why are they so stubborn?"

I replied, "They have stronghold thinking! As our lives line up more and more with God's will, as we pray for others to line up with God's will, and as we pray for God to forgive the sins of His people, we will see changes."

In 2 Corinthians 10:4-5, Paul tells us what to do and Matthew 16:19 tells us how to do it:

*The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds (Author: the arguments, reasonings and logic that you use to protect and justify wrong beliefs that help you deny what you do not want to change); casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ ."*

*"I (Jesus Christ) will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (KJV).*

I heard (second-hand) of some negative feedback regarding *Shattering Your Strongholds* from someone who had heard about but never read the book. I frequently just pray for those who don't understand, but I felt I should phone this person. When I reached him, he sighed as he said, "I probably know why you're calling." I asked him if there was anything I could do to help him understand where I was coming from.

He said, “OK, I think you believe you’ve found a new way to fight with Satan. We don’t have to fight with him because Jesus won that battle for us on the cross. It sounds to me like you’re saying His blood atonement wasn’t enough!”

I replied, “Mercy, no, that was for our forgiveness. And the message in *Shattering Your Strongholds* isn’t about fighting with the devil. It’s about defeating our old carnal natures. You’re absolutely right that the devil is already defeated. My message gives understanding to people of the Keys of the Kingdom, tools actually, to be used to defeat their old natures, carnality, and soulish desires. That’s the battle that we must win, and binding and loosing are the Keys that help us do it!

“Imagine being locked inside of a brick. No lights, no cell phones, no beepers, no homing pigeons, no windows, and you want out. There are various things you can do to try to break out, dig out with your hands, or crawl out through ventilation ducts—and some of them might eventually get you out. But what is the fastest, easiest, surest way of getting out? Use a Master Key to open the doors!

“This is the beauty of the promise of Matthew 16:19: *I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven* (KJV).

“These Master Keys of the Kingdom—binding and loosing—open the doors of soulish and demonic bondage to let you out of your prison. They also open the doors into a greater fullness of His Kingdom right here on earth! You can even use these Master Keys to open doors for others. Such a deal!”

Is such a calm response to criticism natural for me? No way! I used to fling myself into straightening out other people’s *misconceptions* of me and this message. My present freedom from reacting is the result of my stripping (by loosing prayers) old patterns of thinking and stronghold from my soul. I have learned how to go after the soulish reactionary behavior I used to be controlled by, and I did it by loosing, shattering, and destroying self-defensive mechanisms so God’s Spirit could heal me. These old reactions came out of my unhealed wounds, unresolved issues, and unmet needs that were hiding behind and under stronghold thinking.

Binding and loosing prayers are not a means of getting what you want or a means of fighting with the devil. They are the means of learning how to pray so you can stop resisting God’s fulfilling of His work in you. They are the means of learning how to spiritually strip the garbage out of your lives by destroying the stronghold thinking that has been holding that garbage in and keeping God out.

You can ask and ask for God to take away your stronghold thinking and wrong beliefs, but God won’t undo a rebellious

act of your will (establishing them in the first place) no matter how much you ask! Repentance and seeking forgiveness for such thinking and wrong beliefs is vital, yes, but you must also address your soul’s attempts to justify having embraced them in the first place. You don’t have to analyze what your stronghold thinking patterns consist of or what they are defending. You don’t have to analyze how many there are. You don’t have to analyze why you chose them. You don’t have to analyze how to be victorious. You don’t have to figure your future out!

You just have to know that Jesus Christ provided Keys for you to possess freedom and newness of life right here on earth after your new birth. You need to know how to let go of the *oldness* and make room for the newness.

Some have been honest enough to admit, “I was told that the Holy Spirit would guide me and show me what to do once I became a Christian. Well, I didn’t hear Him tell me anything. So, I’ve tried to be a good person and do the best I could on my own. If that’s not good enough for God, then why didn’t He help me do better?”

God is always ready to help us in every area of our lives that we want to change so we can come into unity with Jesus Christ. But know this: He will not climb over the arguments, reasonings, and logic that you use to protect and justify the lies and wrong beliefs that you erect to validate not trying to surrender it all.

We have tried to make our Christian walk so complicated! Our part really is very simple once we have accepted Jesus Christ as our Savior. We need to take the tools, the Keys of the Kingdom, and start:

- (1) Tearing down the stronghold thinking we’ve built to justify our old *stinkin’ thinkin’*.
- (2) Pulling down our self-defensive walls that keep garbage in and God out.
- (3) Letting go of the old, unresolved issues of our past.

Jesus absolutely meant it when He said, “*I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners and Standby) that He may remain with you forever, the Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive (welcome, take to its heart), because it does not see Him, nor know and recognize Him. But you recognize Him, for he lives with you (constantly) and will be in you. I will not leave you (as) orphans—comfortless, desolate, bereaved, forlorn, helpless. . . .*” (John 14:16-, *Amplified*).

Helpful though some of the resources may be, Jesus never intended for the used and abused to have to find counselors, support groups, and twelve-step programs to feel safe enough to learn to love and to trust again. He has provided everything

necessary for everyone who will believe in Him, regardless of background, age, IQ, gender, financial status, or race, to be made whole.

Too many hurting people believe that the use of the Keys of the Kingdom in prayer is too simplistic an approach. There is nothing in the Bible that validates turning back to pick through the refuse of our past in order to understand it before we can be healed of it. God's Word simply says to forget what lies behind and reach forward to what lies ahead--always pressing on (Philippians 3:13-14). The Holy Spirit truly will guide you to the victory every time.

*Lord, I bind my mind, will, and emotions to your will and purposes for my life. I do not want my soul to be able to establish any more hiding places for its wrong beliefs and bad attitudes. I do not want my soul to be able to justify and rationalize its deception and denial any longer. I do not want my mind looking for ways to rephrase its fear and its anger. I do not want my emotions reacting like fireworks or rain clouds. I obligate my will to yours, my mind to the mind of Christ, and my emotions to the healing balance and comfort of the Holy Spirit.*

*I loose, smash, crush, destroy, and demolish my stronghold thinking and the works of the enemy (1 John 3:8). I tear up and tear apart all forms of defensiveness and denial in my soul. I loose, smash, crush, and destroy the wrong beliefs, wrong ideas, and misconceptions in my soul which are like rubble getting in the way of its restoration. I am sorry for not having done this sooner. Your Word says that to repent means to think differently, to change my mind, to regret my sins, and to change my conduct. I am choosing to do this. Thank you, Jesus, for giving me these Keys and the guidelines of the Word to help me cooperate with my healing and restoration. I love you! In Jesus name, Amen*

### Getting Started: First You Forgive

The most-often asked question of my ministry is: "How do I know what my strongholds and layers are?" You don't have to know what kind of a spider is crawling up your arm; you just need to get him loosed and off you! You don't have to know what kind of snake is curled around your ankle; you just need to get him loosed and off you. You don't have to know what your strongholds are; you just need to know how to loose the stronghold thinking around them! You don't have to know what the layers are or what they are trying to protect. You just need to know that you can get rid of them, and you can loose them all without specific details!

Unfortunate, even tragic, things have happened to all of us, and we cannot loose the facts of these traumas. Trying to loose the height you are, the race you are, the gender you are, or the age you are won't change a thing. Any serious attempts

to alter these facts are usually pretty radical. Neither can you loose the facts of the traumatic and hard things that have happened to you. They are facts! Some learn various ways to cope with them, but none of us can ever really *fix* the unhealed hurts, unmet needs, and unresolved issues that traumatic things can produce in our lives.

Unhealed hurts, unmet needs, and unresolved issues come about because of the words or actions of individuals who came into or passed through your life at some point. If you are still reliving the pain of whatever abuse, loss, or betrayal you've suffered at someone else's hands, by your own choices you've become trapped in a never-ending loop of reliving the pain just like the old eight-track tapes that kept playing over and over until someone stopped them. You can stop them!

Forgiving the really hard stuff of life is not God's ultimate test of your obedience, humility and submission. Forgiveness is a gift that God has given to you, as His child. Not only are you forgiven, but He's given you the gift of His spiritually-empowered ability to forgive others. This is vital so you can cut yourself free of continually recycling the torment from someone else's actions towards you.

I once read on a prison visiting room bathroom wall: "Don't do the crime if you can't do the time." I believe God's version of that saying is: "MY CHILD, IF YOU DIDN'T DO THE CRIME, WHY ARE YOU STILL DOING THE TIME?" Insisting upon staying broken and vulnerable is your problem to deal with. Whoever, whatever, and whenever contributed to you being broken and vulnerable is God's problem.

If you want to forgive, how do you deal with the feelings of anger and revenge and unforgiveness that come up whenever you think of what this person did? Begin with binding your mind to the mind of Christ any time you sense old feelings coming to the surface of your consciousness. Then loose, smash, crush, and destroy unforgiving thought patterns that will generally immediately follow. You may need to do that once, twice, or three times even, but eventually you will feel a backing off of the painful thoughts. Praying this way allows you to step into another arena where things are calmer and seem more doable. This is the arena of the Keys of the Kingdom. Binding and loosing prayers do not require you to analyze, make lists, or determine who is and who isn't worthy of your forgiveness. Sometimes people don't want to forgive because they think that God will also forgive the other person, and that is unthinkable to them. This brings up powerful emotions of feeling that God is not being fair and when did God ever cut you that kind of slack? Lots of times, believe me!!!

You cannot take these powerful emotional reactions lightly. They are totally capable of blinding you to God's truth, but they are not of God. Don't try to rationalize such emotions,

don't try to understand them, don't try to identify them, and don't try to get what they mean. **Just begin to pray and loose them.** This kind of praying helps you step out of the emotional turmoil of your negative feelings, and you can begin to dismantle wrong thought patterns without feeling scorched by volatile emotional backlash.

Many people believe that if they are actively thinking much about what they should do to be more forgiving, that such efforts are good enough. This is simply a diversion of your unsundered soul that keeps you from actually forgiving someone. Watchman Nee had a teaching called the Parable of the Centipede which basically said this:

**One day, as a centipede was about to walk, it examined its legs to consider which one should move first. Should the left leg move first or the right one? How about the eighth leg, or the tenth? The centipede was stuck there trying to make a decision. The problem of the processes of its mind became a problem of inability to take action. Eventually, the sun came up. Without thinking, the centipede walked out to see the sunrise without considering which leg should move first. It forgot about knowing how to walk and simply walked. When the problem of the processes of its mind was gone, the problem of its inability to just walk also disappeared.**

Don't be a victim of an inability to take action. Don't think about the resolution so much that you never do anything to resolve the problem.

### Faith, One More Time

Faith for freedom can be a completely abstract principle to those who are trapped in some kind of bondage. Those who are tightly bound have learned to believe in their own guilt and weakness for so long, they have little hope for freedom. They have no idea how to stop opposing their own freedom or how to believe their faith (which is trust and confidence in God's power, love, and grace towards you).

Personal faith does not grow best during the heat of a battle, anyway. Fighting temptation is right, but faith increases when you finally step back from your conflict between faith and fear—between truth and deception—between hope and despair—and take your stand on what God has said in His Word about how He wants to take care of you. Then you stand. That is when your faith begins to grow.

Too passive for spiritual warriors? For far too long we have been fiercely battling evil spirits and principalities when we should have been warring with our own unsundered souls first. We've rattled and chattered and bashed about like little Tonka trucks on steroids. Yet all the time, our worst enemy is within—not without. If Satan can keep us fighting with him

and his, we do not war with and crucify our own flesh (our unsundered soul, our old nature).

True faith is not passive. Trust and confidence in something you cannot see or touch requires courage, spiritual stability, and the boldness to make a right choice. Courage will always give you a choice. If you are a 97-pound woman being pinned against the wall of a dark alley by a 250-pound man—you have a choice. Are you going to be paralyzed and terrorized by fear (totally passive) or are you going to be energized by faith (totally aggressive). You actually have two choices you can think about.

Choice #1: If the woman lets fear explode in her soul, this can cause her to dissolve into hysteria and stark terror. Surrendering to this choice, she will be incapable of helping herself or positively impacting her adversary in any way.

Choice #2: She can choose to immediately pray, "I bind my mind and this man's mind to the mind of Christ, and I bind my will and this man's will to your will, God. I loose fear, doubt, and all stronghold thinking from myself and from this man. Thank you, God, for what you are going to do."

Choice #2 is a decision to place the beliefs of her born-again spirit above the fears of her soul. If this seems too simple for you, let me ask you a question. What other choices do you think she has an option of making in this kind of a situation? This is not just the only positive choice possible; it is the choice that immediately brings God power into the situation.

God has not given His children spirits that are filled with fear; rather His children's spirits are filled with power and love which produce a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7). So, there is no room for fear in her spirit. Fear crashes into the unsundered soul. Choosing #2 rejects whatever her soul is flashing and thundering at her that contradicts what she should be settling in her spirit's understanding. By binding herself and the man to God's will, she has relinquished every detail of the resolution of this scenario to God, believing His love for her will be fulfilled for His good purposes.

Will this guarantee that the man will not cut her throat? No. But it will guarantee that God will be closer to her than her own skin and if He chooses to take her home right then, the impact of her prayer and her faith will change that man's life forever to come.

That is an aggressive act of your faith! Are you skeptical of such an idea? I still suggest you file it for future reference even if you're a 300-pound man. You might be confronted by two 300-pound men someday. I have several rehearsed ideas about aggressive steps of faith for tough circumstances I might get into. I will try my best to avoid them, but I've also prepared myself to act with aggressive faith if I can't.

Every time you bind yourself to the will and purposes of God and loose wrong thought patterns of fear, hopelessness, and victimization from yourself, you are making the choice to be brave and bold. You are testifying to your belief that the Lord God is with you, no matter what your circumstances. That is the beginning of your answer.

There are so many Christians who do not know this. They are agonizing over circumstances, negative anticipation, and deception that they feel entrapped by, hoping something will change. And while they are *waiting*, they pray that no one exposes their fear and doubt before the deliverance comes. How do you wait aggressively? You make sure that you are bound to the will of God, bound to His truth and that your mind is bound to the mind of Christ. You make sure you have stripped, shattered, and scattered every old belief, justification, denial and word curse you've struggled and staggered under. Then you're ready to cooperate with God!

Several avid readers of Christian literature have said to me, "I have read so many good books that told me what was wrong, what the Bible said about it, that I should and could have victory over it—but when I finished reading the book, I still didn't know what to do! When I read *Shattering Your Strongholds* and started praying the binding and loosing prayers, I finally felt I knew how to aggressively cooperate with the Holy Spirit for the first time in my life."

### Why Does God Sometimes Take So Long?

Have you ever asked, "If God really does want to help me, why does He take so long sometimes?" When you're really down, it isn't too far a leap to deciding that God is putting you through some kind of maze like a white rat in a spiritual laboratory. What is it you have to learn to get the prize? What are you still lacking to unravel the mystery and get out?

Through the miraculous deliverance of someone who had struggled with bondage for a long time, God reaffirmed to me what I knew was true: Anything we receive from God comes out of the Holy Spirit's work of grace in our life. Why does it take some of us so long to *appropriate* that grace?

The Church has, understandably, focused much attention on teaching people how they should conduct themselves as Christians, always being sure to behave in a godly, righteous manner; the better you behave, the more God should reward you. Right? This good endeavor has caused numerous Christians who do not understand the power of their own unmet needs and unhealed hurts that hide the unacceptable behaviors they cannot seem to conquer. They want to act like good Christians. Then something just goes wrong.

They are extremely fearful if they have attained reputations of being good Christians and might be *found out*. So they begin

to live double lives, having double minds, being doubly miserable, and doubly fearful of discovery.

I believe that nearly all of the wrong behaviors and habits that Christians cannot seem to break originate from unmet needs, unresolved issues and unhealed hurts that keep churning out unquenchable drives and wrong desires no matter how deeply they are hidden. Unfortunately, in the desperate attempts many Christians make to bury (hide) their shameful patterns of behavior, the actual inner sources of those outward behaviors are covered over and walled around. The person hopes the inner pressures can be controlled this way, but all that is accomplished is that the Holy Spirit's help is willfully resisted by the same walls! Once this deception is in place, further deception is required to maintain it. Then Satan begins to find ways to compound the problem.

Following Adam's fall in the garden, man's body, soul, and spirit became misaligned from their original purposes. They still are. Our souls (mind, will and emotions) are particularly misaligned, needing a definite adjustment from God's Holy Chiropractor, the Holy Ghost. There's just one catch: God will not force that adjustment upon us against our wills. He won't violate our wills, He won't override our choices, and He won't force our souls to come into proper alignment.

God won't force us to enter into intimacy with Him, either. True intimacy is always voluntary. Forced intimacy is violation. Many, many Christians desperately want to be whole, but they cling to wrong beliefs and fears based upon bad experiences that have taught them to equate intimacy with violation and betrayal. This generally happens because before they were ever able to choose voluntary intimacy, they were violated either by deception, betrayal, or force. Many Christians use this (even unconsciously) as a justification for avoiding true closeness to God.

Binding and loosing prayers help you shatter the stronghold thinking that is protecting and even perpetuating a distorted view of who God really is. Binding and loosing prayers help you open up to a realignment of your concept of Him. This gives Him a clean area of your slate to create His true image within you—He's the only one who truly knows how to do this. Use them with Jesus' blessing and back up!!

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**Review of Former Questions and Answers**

**QUESTION:** I have heard that I should bind the spirit of anger, etc and loose the spirit of peace, etc. Does that fit in with what you teach? J

**ANSWER:** J, No, it does not. There is no place in the Bible where you can read about a spirit of anger. There are angry people, however, people who have had their hot buttons hit hard and set on fire. Once they lose control of their anger, they are fair game for the enemy to make their situation worse.

Anger is a negative emotion that comes from unhealed hurts, unresolved issues, and unmet needs. The human soul tries to cope with these vulnerabilities by burying or denying them. Whether buried or denied, the anger still seethes and bubbles until something sets it off. Defense systems in the soul prevent God's healing from getting to the buried anger.

To deal with anger, pray and bind yourself to the will of God, bind your mind to the mind of Christ, and bind your emotions to the healing balance and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Then loose the works of the enemy (I John 3:8), wrong beliefs, wrong patterns of thinking, wrong mind sets, the effects and influences of wrong agreements you have been a part of, the

wrong thinking that made you get involved with soul ties with other people, word curses, and wrong prayers.

As you begin to pray this way and as you read the Word of God, you create space for peace to come into your heart/soul. Peace is not a spirit you can loose upon yourself. Peace is not a spirit that you can command to come to you. Peace will not override fear and anger existing in your mind. One commentator said that peace is a lack of agitating passions.

That's true, but he didn't give any suggestions as to how to have that state. Peace will not cohabit with agitating passions, negative thoughts, anger, hate, or bitterness. These are all wrong emotions and attitudes that you can loose from yourself. When your soul is cleaned out, then peace can settle down inside of you. I strongly suggest that you read some of my books, particularly *Shattering Your Strongholds II*. God bless, Liberty

**Review of Former Testimonies**

Dear Liberty, I am an intercessor, but I came to the conclusion about two years ago that there had to be a better way of spiritual warfare than the principles I was following. Simply "binding" the devil or chasing him away was a short-term solution. Then one day I was looking for something in a drawer, and I discovered a book that definitely did not belong to me!

It was the Afrikaans translation of *Shattering Your Strongholds*, a secondhand book with another person's name written inside!! I stood in awe that God had ordered an angel to bring me this book. It contained the answers to all my questions. I studied the book, started praying the prayers in it, and strongholds started coming down before my eyes. Behavior patterns started changing everywhere. Thank you, Juliana VW, South Africa

**QUESTION:** I need help in dealing with a client that has multiple personality disorder. She was in integration therapy for ten years. She thinks that another personality has manifested. LLR, Licensed Counselor

**ANSWER:** I'm not sure I can be of help to you here, because I don't really track with the generally accepted ideas on multiple personalities. I believe in dealing with the unsundered soul as one entity, and that so-called "multiple personalities" are really just subterfuges or facades the wounded soul manifests. So, in dealing with people who appear to be manifesting multiple personalities, I have always ignored the "personalities" and spoken directly to the soul. One of the meanings of the word "bind" is to cause many fragmented pieces to come back into one whole. I just keep binding the person's soul into one whole, and loosing deception. I am hoping you have read some of my books and

know what I'm talking about with binding and loosing prayers. Liberty

**LLR's RESPONSE:** Thanks so much for your answer, Liberty. I have read all of your books and I think that you are right on the money! I have gleaned more from your books than many years of professional training! Keep up the fight! LLR, Licensed Counselor

**QUESTION:** My friend shows me romantic feelings and then turns away from me. He tells me what his wife should look like, which is nowhere near my looks. I have prayed your prayers from *Shattering Your Strongholds* and the prayer for a mate, and I met him soon after I started doing that. I'm Indian and he's Jewish. I feel so insecure and almost wish I wasn't Indian. If this is God's will for the two of us—how do I pray for him to see that? S. of Zambia

**ANSWER:** S: God never planned for you to be unwanted by the man He has always planned for you. Your perfect mate will be overwhelmed with love for you, loving the way you look. Please do not let your soul cause you to fantasize or fixate upon desiring this man as he may not be God's best for you. If he is God's choice, let him pursue you. Let God undeniably reveal His choice to you since you are one of God's special daughters, S; let Him bring you a prince of a man who wants to make you his princess.

**QUESTION:** I have recently begun the binding and loosing prayer methods suggested in *Breaking the Power* (very nice work on your part, by the way). For the past two days I have started to feel sluggish, and have a loss of appetite. I am usually very energetic and EAT ALL THE TIME. Is this some form of resistance from my soulish man? I am halfway through the book but now seem unable to finish. Do you know why? Rev. Kevin

**ANSWER:** Rev. Kevin, the human soul is capable of pulling all kinds of tricks when it feels threatened, and *Breaking the Power* absolutely threatens the unsundered soul's status quo. I would suggest that you pray the Prayer for the Unsundered Soul every day, and watch out for your soul's tactics to try and stop you. Even just reading the book is threatening to the unsundered soul, and praying the prayers is certainly threatening as they begin to dismantle the soul's stronghold thinking and self-defense systems. These principles absolutely work! But your soul won't surrender without a fight, and it has enlisted your body's help! Don't worry; the prayers can break that agreement.

#### PRAYING FOR THE CHILDREN

Every Monday through Friday morning, I pray with nearly 70 LSM International Intercessors do around the world for

children who are in situations of all forms of abuse, hunger, sickness, poverty, and even child slavery. Second Chronicles 7:14 tells us:

*If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land (NKJV).*

I cannot help but wonder if some of our wicked ways are that we do not pray enough for those who need help so badly. This speaks of the power of our prayers for our nations and those in them if we will humble ourselves, stop following our own wills and our own agendas, and pray with all the focus and determination that we can for what is right.

What might be considered one of our wicked ways as spoken of here? Could it not be that we have not cried out for others, especially the children of the world everywhere, every day! Please join with me and others in praying for the children of the world who desperately need us to agree that God's will shall be done in their lives and quickly.

*Lord, I come to your with pain in my heart asking that you forgive me for not daily remembering and praying for those who cannot help themselves. I bind every child in the world to your will. I bind their minds to your mind, Jesus, and I bind their wounded and ragged emotions to the healing balance and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Please speak words of encouragement and hope to them. Please send help to rescue them quickly.*

*I loose the enemy's influence from all adults who are using and abusing so many children in the world today. Please heal them from whatever has driven them to such behaviors. People are not born knowing how to abuse; they learn from being abused themselves. Please break this evil cycle in their lives.*

*I loose, smash, crush, and destroy the enemy's works that are coming against these children. You have said if we would humble ourselves, pray, seek your face, and turn from our wicked ways, then you would heal our land. Please show us all that we need to do to work with you to see our lands and the children in them become safe and healed and filled with hope. Thank you, Father God. Amen*

**Always remember James 4:17 (NIV):  
Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do  
and doesn't do it, sins.**

**Who and What is LIBERTY SAVARD MINISTRIES?**

Reverend Liberty S. Savard, President of Liberty Savard Ministries, Inc. (a non-profit corporation), was born again in 1972. She is an ordained minister with credentials from the Evangelical Church Alliance (P.O. Box 9, Bradley, Illinois 60915). Rev. Savard has served as a singles director, associate pastor, speaker, and Bible teacher. She is the author of *Shattering Your Strongholds II* (original publishing 1993 Bridge-Logos Pub.), *Shattering Your Strongholds Workbook II* (LSS Publishing, 2011) *Breaking the Power II* book (original publishing 1997 Bridge-Logos Pub.) and *Breaking the Power II Workbook* (LSS Publishing, 2012), *Producing the Promise* (1999 Bridge-Logos Pub.), and several mini-books. Her books also include *The Unsundered Soul* (2002 Bridge-Logos Pub.), *Apples of Gold in Baskets of Silver* (2003 Bridge-Logos Pub.), *BEYOND Shattered Strongholds* (Bridge-Logos Pub.), *GPS for the Soul* (2010 Bridge-Logos Pub.), *The Binding and Loosing Prayer Manual* (LSS Publishing, 2009), *Binding and Loosing for Beginners* (LSS Publishing 2010), and *The Old Brown Rocker* (LSS Publishing 2011).

This ministry believes the Scriptures are inspired of God, infallible, and fully authoritative for Christian faith and conduct. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life on Earth, died on the cross in a substitutionary work of redemption for mankind, rose again and now sits at the right hand of the Father. Through Christ's shed blood and renewal of the Holy Ghost, justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God with absolute hope of eternal life.

Liberty teaches Christians how to cause their unsundered souls (old natures) to surrender to the will and purposes of God. She also teaches Christians how to loose emotional baggage and toxic waste from their souls to create room within themselves to receive all God has promised to them for today. This allows believers to fulfill their destinies while walking in knowledge and power to bring glory and honor to God the Father! The message of binding and loosing and the Unsundered Soul teaches God's people how to pray with the Keys of the Kingdom (Matthew 16:19) to impact things on earth so they come into alignment with God's already established will in heaven. Liberty also teaches Christians how to pray purely without "want lists" and soulish instruction manuals for God (so He will know how best to answer their prayers!). Effective prayers with pure motives declare that God's will shall be done on Earth as He has so set it in heaven.

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