

AT THE DOCTOR'S ROOMS

We are continuing with our series JESUS THE MAN and without wasting time, I want to introduce my sermon title upfront.

I want to talk to you on the subject matter AT THE DOCTOR'S ROOMS.

There is a musician by the name of Oliver Mutukudzi, he is a legend in his own right and over the decades he has produced songs that speaks to day to day issues of life. One of his songs is entitled Mupfumi ndiyani, anemari neane hutano. The English translation of that is “who is rich, the one who has money and the one who has good health”.

Your health is very important, not only to you but more so to Jesus. When I am talking about your health, I am talking about total health – your physical health, emotional health, spiritual health and so forth.

When Jesus the man came, He came to deliver to you a full package of wholeness. Jesus wants you well – I am not sure if you are aware of that.

Jesus Christ is the savior of the whole man – In the Gospel of Luke, we have a full picture of Jesus the man bringing a full package to humanity. Luke was no ordinary writer of one of the gospels, he was also a doctor and in his gospel, he gives an interesting emphasis on details around the healing miracles that took place.

- When you come to rooms of Jesus, you have access to wholeness – in Greek it would mean you have access to sozo.
- Sozo – to save, keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction
 - To save from injury or peril
 - to save a suffering one (from perishing), i.e. one suffering from disease, to make well, heal, restore to health
 - to preserve one who is in danger of destruction, to save or rescue
- Let us explore a full range of encounters that indicate the package that Jesus came to deliver to us

a) Jesus restores our relationship with God the father

- The biggest and the greatest sickness that confronts mankind is the death of the spirit – as long as one is separated from God, there is nothing you can do on the outside that will save you from pending judgement.

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- When you don't know Jesus, you will never experience true joy and peace – it is something you can't buy or earn by good acts.
- In the parable of the sower, the word saved is used of one's restored relationship with God through faith:

*Luke 8:11 "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 "Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be **saved**.*

- It is the desire of Jesus to restore your relationship with God the Father – there are many alternatives but there is only one way to the father.

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me

- Whilst talking to the council, Peter said the following about Jesus:

Acts 4:11He is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' 12Salvation exists in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

- He is called the mediator, He is our go in between, He is our intercessor – you need that sink into your spirit man in order to see the need to reach next person with the love of Jesus.

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Romans 5: 1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

b) Jesus heals our broken personalities and bondages

- We carry a lot of brokenness right now – you need to realise that Jesus wants to heal you from certain dysfunctions.
- Sometimes we don't cry out to Jesus because we are so used to a system that malfunctions – this does not make it acceptable.
- Some of our brokenness have a spiritual root cause, we can call it all sorts of names but there are certain behavioral traits that are demonically inspired.
- Jesus came to set free the bound and those caught up in strongholds

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Luke 8:26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" 29 For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. 30 Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. 31 And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. 32 Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. 33 Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. 34 When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. 36 They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed.

- What a state this man was in – I do not see demons on every door knob but I also do not dismiss the chaos that the demonic world has inflicted on believers.
- A Christian cannot be demonized but can be under the influence of a demon – this results in things like
 - Unexplainable fear and torment
 - 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 on the word, 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.

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- 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.

Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

John 8:32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

What causes one to undergo demonic influence?

There are experiences that we go through, which knowingly or unknowingly opens doors to demonic activities in our lives

Let's look at the four predictive "doors" through which demonic activities can enter in ones life.

I. Curses, Lies, and Soul Ties

- Multigenerational patterns transmitted from one generation to the next and not limited to one individual.
- Lies or ungodly oaths appear in the internal talk that an individual experiences. It manifests in statements such as
 - "I am not worth anything" or "I was created to be abused" or "God hates me, and I will never find love with anyone."
- Soul ties which come about as a result of ungodly physical or emotional intimacy
 - Many times these unhealthy connections are associated with the "one flesh" principle that normally occurs in a healthy way between husbands and wives and unhealthy way between a man and a prostitute
- This connection can be renounced and severed in the name of Jesus, thus weakening the power of the demonic spirit in ones life.

II. Trauma and Victimization

- This is the most common point of entrance of demonic activity in people's lives
- In the face of trauma and victimization, a person experiences intense emotions of fear, insecurity, mistrust, and a sense of being powerless.
- The victim then starts hating the person, want him dead or destroyed,

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- This places you in a very weak place spiritually, allowing easy access for marauding devils.
- They often get angry at God, question his love for them, and believe that he can't be trusted.
- Without knowing it, the person enters an unholy alliance with demons – they start believing the lies of the devil
 - "God doesn't love you if he would let something like this happen to you."
"You're the only one who will take care of you."
 - "You can't trust anyone." Then the demonic defense mechanism locks into place and the pain lessens, along with the ability to connect to others and God in any meaningful way.

III. Long term sin

- This is not just a sin here and there – this is when a person decides, consciously or unconsciously, to disobey and live in rebellion against God.

IV. Occult involvement

- This comes about when someone is looking for a quick fix to his problems, to bring comfort to the pain they have experienced in the past.
- This involves things like –mediums, fortune-telling, palm-reading, crystal ball, communicating with the dead, spirit guides
- These demons feel they have a legal right to stay, and often say, "She came to me. I didn't seek her out. She came to me."

c) Physical healing

- There are people who believe that miraculous healings were only for the days of Jesus and the early church.
- This is a lie that has robbed many people of what is rightly theirs.
- Your body is a temple of the Holy spirit
- Luke tells us of the woman with the issue of blood – how Jesus brought to a stop the flow of blood.

Lu 8:43 Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, 44 came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. 45 And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throug

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and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" 46 But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." 47 Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. 48 And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."