

3.3Bp(15).Prayer: Binding Strong Man.
Mark 3:27-35.

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27 But no one can **enter a strong man's house** and plunder his goods, unless he first **binds the strong man**. Then indeed he may **plunder his house**. ²⁸ “Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹ but whoever **blasphemes against the Holy Spirit** never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” — ³⁰ for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.” Mark 3:27-30.

Background:

The Lord Jesus is clear that before people can be rescued and redeemed into the Kingdom of God, the “strong man” must first be bound.

On this subject, there is not much that needs to be said except to act on the words of Jesus Mashiach by faith. For, in this topic of “binding” the strong man, there is nothing that can be added except to simply pray to the Lord asking that the “strong man,” that is, “Satan,” is bound and that he release the ones we are praying for.

Regarding this “binding” of the strong man, you might consider some simple pointers:

- **Pray in the Spirit at all times.** Ask the Spirit for discernment, for in certain encounters, the enemy may be actively working against your witness or ministry.

- **Rebuke or cast out unclean Spirits:** Be sure to be quick to cast out or rebuke unclean spirits that may be at work.
- **Confess Sins/ Repent of any Stronghold:** The enemy will work in your life if there is an area, a “foothold” of sin in your life. For example, letting the sun go down on your anger opens the door for the devil.
- **Pray for an area or household to be cleansed:** especially when you are entering a new area of ministry, pray against any spiritual opposition.

Personal Experiences:

Regarding prayer to “bind” the strong man, there are times when the person you are seeking to minister to are likely “bound” by the evil one, so prayer before ministry is key. Here are some experiences I’ve had:

- Flying into Tokyo with a mission’s team, we experienced an immediate darkness of a

large area under the uncontested control of the evil one. The first half of our ministry was fruitless, as the presence of opposition was dark and thick. But, our host church had an overnight intercession for us, which opened a wide door for good ministry in the week that followed, with several people turning to the Lord.

- I witnessed to a young Thai girl at the restaurant owned by her parents, with an idol and alter displayed at the front of the restaurant. Before sharing the Gospel with the girl, I prayed for the devil to be bound and cast out and for releasing for J. That night, she turned to the Lord Jesus.
- A young lady attempted suicide and broke her spine and her legs. She turned to the Lord, and he healed her so that she could stand and walk again. But, a persistent use of *substances* kept her bound to the enemy and at risk. Several times, the team

had to pray for her life to be spared, as she was spared from ending her life. Only after God's discipline and consistent prayer was she freed from the enemy's grip and started to grow as a disciple.

- A young lady served the Lord out of guilt for many years. Only after an extended counseling and prayer session in which the Spirit uncovered and she surrendered to the Lord traumas that were breaking her heart was she finally freed. The enemy apparently used these buried hurts and hardness to still oppress her. Only after the prayer was she visibly relieved.

So, as you consider this passage as a disciple of Jesus Mashiach, there is very little we can pass on to you except the need to pray and ask the Lord to "bind" the Strong man. There is no special way to do it, except be sure to address this very real aspect of sharing the Kingdom Gospel. For, we

only see the surface but are blind to the underlying areas of soul, spirit, mind, and heart to which the enemy has access. So, pray against this dark power and ask for the Lord's mercy to release those who are bound!

Focus:

1. Bind Satan's Power: Stop His work. 3:27
2. Beseige Enemy Territory: Kingdom's Presence
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3. Break Free Captives: Bring to Kingdom of Light.
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Consider:

Again, the Lord Jesus gives us instruction which we must follow by faith. When seeking to share the Kingdom Gospel in new areas, be sure to "bind" the strong man and ask for the Lord's mercy that

captives may be released and that the influence of unclean spirits may be cleared away.

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Jesus states a spiritual problem and its solution very simply, so all we can do is act on this truth revealed.

First, we must note that the enemy, called the "strong man," has power and control over the occupants of his "house."

- Control ovr fleshly people: shockingly, when Simon Peter gives in to his fleshly fear in responding to the predicted death of Jesus, he was being used by Satan (Mark 8:33). So, fleshly unbelief may open the door for Satan's influence.

- Opposition to the Mashiach: those who openly deny the Mashiach are called “anti-Christ” and the Jewish people, who deny Jesus as Mashiach openly, are called a “synagogue of Satan.” Apparently, in the spiritual conflict, to reject the Kingdom of God as it comes through Jesus Mashiach puts you on the side of Satan.
- The entire world is captive to Satan’s oppression due to the widespread rule of sin and death. In Isaiah 9:2, the world is called a land of “darkness” in the “shadow of death.” That is, the sin of Adam introduced death—the absence of God’s life—as the new state of the world, and in this death, Satan rules.
- The power of the enemy to oppress is likened to a foreign army: People are “burdened” by the dark yoke, bound by the “staff for his shoulder,” and beaten by the

“rod of his oppressor,” and “trampled” by the warrior’s boot (Isaiah 9:4-5).

But, the arrival of Mashiach, “born” as the Son given as our Redeemer, overturns Satan’s oppression with a greater power. (9:6).

So, Jesus states that to “plunder” the “goods” of the “strong man,” he must first be “bound.” This tells us:

1. The strong man has a “right” to *his goods*—that is, due to their sin, enslavement to the flesh, and spiritual deadness, Satan possesses them. So, Jesus Mashiach, with a stronger “right” of redemption, is the only one to over-rule the enemy’s right. (Note: this explains why there is no possibility of Jewish “Self-righteousness” achieved by Law-keeping. Their sin enslaves them to Satan as long as they resist Jesus as their Mashiach.)

2. Jesus Mashiach has attained the power to “disarm” the strength of the strong man by ransoming his people on the cross (Colossians 2:15). So, praying and asking the Lord to “bind” the strong man is imperative.

Question:

Further Discovery:

