

Released And Free!

Rev. 20:11-15

11. Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.

12. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

13. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done.

14. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

15. If anyone's name was not found WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Eph. 4:30 - And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were SEALED for the day of redemption.

Luke 4:18 (NLT) - "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be RELEASED, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set FREE,

Ephesians 6:12 - For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the RULERS, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

KJV - "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against PRINCIPALITIES, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

The Legal Authority the devil has over man that enables him to hold us bound is called a...

PRINCIPALITY — a powerful ruler, or the rule of someone in authority.

The word may refer to human rulers (Titus 3:1, KJV),
demonic spirits (Rom. 8:38; Eph. 6:12; Col. 2:15),
angels and demons in general (Eph. 3:10; Col. 1:16),
or any type of rule other than God Himself (Eph. 1:21; Col. 2:10).

It's the territory or jurisdiction of a prince...

The devil is the prince or ruler of the air (Eph.2: 2).

A stronghold is a mindset that is impregnated with hopelessness that causes a person to accept as unchangeable something in their lives, even though they know it goes contrary to the will of God.

*Literally, It's a "well fortified place, fortress or center for a group of militants"

The main way demons get access into our lives is when we believe their lies!

The devil understands that to gain control of the mind is to ultimately have control of the soul...

And whoever or whatever controls your soul (mind, will, emotions) controls you!

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 - The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish

strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

“The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world” (KJV - not carnal)

The KJV says that “they are mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.”

Proverbs 23:7 “For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.”

Literal – “As he reckons in his soul so is he”

Reckons = thinks, estimates, acts as a gate keeper.

2 Cor. 4:4 - The god of this age has blinded the MINDS of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Romans 12:2 - “Do not conform any longer to the PATTERN (cycle) of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

When we believe something in our minds, it alters the way we perceive a certain thing...

And that perception causes us to begin to act and live according to what we believe.

Numbers 13:33 - We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."

How does one become bound?

1 John 2:16 "For all that is in the world, the LUST OF THE FLESH, and the LUST OF THE EYES, and the PRIDE OF LIFE, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

John 8:36 - "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed (lit.-really free)."

John 10:10 - "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

God wants you to live released and free from bondage so you experience life to the full!

To live in the freedom that Christ purchased for you...

You've GOT TO CHANGE the way you THINK!

Pr. 23:7 "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he."

Hebrews 11:1 - "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

Faith is being able to believe that God will make a way out of no way when you are following His lead!

This freedom experience cannot happen unless you first change the way you are thinking!

Philippians 2:5 - "Let this MIND be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

Isaiah 26:3 - You will keep in perfect peace him whose MIND is steadfast, because he trusts in you.

God wants to bring you out to freedom...

So, He can present you to those still in captivity...

So that He can release and free them from the grips of the enemy!