

Unstoppable pt8 – The Power of Rebuke

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[Psa 76:6 NASB95] 6 At Your rebuke, O God of Jacob, Both rider and horse were cast into a dead sleep.

- This verse shows us how God delivered Israel and defeated their enemies. It was God's "rebuke" that got the job done. God's rebuke caused the waters to overwhelm those wanting to defeat Israel.
- The Controversy of the Rebuke. Many say Christians should NOT "rebuke" the devil. It is true that the Bible does not specifically use the words "Christians need to rebuke the devil."
- CAN/SHOULD CHRISTIANS REBUKE THE DEVIL? The Meaning of the Rebuke. PLEASE remember that the Bible was not written in English. There are at least three Greek words translated as "rebuke." Also, there are times those words are translated into other words like "charge," "command," and so on. So, if one looks only at the English Bible, their argument against rebuking the devil is true.
- However, from the original language, it is proper to rebuke. When dealing with Satan and demons, the word "rebuke" means to censure or admonish; by implication, forbid--(straitly) charge (command). This is exactly what Paul did in Acts 16.

Is rebuking the enemy important in my life, and how do I do it?

There are Biblical examples of rebuking the enemy, and we need to learn how to rebuke the enemy.

I. Are there examples of rebuking in the Bible?

- a. It is the action of Mark 16, "cast out demons".
- b. [Mar 16:15-18 NASB95] 15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. 17 "These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly [poison,] it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."
- c. Yet, we know Jesus rebuked demons (Who is our example).
 - i. Matthew 8:26 (wind, sea), 17:18 (demon)
 - ii. Mark 1:25 (demon) - And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!"
 - iii. Mark 4:39 (wind, sea) – And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm.
 - iv. Mark 9:25 (deaf, dumb, foul spirit) - When Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You deaf and mute spirit, I command you, come out of him and do not enter him again."
 - v. Luke 4:35 (devil) (same as Mark 1:25)
 - vi. Luke 4:39 (fever, it left) - And standing over her, He rebuked the fever, and it left her; and she immediately got up and waited on them.
 - vii. Luke 4:41 (stopping demons from speaking) Demons also were coming out of many, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But rebuking them, He would not allow them to speak, because they knew Him to be the Christ.
 - viii. Luke 8:24 (wind, water), 9:42 (unclean spirit)
- d. We see Paul rebuking demons in Acts 16:16-18. 16 It happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortune-telling. 17 Following after Paul and us, she kept

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crying out, saying, "These men are bond-servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation." 18 She continued doing this for many days. But Paul was greatly annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" And it came out at that very moment.

II. The Need for the Rebuke

- a. It is time to "censure, admonish, forbid and charge (command)" some stuff in our lives. If you want to use the word rebuke, resist, cast out or whatever, fine. We need to take charge of the things the enemy is throwing at us instead of just accepting his garbage.
- b. Jude 1:9 But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"
- c. Matthew 16:19 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."
- d. Mark 3:26 If Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but [a]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.
- e. Matthew 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. 29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.
- f. Luke 10:17-19 – 17 The [i]seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." 18 And He said to them, "I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. 19 Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven."
- g. James 4:7 – Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- h. [Psa 8:3-6 NASB95] 3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained; 4 What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him? 5 Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty! 6 You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,
- i. [Mal 3:10 NASB95] 10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.

III. How to rebuke?

- a. From the Scriptures above, the primary way is to speak.
- b. God uses the faith-filled words of a believer to overcome the enemy.
- c. [Pro 18:21 NASB95] 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.
- d. [Isa 55:10-11 NASB95] 10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; 11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding [in the matter] for which I sent it.
- e. [Eze 37:4-8 NASB95] 4 Again He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.' 5 "Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones, 'Behold, I will cause breath to enter you that you may come to life. 6 'I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin and put breath in you

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that you may come alive; and you will know that I am the LORD." 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them.

f. Your rebuke is powerful.

- **Say, "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I censure, admonish, forbid, and take command of every evil spirit that is warring against my family, my church, and me. I declare that God's power is delivering me and defeating my enemies. Satan, his demons, and their work are stopped now. Every spirit must be quiet! I speak peace, be still to every adversarial situation in my life. I stand over every sickness, and at my rebuke, in the Name of Jesus Christ, it has to leave. I command every spirit that is hindering me to go! As a tither, every devourer that has come against my finances must leave now! By the power of the Holy Spirit, I am delivered and walking in victory in every area of my life."**