

Part 3 - Removing Legal Rights Given to the Enemy

Most of the time, removing legal rights given to the enemy can be easily done. Occasionally, you will run into generationally empowered evil beings and that takes a little different approach, but they too are usually easy to remove through simple repentance. The prayer is a little different though. We'll go into that in another teaching.

Here's what I do when praying for myself or others and a judgment surfaces.

1. Renounce judgments through simple repentance.

When you become aware of a judgment against someone -usually yourself, others (caretakers, siblings), life and God - pray like this, adjusting the prayer to suit your circumstances.

"Holy Creator God, I repent for judging my parent for being insensitive to me. I've been insensitive to others, so I am in no position to judge. Please forgive us (you and the one who harmed you). We have sinned. There is only one judge and lawgiver. You. Forgive me for stepping into Your shoes, Lord." (*James 4:12*)

When we pass a condemning judgment against others, we are then doomed to repeat their sins. Jesus warned us about this danger in *Matthew 7*. If I judge you, my parents or even myself, I am telling God that He messed up making that person. So, ultimately, I'm judging God and who He made.

Simply recognize that you have stepped outside God's boundaries when you judged inappropriately. Repent of violating God's rules and ask for forgiveness. I also pray that the Lord will show me how I am like the person I judged. (I know. Ouch!)

2. Acknowledge the wound.

When our childhood needs go unmet, it hurts. When we believe that God abandoned us here on the earth, it hurts. When we are physically, emotionally, spiritually or sexually abused, it wounds us deeply. Releasing our judgments against others - simply because it is not our place to judge - positions us to receive comfort, restoration and healing from God.

So acknowledge your wounds and acknowledge your hurt feelings. They are real. And invite the Lord to heal you. (*Psalms 62:8*)

3. Cancel the debt, so that you can be paid.

God has placed within each of us a strong sense of justice. This is good. When we are wronged we know it and we want the wrong to be made right. Unfortunately, the person who wronged us, in most cases, cannot or will not make it right.

Until we feel that the debt is paid, we struggle with accomplishing forgiveness. We tend to cling to that person in one way or another in an effort to make them restore what was stolen. This never works.

Here is what works for me. I go to the cross, using my sanctified imagination to picture the cross, or I go simply by faith. Then I choose to release the person who owes me a debt. I choose to cancel the debt. The person can't pay it anyway. (*John 20:23*)

Here's the important part: I, then, ask the Lord Jesus to pay the debt that is owed to me.

This satisfies my sense of justice, fulfills God's forgiveness requirement, and gets the debt paid.

4. Break the inner vows.

Inner vows are the promises we made to ourselves in an effort to manage the pain of what we believed. If I believed in the womb that God threw me away, I might make a promise to myself to have nothing to do with God ever again. Or, I may make a vow to prove to God what a great girl I am. Either way I am striving to protect myself from the pain of what I believe.

Once a judgment against God is revealed - a common one is that God is a liar - look for the inner vow that was made to contain your pain. Many of us decide to never trust "Him" again. This, then, will apply to every "him" that our heart views as having the power to bless or hurt us. So when you do drop your guard and trust, inevitably, it will be with someone who is untrustworthy. Or you will behave in such a way that the other person is constantly tempted to let you down.

You choose to break these promises you made to protect yourself. You say, "I break the vow I made to never trust "him" again."

Since inner vows attract "helpful" evil spirits who "help" us keep our vows by punishing us whenever we violate them, it is best to add this. "I send any and all evil spirits to the feet of Jesus for judgment."

You guys do realize that you need to adjust these prayers to fit your circumstances, don't you? Of course you do!

Another note here ... I don't think it hurts at all to break a vow you didn't make or repent of a judgment you didn't make. God is the one who said that mercy triumphs over judgment, so He's not going to be grading your performance (*James 2:13*). He will just be very proud of you for trying.

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