

**Miracles that follow the plow :: i prayed with a deliverance minister****i prayed with a deliverance minister - posted by bible1985, on: 2008/11/21 3:33**

His name is stan johnson and he is a big believer in spiritual gifts, he speaks in tongues. I said oh well i am not getting delivered so why not. So he prayed with me twice this week, tried to cast out the demons and nothing really happened. Until today at work i began to feel this evil feeling within my self manifest and it was trying to take over my mind and body. Their was this really bad smell to around me and i was hearing laughing within me too. I left work early because it became too much for me. I have always had a real bad feeling about these spiritual gifts and the pentecostal churches in general. You know the ones where they speak in tongues and dance crazy in the spirit and even holy laughter. Last time i went to one i swore God warned me not to go there when he gave me this terrible feeling of fear upon me. I should have stopped praying with him right when he started to pray in tongues. He also prayed that i would be empowered by the holy spirit. Man i feel like i did the wrong thing this time once again. The speaking in tongues thing did not sound Godly either, but very scary. John

Re: i prayed with a deliverance minister - posted by enid, on: 2008/11/21 4:41

I might seem presumptuous in what I say, so I will ask questions to avoid being too presumptuous.

First, is the Stan Johnson of whom you speak based in Topeka, Kansas?

I did a quick search on the internet for that.

As it is, I don't know where you live, so it might not be him.

Another thing is, are you a Christian? You will have to tell me, because I don't know. I don't know if everyone who contributes on this forum is a Christian.

If you are not a Christian, then salvation is of the Lord, Psalm 3v8, and you need God's salvation.

If we go by scripture, it is not necessary for salvation to precede deliverance, see Mark 5v1-20 about the man with the legion of demons.

But, if you are a Christian, please ask yourself, how can a demonic spirit and the Holy Spirit co-exist in the same person?

I'll leave it at that.

God bless.

Re:, on: 2008/11/21 7:21

Yea, I was unsure of how to respond to this as well. Enid asks some very important questions that really need to be answered first before anyone can help.

I will say this... most believers who attend Pentecostal churches are sincere and saved. Most of those churches are ok, even though I may not agree with all of their doctrine.

But in recent years some very strange and spooky stuff has been going on in Charismatic & Pentecostal church. There used to be a stark difference between Charismatics and traditional Pentecostals, but no longer.

When I see things like Todd Bentley, or people crawling on the floor barking like dogs... my suggestion to folks is to just stay away. When we open ourselves up to strange unbiblical things we are treading on thin ice.

I will say this though... most of your post has to do with your "feelings". Your feelings about nothing happening during or after the prayer time... your feelings about him praying in tongues... your feelings at work... your feelings when visiting churches.

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The Word of God, not your feelings, is the final authority on all things concerning faith and practice.

Krispy

Re: John - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2008/11/21 8:46

John,

I have read alot of your posts. I truly empathize with you. What I am seeing/reading is that you seem to go by these 'feelings' that you think are spiritual (maybe dark, or fearful). Can I please beg of you to consider that these feelings are nothing more than scary thoughts (anxiety) causing your mind and body to 'feel' fearful and overwhelmed.

I used to believe so many of the things you are saying- but then I learned that much of what i thought that was 'evil spirits' or a fearful feeling or a confused mind, etc... was nothing more than my own fearful thoughts. Without realizing it, I was scaring myself- and my mind and body would react to that.

I know I've said this before, but you sound like a classic case of anxiety. You manifest all the symptoms. You should try to find a 'biblical' counselor (not just a christian counselor).

Also, if you have the chance please check out Lucinda Bassett's book called from Panic to Power. I don't agree with 100 % of what she says, but i believe that if you would read the symptoms and signs, you would see that this is very common to alot of people with anxiety.

You are not alone. Alot of people experience these same feelings. But that's all they are. I know they seem real, but they're not. You've got to renew your mind, brother. Replace those unbiblical thoughts with the Truth of God's word.

I know you're looking every where for help- but most of the distress is coming from you- from your own thinking.

Praying for you!

In Him, Chanin

Re: - posted by bible1985, on: 2008/11/21 9:08

<http://www.gladtidingsministry.org/>

this is the man and his site

Re:, on: 2008/11/21 9:28

He's from Greensboro, eh?

Looked over his website. Can't tell much about him, and dont have time this morning to listen to any of his teachings. Did note that in his bio it says he was healed of being born with one leg shorter than the other. That's interesting because many false "healers" claim that "miracle" for their own... and it's been exposed by hidden cameras to be nothing more than a slight of hand trick. WV Grant was busted on Dateline, I think it was.

Not saying your guy is faking this, I can't know that. Just think it's ironic that this is the miracle he claims.

Anyway, John... you don't need this guy. You need sound Biblical counseling and more than that you need the Word of God in your life. You need to spend several hours a day in fervent study of the Word. I suspect you dont right now.

Krispy

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Re: - posted by bible1985, on: 2008/11/21 12:49

does anyone recommend neil t. andersons book bondage breaker or victory over darkness, i was recommended it.

Re:, on: 2008/11/21 13:04

Why are you chasing after ministries? You're looking for someone to prescribe a remedy for you. I'm all for sound Biblical counsel, but what you need to do is slow down... bury your head in the Word of God... study to show yourself approved ... and pray.

Either the Word of God has all the answers, and is the final authority on everything, or it's a worthless book needing to be burned.

As long as you keep searching for your answer in books and ministers... you'll never find it. Eventually you will realize (I hope) that your answer lies in Jesus Christ. That the only way you're going to find what your looking for is to be filled daily with the Holy Spirit. And that only by the renewing of your mind can you find victory... and the renewing of your mind will NOT come until you begin to put the Word of God into your heart, soul and mind.

Right now... you're chasing the wind, my friend.

Krispy

Re: John - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2008/11/21 13:46

John,

I agree with Krispy. I know you are desperate for answers but you're looking in all the wrong places. I have the Anderson book you mentioned. I wouldn't really recommend it. If anything it will probably scare you more. So much of what these people tend to teach about is nothing more than superstition. Have you ever thought of yourself as a superstitious person?

Please find a biblical counselor- a good site to check out: WWW.CCEF.ORG - check out the free downloads (some on fear)

another good counseling site is www.seegod.org

p.s when i was going thru the worst of my fearful times (i thought i was going crazy or that I was just being attacked, etc..) I had people- on this forum even that told me that it was demonic, that I needed prayer. I am glad I didn't listen. My discernment told me that God is in control and I am not at the mercy of any evil. if you are a christian, Christ is living in you. I am living proof that much of this is just superstition- and healing and deliverance comes from gaining a renewed mind. it's not as complicated as you think.

I am praying that your eyes and ears will be open to see the simplicity of it all. There are no magic formulas- no one is going to pray for you and you will be instantly delivered. God is wanting to heal you and take you through a process to show you that you need to renew your mind- that you need to think biblically. It takes some hard work.

I hope you will take what I am saying to heart.

Praying for you, Chanin

edit: another good site to try and find a biblical counselor in your area is www.nanc.org

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Re: Neil Anderson's books, on: 2008/11/21 15:40

bondage breaker or victory over darkness are GREAT!!

Re: Sins or demons - posted by JoanM, on: 2008/11/22 5:17

In the place of prayer personally and in partner with others, not to mention in the Word of God, I have noticed that things such as lust, lies, anger, gossip, stealing, etc. are sin that need to be confessed RATHER THAN demons that need to be bound/cast out. It's really that simple. There are many ways to put this: Darkness cannot cover Light: Light dispels darkness.

Neil Anderson can be helpful to listen to because his messages flood the ears/mind with scripture after scripture. So would an audio bible. For individual draw to the "shiny things" of the enemy of our soul, it can be helpful to get concrete in renouncing lies from the Father of Lies that were believed/embraced and affirming the opposing Truth of God. At a certain point in our growth and abiding in Christ, we are led by the Spirit to do this. Neil Anderson simply made it concrete and encourages an exhaustive approach. I think settling the issue of death and getting clear about the root of each sin in the "old man" (with the life side following) is the most biblical way to walk.

As far as I can tell, every single sin "situation" is different. (How many vectors are there that are not due north). Thus, only the work of the Holy Spirit's revelation of the Word of God (Truth) is effective. That is how difficult it is for MAN to do what I just called "that simple."

I wonder how much it helps to spell such things out unless you go on to do the Word of God. Yet, I just could not help pointing out the obvious confusion of sin with demons (see the list on his site).

Bible 1985: You have not answered questions about your having a home fellowship with mature believers, a group Bible Study, etc.

Re: - posted by bible1985, on: 2008/11/22 8:16

I was going to a church, my first church for a time but my pastor seemed to get tiresome from my problems over and over and I decided that it would be best that I left so I didn't annoy him. Also I was feeling worse in the church. I have tried out a few churches since but nothing special from any of them. I am very serious about my faith and I look for those 24 / 7 Christians and haven't found them in the church. I also go occasionally to a Bible study with Christian friends in Indiana, but only a few times a year, but they don't understand my problems. Actually because no one has understood my problems or has kinda of seemed to lack the caring for me part has been a big reason I have stayed away from most Christians in general. Most seem to not really care or want to go out of their way at all. I seem to have to go out of my way and I am the one with the problem. I get more help hear than anywhere. When the Lord first came into my life 5 years ago it was a wonderful walk. I didn't go to church and had no Christian friends for the first 6 months. I was healed by God and then my eyes were opened up to God's word and I had to ask Jesus to save me many times. I would walk down the street and feel His presence and not worry. I no longer cared about the things of this world and I mean that literally, I had no interest within, something changed me. I didn't want anything anymore, the materialistic things I didn't care about. I just wanted to give and serve God with all my heart. I no longer really cared about my needs. I followed whatever the word of God said. It wasn't until I got myself caught up in this world and the way some Christians live here and still our into the worldly things that I began to slowly fall. Everything was perfect when it was just me and Jesus. I miss Him, He was always there for me and I loved walking in His grace, to walk in the spirit of God and not in the flesh is to fill completely at peace and set free from this world. Oh what disobedience can do and how awful sin is. If I only had more knowledge of the Bible as I do now, if only the Holy Spirit would had convicted me like my life was on the line before I fell.

Re: - posted by bible1985, on: 2008/11/22 8:16

thanks joan m

Re: Belly buttons - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/11/22 10:34

bible1985,

Quote:

-----healing and deliverance comes from gaining a renewed mind. it's not as complicated as you think.

Chanin and Krispy are giving you what you need to hear, the admonishen to *slow down* is just as important and I will go a bit further ...

You have got to realize that some of us have been in this same place even if it has it's variations. What it comes down to is will you take the hard to be said but needful things to heart and do something about it?

Many of us have read your posts since you have been here and as Chanin pointed out, there is a commonality to them.

Neil T. Anderson is not what you need right now, what you need is a realization of your incessant navel gazing. A quick scan of your most recent post explaining your predicament is overwrought with the personal pronoun - **I**, then **my** followed by **me**. I know this is redundant to you as it has been expressed before but I had this very same maladjustment of disposition until some good Brethren from this very forum began to press my nose in it, so to speak and it was taken to heart

"Dying' to yourself is not an abolishment, listen to the Lords words;

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. Mat 16:25

It is the paradoxical gain, the displacement of importance and order - Surely you would wish to be in that place where little bothers you, where contentment has the upper hand and reign, to be like Jesus in never being disheveled or displaced within Himself. We all do.

I don't think you are unlike most of us when it comes to reacting, but discipline is the word you must get down into the fabric of your being. Your tendencies from what you have conveyed here are to dismiss and look for those things you wish to hear - An appreciation for acquiesce to what you have already set your mind on, as an example; "*I think this book might do the trick, if I could find someone to agree with me then I know I am on the right track*" - Something to that effect?

Forget about 'not being understood', we understand that, we are not any different as peculiar people - in fact, if the many did understand it would prove the opposite and be even more fearful.

Brother, if you want to overcome this peccadillo of disposition than go and do the hard thing. Humble yourself, take that advice to go find a good *Biblical* counselor, not just a "Christian" counselor as was so well put by our sister, she knows what she speaks of. And if it takes ten attempts till you hit pay dirt, what of it? But forget about all this deliverance business, your enemy is your *self* and will always be the greatest match- not the devil, not the world - The flesh. And the controller or rather manager is your mind. The Holy Spirit is not going to do the work for you. You have got to learn in essence to *ignore* your own evil imaginations, *crucify*, *mortify* the members of your body - These are all analogous, eupheisms - if you will, for the same thing.

You know brother I do think this is your problem as hard as it might sound ... you are looking for an easy out, an escape, a *deliverance*. If you have convinced yourself that your only avenue out is by deliverance than that is the first to go, get it out of your mind. By that I do mean 'instant' deliverance, you will get delivered alright in due time but it is going to require you to change your mind about things, make a 180 degree turn, a paradigm shift in thinking.

Quote:

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"some Christians" - "If only" - Look brother, realize something, whatever is past and repented of is *done* if it has been truly repudiated. You may suffer the regrets but that is a good thing, a reminder going forward, as Charles Simeon put it "*Though I am forgiven I do not know what reason I need to have for forgiving myself*". If "some Christians" have caused you to err than it seems pretty self explanatory, what they do is not your problem, nor your excuse;

Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me. Joh 21:22

Did you ever take up the advice to study those heroes of the faith, even in recent generations, do the comparison thing? Realize just how good and blessed you truly are even with this trouble you are experiencing? Has it occurred to you that your very troubles are those things that test and stretch your faith, *make*, actually *create* character within you? That the Lord does nothing with a man until He literally crushes him from the inside ... All these old adages are not throw away comments, they are truth. If you went merrily along, if you came here speaking all the time of how wonderful everything is, how prosperous you are, the great prophetic insight that was given you and all the other gobbledygook that passes for Christianity in this hour I would say that you were cursed, not blessed - The worst thing that can happen to us is to be hoodwinked into a false sense of so called 'happiness'. To be left alone by the Lord - unchallenged.

Mat 6:34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Luk 21:34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

In this life, *trouble*. Listen to this with that perspective;

And, brothers, we make known to you the grace of God which has been given among the churches of Macedonia; that in much testing of trouble, the overflowing of their joy, and the depth of their poverty, abounded to the riches of their generosity. 2Co 8:1-2

Get to work brother, none of this happens for no good reason. Take up that advice given earlier if none of this makes an impression upon you. Read a *different* book than you think, such as Chanin offered. This is the key, challenge yourself, do the thing you don't *feel* like doing.

Take a couple of band-aids, put them over your belly button and quit staring at the darn thing.

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Re: - posted by Nellie, on: 2008/11/22 10:52

THE only Person who will never fail you, is JESUS CHRIST.
If you put your trust in anyone else, they will fail you.
He won't.
You can talk to Him at any time, and share your very heart with Him.
He loves us, in spite of ourselves.
May He draw you unto Himself.
God Bless you
Nellie

Re: i prayed with a deliverance minister - posted by partofaplan, on: 2008/11/22 12:11

There's not a whole lot I could add or take away from this discussion, but I would like to say that the deliverance sessions that I've seen are normally done with very little experience. Many people get so itching to cast out demons and break demonic family ties that they forgot to tie the end with inner healing. Jesus is forgotten and he is not invited into these situations to come and close the demonic gaps of the past.

I personally believe that demons can afflict believers, because it is not the mere words of confession of faith which save you, it is daily devotion to God. And if someone is not serving God with their whole heart and compromises to the world, worldly things will seep in. We are saved by grace, but this grace must be accepted.