

Sermon Notes

Demonic Footholds

Ephesians 4:27 Do not give the devil a foothold.

Removing our western glasses: Ephesians 6:12 Matthew 6:13

Who is the Devil?

- Isaiah 14:12-14
- Satan is pure Evil - John 8:44, John 10:10, 2 Corinthians 11:14
- Satan is not working alone - Revelation 12:3-4

The Power of Satan and Demons

- **Can Keep people from seeing the goodness of God** - 2 Corinthians 4:4
- **Can accuse** - Revelation 12:10
- **Can tempt us to sin** - 1 Thessalonians 3:5, 1 Chron.21:1, Matthew 4:3
- **Can control Weather** - Job 1:18-19, Mark 4:38-39
- **Can cause sickness & death** - Matthew 9:33, Mathew 17:18, Luke 13:11-13
- **Can do false miracles** - Matthew 24:24
- **Can manifest supernatural strength** - Mark 5:2-4

We are living in a Warzone - Ephesians 6:12

We have no reason to fear or be intimidated by the demonic realm

- 1 John 3:8, Colossians 2:13-15, 1 John 4:4, Luke 10:19-20
- "All fear of the devil is irrational fear. No Christians should ever fear Satan or any demon. The only person a Christians is taught to fear in the New Testament is God himself." - Dr. Jack Deere

The only power Satan or demons can have over us is the power we give them

- Ephesians 4:27

Foothold:

- "a place where a person's foot can be lodged to support them securely, especially while climbing."
- "a secure position from which further progress may be made."
- Greek: topos - "A place"
- A foothold is when you make agreement with Satan

Common reasons for demonic Footholds

- **Long term sin** - Ephesians 4:25-32
- **Unforgiveness and hatred** - 2 Corinthians 2:10-11
- **Pride** - Proverbs 16:18
- **Fear** - 1 John 4:18
- **Sexual sin**
- **Occult/witchcraft**

Possible Indicators of Demonic footholds -David W. Appleby PhD, PhD

- Feelings of shame or guilt that don't yield to God's forgiveness.
- Accusatory voices in the mind that won't stop; mental torment.
- Ungodly coping mechanisms that just make the situation worse.
- Difficulty making connections with people and with God.
- Recurring nightmares/thoughts that disrupt sleep.
- Sins that don't yield to traditional spiritual disciplines like meditation, prayer, fasting.
- Inability to experience the love, peace, joy that the Holy Spirit produces.
- A sense that your life is not your own and something else is working against you, trying to destroy you and all that you and God hold dear.
- Inability to change any of the above no matter how much you want to or how hard you try.
- Personal or family problems that don't respond to therapy.
- Physical or psychological problems that don't respond to medication

How to deal with demonic footholds

- 1. Renounce any agreement you have with demons and darkness**
 - What lie are you believing?
 - What agreement have you made with darkness?
 - "I renounce the lie of ____ and break all agreement with darkness"
- 2. Receive the truth of Jesus and His word.** - John 8:32-31
- 3. Stand firm in the truth** - 1 Peter 5:8-9, 2 Corinthians 10:4-5
- 4. Receive prayer from others**

Exercise:

- What lie are you believing?
- What agreement have you made with darkness?
- "I renounce the lie of ____ and break all agreement with darkness"
- What truth does God want you to receive?
- "I receive and stand in your truth that ____"