

Subdue the Oppressor

As born-again believers, we have been given authority in the name of Jesus, by the blood of Jesus and through the cross of Calvary to subdue an oppressive spirit. Jesus sets the scene for us in the book of Matthew 16:21, where it says, "From that time on Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised on the third day."

In the next verse, we are able to see how subtly an oppressive spirit works and, in this instance, through the few words of Peter when he "took Jesus aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, 'Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!'"

Jesus knew Peter's words came from the work of an oppressive spirit and, "He turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God but of the things of men'" (Matt. 16:23).

You see, God has given us the authority to tell the oppressor to get behind us, which shows us that a child, young adult or adult can be set free from the oppressive spirit responsible for autism, Asperger's or obsessive-compulsive disorder. That oppressive spirit that keeps a person locked up in his or her own head can be subdued and stopped from exploiting and playing games that undermine the work of God.

The enemy will work to undo everything God has done and is doing in the life of someone with autism, Asperger's or obsessive-compulsive disorder. But Jesus, He came to give life and life to its fullest. I can testify to His goodness because when I encountered Jesus, my world changed forever.

The Bible tells us that "Jesus healed every sickness and every disease among the people; and He was moved with compassion for

them.” It was out of His compassion that the gift of healing operated very powerfully, and many people with various illnesses and diseases were healed.{eoa}

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