



## Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Unmasking (Forces of Darkness pt 1)

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

### Prayer

*"Thank you Jesus for coming in a flesh and blood body to defeat the devil once and for all. Thank you for the fact that I get to walk forward with the authority to stand up to the enemy. God you have always been faithful to me and you always will be."*

### Message Theme

Jesus The Deliverer

### Key Truths

We have to be proactive and resist the devil. When we resist him, we are also resisting his works and attempts to sabotage our life. Part of belonging to the kingdom of God is having authority to confront and resist the devil. God's desire is that the victory Jesus has over the enemy be made known. We can do this by demonstrating the devil's defeat, walking out the truth of the gospel. Jesus would preach and teach, he would heal, and he would confront and cast out devils. Now we can do these things and more. The world around us is under the power of the evil one. But if we believe in God's name, signs and wonders will follow us.

Signs of demonic activity:

1. Withdrawal from social interaction
  - a. We were created for social interaction.
  - b. The devil will try to isolate us from our community.
  - c. Just because God blesses us doesn't mean that he approves of all we do. God wants us to have Godly friends.
2. A tormented mental state
  - a. The devil can't touch God but he can touch what God loves, which is us.
  - b. When an evil spirit is manifesting it can never admit Jesus came in the flesh.

### Practical Application

The devil can not make us do anything. The authority that Jesus has, he left with the church.

Submit to God, resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

- Submitting to God looks like following His example, desiring His will for your life, and trusting Him in each and every area of your life.
- Resisting the devil requires taking every thought captive. Do not let the devil speak lies to you. Fill your mind with words of truth and life. The enemy wants access to you but standing up to him is letting him know he may not have you, your family, your health, or your job.

### **Reference Verses**

- 2 Corinthians 2:11
- 1 Peter 5:8
- Matthew 12:28-30, 8:16
- Ephesians 3:10
- Mark 1:27, 16:17-18, 5:1-20
- Daniel 11:32
- 1 John 3:8, 5:19, 4:2-4
- Proverbs 18:21, 27:17
- Job 4:19
- Philippians 2:6-7
- Hebrews 2:14
- Romans 10:13

### **Declarations**

*“I believe that Jesus came to the earth in a flesh and blood body to restore humanity back to God. I submit my life to God and I hand over my timeline. God knows me better than I know myself and I trust His plan for my life. The enemy has already been defeated and has no place in my life, my body, my community, or in my family.”*

### **What's Next?**

Now it's time to write down anything the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

## Scripture References

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**2 Corinthians 2:11 NKJV** ...lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

**1 Peter 5:8-9 NKJV** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith...

**John 10:10 NKJV** The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

**James 4:7 NKJV** Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

**Matthew 12:28 NKJV** But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

**Ephesians 3:10 NKJV** ...to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places...

**Colossians 2:15 NKJV** He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. **Mark 16:17**

**NKJV** And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons... **Daniel**

**11:32 NKJV** ...but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.

**1 John 3:8 NKJV** For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

**Matthew 8:16 NKJV** When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick...

**Matthew 8:16 Williams** ...many who were under the power of the devil.

**1 John 5:19 AMPC** We know [positively] that we are of God, and the whole world [around us] is under the power of the evil one.

**Mark 5:1-14 NKJV** Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me." For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!" Then He asked him, "What is your name?" And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many."

Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them." And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea. So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened.

**Mark 5:14-20 NKJV** So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. And those who saw it told them how it happened to him who had been demon-possessed, and about the swine. Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region. And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

**Ephesians 4:25-32 NKJV REF** Therefore, putting away lying, "*Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,*" for we are members of one another. "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, ~~and~~ clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

**Proverbs 18:1 NKJV** A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment.

### **Judges 13-16 NKJV**

**Proverbs 27:17 NKJV** As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

### **Ezekiel 28 NKJV**

**Job 4:19 NKJV** How much more those who dwell in houses of clay, Whose foundation is in the dust, Who are crushed before a moth?

**Philippians 2:6-7 NKJV REF** ...who, being in the form of God, did not consider it <sup>[a]</sup>robbery to be equal with God, **7** but <sup>[b]</sup>made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men.

**1 John 4:2-4 NKJV** By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ

has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.