

“WHEN DARKNESS IS FOUND IN YOUR LIGHT”

2. The real fact that they should realize is that the devil is in “darkness” wherever he is found.
3. The book of Jude tells us in verse 6 that the fallen angels are kept **“under darkness.”**
 - a. In Jude 1:6 AMP we read: **“And angels who did not keep (care for, guard, and hold to) their own first place of power but abandoned their proper dwelling place – these He has reserved in custody in eternal chains (bonds) under the thick gloom of utter darkness until the judgment and doom of the great day.”**
 - b. This term “under darkness” does not simply mean “lightless regions” but is essentially a moral darkness which ultimately degenerates to literal darkness.

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“DELIVERED BY LIGHT FROM THE POWER OF DARKNESS”

- V. It is very important for the believer to realize that “darkness” is not limited to Satan and his hierarchy, but also is found in Christians and non Christians alike.
 - A. The advantage the Christian has is that they have been delivered out of the domain or authority of darkness through Jesus and the “new birth.”
 1. Paul makes this clear in Colossians 1:13, **“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.”**
 - a. Thank God, we are not trapped in darkness because we have been “born to light”.
 2. But, if we tolerate darkness through “idea forms” embracing sin in our hearts, we leave ourselves open to demon assault by inviting darkness into our “light” realm.

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3. Please remember, wherever there is willful disobedience to the Word of God, there is darkness and the potential for demonic activity.
4. In Luke 11:35 we read, **“Take heed, that the light which is in you be not in darkness.”**
 - a. There is light in the saved man, and this is supported in Prov 20:27 where we read, **“The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord.....”**.
 - b. But when a Christian nurtures wrong thoughts, they will cause sin and that sin will multiply defilement.
5. What is defilement? Is it not caused by thoughts produced by untested ideas and thus causing the **“light which is in you”** to be **“in darkness.”**
 - a. The Word makes it plain that **“.....as a man thinks, so is he.”**
 - b. This is the battleground and its in the mind, the place of the skull (golgotha).

“STRONGHOLDS – DWELLING IN DARKNESS”

- B. When a person is **“in darkness,”** they are subject to **“strongholds”** in their minds.
1. Strongholds are fortresses in our mind that the devil uses as a base of operations against us.
 2. Our Lord taught in His Word that there is a dimension in humans that can actually host an evil spirit and provide it a “house” where they may rest.
 3. When we consider the above truth, we must think on and expose and uncover every aspect in us which the enemy can and will use as “construction material” in making “strongholds” in our mind.
 4. At this point it important that we understand and discuss the fact that evil spirits cannot dwell in a Christian’s spirit.
 - a. In regeneration, the human spirit becomes the home or house of the

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Holy Spirit where He lives and seals the spirit of the believer until the day of redemption.

5. Now all of this brings us to the part of human nature which is similar in nature and disposition to the nature of evil spirits.
 - a. This nature is the carnal thought-life which is in the dimension of the “soul” of man.
 - b. It is our uncrucified thoughts and unsanctified attitudes that attract evil spirits and cause them to find access into our lives.
 - c. By doing this they mask themselves in our thoughts and hide themselves in our attitudes!
6. A satanic stronghold is a “demonically induced pattern of thinking” or specifically, it is a “house made of thoughts” which has become a dwelling place for satanic activity.
7. In defining strongholds I used the term “house” and this would be a good time in this study for me to explain why.
 - a. In order for me to do so we will need to read Matthew 12:43-44: **“But when the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he roams through dry places in search of rest, but he does not find any.”** V44, **“Then he says, I will go back to my house from which I came out. And when he arrives he finds the place unoccupied, swept, put in order and decorated.”**
 - b. In these verses we read that the demon goes out of a man, it seeks rest but can not find rest.
 - c. It then says, **“.....I will go back to my house from which I came out.”**
 - d. The truth here is that the demon spirit is seeking a “physical” dwelling place , a “house” where it may rest, a “stronghold”.

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8. There is another truth we need to mention concerning a man who’s “house” is unoccupied, swept, and put in order and decorated.
 - a. It sounds like this “cleaning of the house” is a self induced effort by the man of the house (soul) to clean up his act.
 - b. Certainly that a good idea, but it won’t work as long as the house (soul) is unoccupied.
 - c. When we clean our souls of strongholds we must allow God’s furniture to replace our own self made furniture.
 - d. This furniture that I am speaking of is made of “construction material” consisting of our thoughts from a person operating with the “mind of Christ.”

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“WISDOM OF DARKNESS – EARTHLY - NATURAL - DEMONIC”

“LEGAL ACCESS TO DWELL IN DARKNESS”

- VI. As already discussed in a previous lesson, evil spirits search for “a house” to reside in.
 - A. When evil spirits find a “house” to reside in, it is a built by demonically inspired patterns of thinking in the souls of men and women.
 1. In fact, it is a “house of thoughts” that becomes a stronghold for demons to live in and work out of!
 - a. This “house of thoughts” results in evil spirits supporting our uncrucified thoughts and unsanctified attitudes arising from our carnal thought life.
 2. Hear me! Satan has a legal access to dwell in this domain of darkness.
 3. The devil can traffic in any area of darkness, even the darkness that exists in a Christian’s heart.
 4. In James 3:14-15 the above statement is confirmed, **“But if you have**