

# Demolishing Strongholds Video Series

God's Way to Spiritual Freedom

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Chapter 4, Demolishing the  
Strongholds In Jesus' Name (Part 4)

*"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed"*



Freedom In Jesus Series

*(Part 2)*

## Demolishing the Strongholds in Jesus' Name

Filling in those pages was something wasn't it? We know! And we also know how delighted our Lord is that you're willing to rid yourself of these demonic forces.

So far, everything you've done in this workbook has helped you IDENTIFY the demonic strongholds that have influenced and/or controlled you. Now it's time to become free!

In the steps you're about to take, the most important thing to remember is this: ALL demonic forces submit to the authority of the Name of Jesus. Your EVICTION of their control, influence, arguments and pretensions, is totally dependent on their submission to our Lord Jesus. The NAME and AUTHORITY of our Lord Jesus Christ delivers you, not your own strength or some prayer technique.

### A Witness Is Helpful But Not Necessary For Deliverance

Many have found it helpful to have a witness with them as they renounce the influence of the strongholds.

A witness is beneficial, NOT because you need others to help you demolish the strongholds, but to remind and encourage you LATER when the demons try to convince you that nothing has changed in your life.

Because of the authority of Jesus' Name the strongholds will no longer occupy your soul. But external spirits, what we call "drive-by" spirits, may occasionally harass you with tempting voices.

Remember, demonic spirits that have been evicted no longer have control or influence over you.

However, they'd love to deceive you again, seducing you into letting them back in!

If you're married, it's helpful for your spouse to join you as you prayerfully evict the stronghold spirits that affect you, your marriage, and your family.

If you're NOT married, or if your spouse is unwilling to help you renounce the stronghold's influence, press on by yourself!

### Your Repentance Is Essential In Renouncing Spiritual Strongholds

We realize that you may have identified *several* demonic strongholds in your soul. No matter how many you're about to demolish, they all must submit to the authority of the Name of Jesus.

But remember this: YOU are responsible for the sins you committed while under the influence of the strongholds. Take ownership of your responsibility. You can't say, "The devil made me do it!"

REPENTANCE is a critical part of our pilgrimage to salvation. Biblical repentance is far more than just acknowledging that you've sinned by violating God's commands. True repentance flows from a sorrowful heart that realizes the hurt and harm you've caused in your relationship with God, and with others.

True repentance always demands a heart conviction that you both TURN AWAY from that particular sin — your violation of God's Word — and that you TURN TO God and discover that which His Word requires of you.

That's the vital message in this verse: "...turn FROM sin TO God; and put your trust in our Lord, [Jesus] the Messiah" (Acts 20:21b, CJB). You need to purpose in your heart to leave those sins behind!

"Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret." (2 Corinthians 7:10) Repentance calls for ACTION on your part.

One important reminder: Jesus warns what will happen if you're delivered from an evil spirit but DON'T fill in that sin area *God's* way:

"When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first..." (Matthew 12:43-45).

We encourage you to continue to stay IMMEDIATELY repentant throughout your life. A heart that's ready to repent is harder for demons to seduce. Be quick to confess your sin when you stumble, and TURN AWAY from further tempting situations. Failing to repent will lead you back to stronghold development.

Hold on to the rich truth we have because of the shed blood of Jesus. The apostle John confidently promises us:

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

So do as Jesus told the woman caught in adultery, "Now go, and don't sin any more." (See John 8:11b,CJB.)

### **Remember, You Have Divine Power In The Name Of Jesus**

Each follower of Jesus has the power of the Holy Spirit to renounce spiritual strongholds by the authority of the Name of Jesus our Lord.

Remember, in union with Jesus you "have divine power to demolish strongholds." You have authority to renounce by name each stronghold that affects you.

PRAY, relying on the authority of the Name of the Lord Jesus and the power of His shed blood to demolish these strongholds.

Remember, this all-important passage applies to *you*:

"And these signs will accompany those who trust Me: In my name they will drive out demons" (Mark 16:17).

### **Now, Go Demolish The Strongholds In The Name Of Jesus**

Now go back, beginning with the stronghold of Deceit on page 41, and renounce in the Name of Jesus each prevailing stronghold — those for which you've numbered a symptom higher than 0.

Let the symptoms trigger you to recall the sins you may have committed under the stronghold's influence. Remember, you must repent of any sins as the Holy Spirit convicts you, purposing in your heart to not repeat them.

Don't rush through this! Our loving Father is looking for you to be "squeaky clean" when you're through, with all strongholds gone and all your sins confessed and repented of.

Once you've tasted being squeaky clean with God, you won't want to lose it. If you're not sure how to pray, on page 65 of the book is a suggestion for prayer. Again, more depends on the authority of the Name of Jesus than on you being concerned that you prayed correctly.

We'll see you in Chapter 5, *After You've Demolished the Strongholds*.