

Unstoppable pt1 – First Bind The Enemy

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[Mar 3:13-30 NASB95] 13 And He went up on the mountain and summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him. 14 And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He [could] send them out to preach, 15 and to have authority to cast out the demons. 16 And He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom He gave the name Peter), 17 and James, the [son] of Zebedee, and John the brother of James (to them He gave the name Boanerges, which means, "Sons of Thunder"); 18 and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot; 19 and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him. 20 And He came home, and the crowd gathered again, to such an extent that they could not even eat a meal. 21 When His own people heard [of this,] they went out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, "He has lost His senses." 22 The scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons." 23 And He called them to Himself and began speaking to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 "If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26 "If Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but he is finished! 27 "But no one can enter the strong man's house and plunder his property unless he first binds the strong man, and then he will plunder his house. 28 "Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter; 29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" 30 because they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

[Mat 10:1-4 NASB95] 1 Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. 2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Him.

[Mat 12:22-29 NASB95] 22 Then a demon-possessed man [who was] blind and mute was brought to Jesus, and He healed him, so that the mute man spoke and saw. 23 All the crowds were amazed, and were saying, "This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?" 24 But when the Pharisees heard [this,] they said, "This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons." 25 And knowing their thoughts Jesus said to them, "Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself will not stand. 26 "If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? 27 "If I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast [them] out? For this reason they will be your judges. 28 "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. 29 "Or how can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong [man?] And then he will plunder his house.

- You have an enemy. His name is Satan. He wants to stop you from becoming all that God wants you to become. God wants us to bind Satan so that we can become all that God wants us to become.
- Composite story: Mark 3:13-30; Matthew 10:1-4 and 12:22-29
- Particular attention to the first step in overcoming and becoming unstoppable: Mark 3:27 and Matthew 12:29.
- We are going to take back what the enemy has stolen. We are going to plunder him. God is making us unstoppable.

What do we need to know about dealing with Satan to become unstoppable?

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Here is the why and how to of binding Satan to become unstoppable.

I. Why do we believe that we are involved in binding Satan?

- a. Jesus did not just do this as an allegory, but it is a reality. Far too many ill-informed theologians and pastors teach against the reality of dealing with the devil.
- b. Notice first that the power of the Holy Spirit did the deliverance. Matthew 12:28
- c. Jesus taught by precept and practice.
- d. He operated by depending upon the HS. [Act 10:38 NASB95] 38 "[You know of] Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and [how] He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.
- e. He was truly God and truly man. [Phl 2:6 NASB95] 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,
- f. History of "binding and loosening" by Dr. Paul King.
- g. Clearly, the context was Jesus and the apostles, by the power of the Holy Spirit, set people free from the hindering abilities of Satan.
- h. We have the same Holy Spirit they had. We have the same mission (Matthew 10:1; Mark 16:15-18.
- i. Since we are clearly included in the mission and empowerment, we need to first bind (stop, render ineffective) the enemy if we want to start becoming what God has called us to become.

II. How do we bind Satan?

- a. We are called to bind and loose. [Mat 16:18-19 NASB95] 18 "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. 19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."
 - b. Start with the calling of the apostles. Mark 3:14-15.
 - i. Be with Him. Surrender. Prayer. Presence. Power of the Holy Spirit.
 - ii. Proclaim the Gospel. Atonement. Promises. Faith declarations.
 - iii. Walk in your authority. In Jesus' Name. Don't give in. Don't give up. Resist.
- **God wants us to become unstoppable by first binding Satan by being with Him, declaring His Word, and walking the authority He has given to us.**