

Dealing Precisely with Demons

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INTRODUCTION

The demon world is an organized, invisible, inaudible, and powerful kingdom of armies. Unless we keep our conscious thoughts and subconscious imaginations within the boundaries of God's Word, we will become victims of demonic attacks upon our minds. The plan against us is to divide and conquer by sowing discord, insecurity, suspicion, paranoia, bad health, and intellectual pride. Though we never see the enemy, we see the physical manifestation of his devastation being worked out all around us.

From the record of Jesus Christ's battle in the Garden of Gethsemane, we know demons can inflict tremendous tension and pain. Great drops of blood came out of Jesus' pores because of the intensity of the attack upon His life. Satan was desperately trying to keep Jesus from going to Calvary where He would pay for the sins of the world with His precious Blood. Knowing His purpose was to reach the Cross, Jesus wrestled

in prayer that night in the Garden and “was heard [by the Father] in that he feared” (Hebrews 5:7*b*). Satan could not kill Him prematurely. Jesus went on to lay down His life on the Cross as a ransom for our souls.

Considering the struggle Jesus faced against the demonic world, we cannot afford to underestimate the power of the devil. Called “the prince of this world” in John 14:30, his methods and strategies are more sophisticated today than ever. For this reason, we have written this booklet, which is part two of a series that will be continued in the next issue of Doctrine Weekly. These booklets identify several specific groups of demons and their operational roles in the plan of Satan. Read it prayerfully, because no Christian can afford to be ill-equipped for the warfare in these last days.

Chapter One
RULERS OF DARKNESS

“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” (Ephesians 6:12).

Satan’s armies have supernatural oneness in their attacks. “Rulers of the darkness of this world,” they are infectious ones that spread their infection through contact with people who are the objects of Christ’s redemption and targets of Satan’s fierce hatred for the Redeemer. According to Job 41:16, “One is so near to another, that no air can come between them.” Demon armies work together to bring in preoccupation with ourselves and others and circumstances so that we will not even recognize the invisible, inaudible warfare going on around us. This is the job of the general of communication in the atmosphere known as *Hupsoma* and his army.

These demons are directly under Satan who is called “the prince of the power of the air” in Ephesians 2:2.

The head demon officer, *Archon daimonion* (the prince of devils, Matthew 9:34) cooperates with *Andres*, who comes against the will, and with *Eloces*, who afflicts the physical body, to bring swift destruction to the mind and the body and reverse healthy processes so a Christian will give up being an instrument for God. They work together with amazing oneness to cause division and stress, and to bring strangeness into relationships. They attack the pastor, his staff, marriages, families, friendships in the church, and businesses. The whole purpose is to make people feel distant from one another, forced to build walls to protect our fragile dispositions in Adam because of the Fall. The royal law of love is not in it. Demonic wounds are in it—wounds that make us self-conscious of the scars and filled with self-imposed misery.

Infections and Incurable Wounds

Many of us have found ourselves wounded not because of a broken heart of love, but because of infections. We justify our position in a human proposition and neglect a divine proposition. At

the end of many trials and having failed to find a lasting solution, there is no cure for Adam's infections. We must die. That means we need to die to everything about Adam's life—even the "good" things. That news, at first, doesn't seem hopeful. But God has given us His Word, categorical doctrine that produces faith in His finished work.* He has given us His Holy Spirit that reveals His love. We can give grace (for grace we received) instead of retribution, mercy instead of judgments, and we can experience faith-rest instead of internalizing stress.

Andres attacks the volition and breaks down the function of the conscious mind by attacking the unconscious mind, establishing a premise to control future thoughts, confessions, and habits. This army also attacks evangelical pulpits by bringing in demonic doctrines and causing emotional movements that are not of God. Even though a Christian may believe in the Cross, demonic doctrines are organized to attack the nature of God and to make the Cross of none effect. Ultimately, this demon army wants to cause believers to depart from a categorical system of faith (1 Timothy 4:1). Those believers live with a double mind and a divided heart (James 1:8; Hosea 10:2), all the while they confess they are

right because they embrace a system of organized doctrine that is not the mind of God.

As we have mentioned, *Eloces* works to break down the health of the physical body and bring it into subjection to *Andres*. The body becomes passive so it can be controlled by *Andres* through a deep work in the central nervous system.

Another group of demons function as organizers to make sure there is uniformity in the well-ordered attack on individuals. They monitor situations and relationships and bring a report back to *Hupsoma*, the head demon of the air, to make sure the other agents have been effective.

Monitors in this realm observe countenances (Isaiah 3:9). They listen in on our confessions and monitor depression, self-image, and emotional complexes. While this is going on in the invisible battleground around us, do you know what we are doing? We are fighting each other's flesh and registering complaints of everything someone else has done to us through the years.

The work of these specialized demons goes on without detection because we don't know how to discern the spirit world. Discernment can only come through doctrine and the Holy Spirit.

So in the area where we are being attacked,

if we give in, we are not living in divine guidance or divine inspiration. Instead we are receiving stimulation from the spirit world through angels of light, demons of illumination, and intellectual distortions in the three parts of our mind.

God's Plan of Attack for His People

As we will see, the only way to resolve the problem is first to walk by faith and not by sight. That means we must live in what we know about the character of God when our circumstances and even the condition of our relationships seem to be giving us another message.

Then, the faith we walk in must be a faith that serves by love that comes from fellowship with God's promises and thinking with His thoughts (Philippians 4:8).

Finally, we live practicing the royal law of love, toward God, ourselves, and each other (James 2:8; Mark 12:28-34; Romans 8:4, 13:8), as believer-priests in heaven's royal family. By letting the whole government of God operate in and through our mortal flesh in what we call theantric action, we take back stolen property from Satan, who is both a liar and a thief.

Setting Boundaries in the Mind

“And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (Genesis 6:5).

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds), Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).

These verses teach us the importance of having dominion over our thoughts. God has established boundary lines for our thought processes in every area of life. The Word of God defines these boundaries in Philippians 4:8: “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are *true*, whatsoever things are *honest*, whatsoever things are *just*, whatsoever things are *pure*, whatsoever things are *lovely*, whatsoever things are of a *good report*; if there be any *virtue*, and if there be any *praise*, *think on these things.*”

To live within these established boundary lines, we need to exercise our faculties and cate-

gorize our thoughts under those headings. It is vital that we control the power and function of the mind as it receives and develops mental images through its three parts: the unconscious, subconscious, and conscious.** That is why it is so important to stay within the bounds set forth in Philippians 4:8.

How Demons Gain Access to Our Thoughts

Andres and his army begin their attack on the mind through the unconscious. They begin with our genetic weaknesses. “Let not sin [(your genetic weaknesses)] therefore reign in your mortal body” (Romans 6:12a). Here, *Andres* works together with *Eloces* to bring about the swift and ongoing destruction of the mind in conjunction with the progressive destruction of the body. Their goal is to destroy the spirit, soul, and body of God’s creation so we will not live in the image of God.

Next, *Andres* fights against genuine brokenness in the believer’s life. As a ruler over the mind, he works through habits we have established by wrong decisions and brings us into a self-image of bondage.

Demon armies also work through projections—heavy vibrations that are signals sent

through the central nervous system. These signals send suggestions that cause us to fulfill one or more of the six 'lust patterns' of the flesh. By getting us to concede to the force of these suggestions, *Andres* and his army seduce us into a lifestyle that does not conform to our image in Christ.

Lust that is fulfilled on a consistent basis over a period of time in the life of a believer establishes strong lines in his thinking patterns. The sinful habits formed are strongholds that can only be broken through the intake of the Word of God and taking up the Cross. The six most common lust patterns are *material* lust (craving possession of things), *power* lust (desiring to have power or control over others), *pride* (being lifted up with self-importance over others), *approbation* lust (craving to be recognized and appreciated by others), *details of life* (being excessively occupied with details to the exclusion of a personal relationship with God), and *sensual* lust (craving for sexual fulfillment outside of God's boundaries, including mental lust).

Remember, our imaginations determine our self-image. In Genesis 4, Cain was born in the likeness of Adam, according to his image after the Fall. Therefore, Cain's imaginations pro-

moted the fulfillment of his lust and the desires of the natural mind through projections from the world system. And we have all of that history on our records as members of Adam's race. Do you see why we need to strategize?

**Read The Finished Work of Christ, by Pastor Stevens, Grace Publications, 1998.*

***Be sure to read Imaginations of the Heart, by Pastor Stevens, Grace Publications, 1998, for a clear explanation of this process.*

Chapter Two

BOUND BY LOVE TO HATE VAIN THOUGHTS

An imagination is a picture derived from an image received in the unconscious mind. Though these images are initially abstract, they bring in certain pulsations, feelings or sensations in the physical realm. Then the image begins to form and take shape in the subconscious mind. Finally, it is fully developed in the conscious mind where it receives the full cooperation of our faculties. By not understanding how to think, men have fallen into all kinds of evil imaginations in the unconscious mind. For example, *while* he is having sex with his wife, sexual fantasies may be produced in a man's unconscious mind in what amounts to mental adultery.

Adultery is a criminal act, according to the Bible. Far worse than the theft of material possessions, if a man raped your wife or committed adultery with her, that would be an extremely

serious offense because your wife is bone of your bone and flesh of your flesh! Likewise, mental adultery is a very serious crime in the eyes of God who knows our thoughts afar off (see Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-28).*

“Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body” (1 Corinthians 6:15-18).

According to this passage, many sins are committed outside the body. But fornication and adultery are sins *inside* the body. Proverbs 6:32 says, “Whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.”**

Hearts that Devise Evil Imaginations

Paul goes on to say in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye

are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body." According to the Greek text, your body totally belongs to Him.

God hates a heart that devises evil imaginations (Proverbs 6:18). Jeremiah 23:17 speaks of those who walk after the imaginations of their own heart. Zechariah 7:10 and 8:17 warn us not to imagine evil in our heart against our brother or our neighbor. And in Nahum 1:9-11, "What do ye imagine against the Lord?...There is one come out of thee that imagineth evil against the Lord, a wicked counsellor."

"When they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened" (Romans 1:21). That their imaginations became "vain" implies that they were not thinking with God. Vain doesn't mean "empty," as is commonly taught, but to be filled with thoughts afar off, which have their source in *Andres*, a wicked counselor to the human mind.

So, when a man or a woman enters into sexual fantasies, they are having communion with *Andres* and giving place to *Eloces* to come in and destroy the capacity of the body and mind for future compatibility with their spouse. Once these demons are given a place, they will work

to destroy the emotional and physical response patterns of both the man and the woman.

“Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD” (Jeremiah 23:24). Husbands and wives need to deal honestly before God with any ungodly imaginations. They should be accountable to each other. God is everywhere. Do they think they can get away with it in secret?

In Genesis 6:5, God saw that there was wickedness on the earth, and that the imaginations of man’s heart were continually evil. By establishing strongholds that began in Adam, *Andres* has been able to control thoughts, confessions, behavior, friendships and marriages—from the past to the future—through genetic inheritance. His demon army brings people so close to him that no air can come between to stop the pattern (see Job 41:16).

Is it any wonder that we are living in an age that is so heavily influenced by erotic sexual behavior? When *eros* love, which was intended to be normal, is removed from God’s unconditional *agape* love, then sex becomes nothing more than an act of lust.

The sexual union between a husband and a

wife is meant to be like the spiritual union and communion of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is to be a union of one heart, one soul, and one mind. God intended for two people to be one flesh, *only* inside the boundary lines of marriage. But sexual fantasies bring mental whoredom into the imaginations, and produce perverted thoughts.

There is so much power behind the mental images in the unconscious mind produced by supernatural powers! As we have seen, these images begin to take shape in the subconscious mind, and then are experienced in the conscious mind. *Eloces* extends the experience through the libido into the body by producing libido 'waves'. Therefore, infected people justify the fulfillment of their fantasies.

Limit the Manipulator: Glorify God

There are people who worry, fear, and react because of undefined imaginations in the staging area of the unconscious mind. Yet, 1 Corinthians 13:5 tells the believer that love thinks no evil. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things (verse 7). And in verse 8, love never fails. That means it never fails your *mind!* Stop allowing your mind

to be a place for vain imaginations and filled with thoughts from the demon armies.

We must never blame problems in our thought life on circumstances. We have wrong thoughts because we lack communion with the living Christ. The problem is that we are not walking in love (Ephesians 5:2), therefore our unconscious mind is not established within the limits of what is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of a good report, with virtue and praise. In other words, we have stepped outside God's boundary lines for thinking.

“Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established” (Proverbs 16:3). Here it is! The original Hebrew says, “Commit your *purposes* (or the motivation for your purposes) unto God.” If your purpose is to glorify Christ, then the Word of God says your thoughts will be established.

In Psalm 119:113, the psalmist said, “I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.” Again, “vain” does not mean empty; it means any thought that doesn't have its origin in the mind of Christ, the Word of God.

“Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But

every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed" (James 1:13). A man is drawn away through decisions he has made to keep a secret area of weakness alive.

James 1:15 says that when the lust has conceived, it brings forth personal sin, and sin brings forth death—separation from God. Separation from God causes worry; it causes the marriage bed to become defiled; and it causes us to imagine evil things against the God of heaven, the God who lives in our hearts. In addition, a lack of brokenness produces familiarity that results in bona fide guilt and, ultimately, withdrawal. This process only serves to strengthen the power of *Andres* over a person's life. But God has a glorious provision to give every believer victory over the attacks of Satan's specialized forces.

**Read Committed to Purity and Standing Firm in Godly Convictions, by Pastor Stevens, Grace Publications, 1998.*

***For a more detailed explanation of the body-soul connection through chemical production in the cells, read The War Against the Mind, by Pastor Stevens, Grace Publications, 1998.*

Chapter Three

OUR WEAPONS OF WARFARE

“O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether....If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me” (Psalm 139:1-4, 8-10).

The Word of God says that as a man thinks in his heart, so is he (Proverbs 23:7). When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, who sheds the love of God abroad in our hearts, then we no longer think evil in our unconscious mind, because it is being guarded and protected by the

ability of God's divine power through the manifestation of the Holy Spirit's victory over Satan and the flesh. This is God's remedy to bring in brokenness for the believer's life.

Unconscious thoughts cause us to have feelings without definition. The subconscious mind gives us feelings with only a rough outline of definition. But the conscious mind brings in experience with our feelings. Knowing how our complex mind works, God wants to handle our thoughts before the images ever enter into the unconscious mind.

Andres' attacks on the mind can be so subtle. It may be that he simply projects one or two negative images in the unconscious after the image of Adam (Genesis 5:3). He can manipulate an unsaved mind with beautiful images that promote genius in the natural realm so that people may create great works of art in areas such as poetry, painting, sculpture, and music. Those people become stimulated by the praise they receive, but more often are driven by the "urge to create" and are blind to their need to be saved by their Creator. *Andres'* job is complete when he robs a mind of the need to be saved by Christ.

Eloces' attack on the bodies of saved individuals is so they will cease to function as God's in-

struments in missions and in life. (When I say “missions,” I am speaking of the call of anyone who witnesses for Christ with a divine system and a purpose to make disciples of converts, following them up and investing with love—whether at home or abroad.)

Can you understand why this message is crucial for the hour in which we live? Few understand it, yet it has the power to change the lives of Christians, revolutionize our faith, and deliver people who worry, fear, or live in comparison because of a poor self-image.

Keep Stock of Your Artillery

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal)” (2 Corinthians 10:3-4a). We do not use natural weapons to match a supernatural enemy. The weapons of our warfare are these: redeeming the time, having holy compatibility in marriage, operating with integrity in friendships, and taking our place as members in particular in God’s representative family on earth.

Carnal weapons (such as the lust patterns previously described) are derived from Satan’s world system for the purpose of stimulating the

flesh and the soul. But God's weapons are spiritual, derived through inspiration from the mind of God to give us the protection of a perpetual provision of grace in our thoughts. Then, when Satan tries to project imaginations and high things from the air, we are able to cast them down because they exalt themselves against God's thought process—which has become *ours*. We bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. Then by faith, our obedience is fulfilled; we have been occupied with obedience that revenges all disobedience. Instead of warring against the flesh, we are walking in the Spirit and do not fulfill the lust of our flesh (Galatians 5:16).

Men, be careful around women. Never be with a woman alone, unless she is your wife. Even in your thought life. Be careful that in your bedroom you don't think of other women. Never do it! Cast down the imagination that exalts itself. By fulfilling your obedience, you are revenging all disobedience in these areas. And God says, "I've got some beautiful thoughts prepared for you afar off. Choose *My* way instead of making a provision for lust to conceive and bring forth personal sin."

David acknowledged his transgressions. He

said, "...my sin is ever before me" (Psalm 51:3). We are never to be preoccupied with our sinful nature or the sins of our past. But we must be quick to acknowledge, confess, isolate, turn, and be turned. When we do not follow God's provision for repentance and personal sin is allowed to continue, it becomes an infection. That is when sexual sins go beyond fornication and adultery, and people begin to flirt with pornography. There are repeated case studies of convicted child molesters and rapists who admit to increasing exposure to x-rated films and publications (and now the internet) as a major stimulus to their perversion. Behind their wicked behavior are *Andres* and *Eloces*, who are closer than the air as they engage in their work to destroy God's redemptive creation of man.

Imaginations from Heaven: Conceived in Love

When we begin to fellowship with the promises of God, faith is conceived in the unconscious mind. Love is the power of that conception as faith begins to develop. We can't identify what's happening, but as the Spirit of God brings in the promises through our unconscious mind, little by little those promises begin to form and take shape in the subconscious

mind. Finally, in the conscious mind, whole categories of doctrine are *formed* in us! Now, not only do we have God's thoughts, but we are *thinking* with God.

As this process takes place, God may bring in a desire to go on the foreign mission field. This desire may have been far away from our thinking a few years ago, but now the Holy Spirit plants the thought in the unconscious mind. At first you're not even aware of a desire, but it begins to take on form in your subconscious mind, and it produces a great feeling. Then through the objectivity and divine guidance of God's Word and the Holy Spirit, the vision becomes crystal clear, and you become conscious of what God wants you to do.

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way" (Psalm 37:23). Iniquity no longer has dominion, and my steps are guided by the Word of God (Psalm 119:133).

The beauty of all this is that for the first time—in certain areas that have always been dominated by darkness—we begin to have sanctified imaginations through the Word of God, derived from the image of the "new man, which is renewed in knowledge *after the image of him*

that created [us]" (Colossians 3:10). We are renewed after the image of God, and God's image brings in imaginations from heaven.

Keep Your Heart with All Diligence

Proverbs 4:23 tells us to guard our hearts, because out of the heart come the issues of life. Wives, do not be accessories to your husbands' ungodly acts. Husbands, do not be accessories to your wives' ungodly thoughts. Worry, fear, and even a poor self-image are transgressions against the blood of Christ. We are brand-new creatures forever. Old things have passed away and all things have become new (2 Corinthians 5:17).

"Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me. Yet the LORD will command his loving-kindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life" (Psalm 42:7-8).

As we exercise our minds through the Holy Spirit and through the Father's eternal plan and purpose, the deep calls unto the deep. It is the depth of God that controls the depth of the unknown, undefined, unconscious mind.

Motivated with a Vision

Because we are God's children, let's put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh (Romans 13:14). Let the thoughts that are afar off come from God. A godly imagination produces a worldwide vision. We participate in the vision through prayer, discipling people, giving, and going. Some will be called to distant fields, and others will obey the call to stay as missionaries who establish a strong home base so others can go.

Whatsoever things are just, honest, pure, lovely, or of good report; if there be any virtue or praise, think on these things (Philippians 4:8). "I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse..." (Song of Solomon 5:1). Imagine going to a restaurant where the waitress served you a plate of spoiled food, a drink with a terrible odor, and some moldy bread. Would you eat it? Certainly not! Then how can you expect God to eat in His garden when all you give Him is spoiled food from *Andres* and his demons?

Greater is He that is in us than the forces that are in the world, such as *Andres* and *Eloces*, that try to conquer our redemptive rights and attack our sanctified mind, our sanctified confessions,

and our sanctified habits.

The chamber of our imagery (Ezekiel 8:12) can be filled with the spices of God's indwelling thoughts. It can be the habitation for divine imaginations that come from a divine image renewed in knowledge after the image of God, fulfilling His desire for us to be like Him. "As he is [in heaven], so are we in this world" (1 John 4:17b).

CONCLUSION

Many Christians avoid talking about this kind of message, because deep inside, they know that no one (including them) is exempt from the influence of demonic imaginations. But God has given us a glorious provision. We don't have to be condemned. God wants conviction to lead to conversion, and conversion to lead to communion, and communion to lead to godly communication, which leads to revealing Christ to others. It's all just a matter of choosing truth (Psalm 119:30).

"By the fear of the LORD men depart from evil" (Proverbs 16:6*b*). We depart from the infections of evil by fearing God. To "fear" God means to esteem His presence highly. This brings healing and produces genuine brokenness.

God's Word is pure (Proverbs 30:5). When He tells us to do something, His attributes are behind what He says. Because of His omniscience and omnipresence, His provision of

grace and love is there to sustain us. And because of His omnipotence, His power allows us to internalize the substance of His Word.

“Lord, except You give us understanding, we will not know Your ways, and we will not have Your thoughts. But thank You that in our poverty, we can come boldly to Your throne, casting down the high things one by one. Fill us as we meditate on your awesome Word that reveals Your thoughts toward us. You are our Song. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”