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(Matthew 16:19) And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

What do we bind and loose?

We are dealing with both demonic spirits and the spirit of man. The demonic spirits can be dealt with spiritually. If we are dealing with the spirit/character of man, then we have to teach and train them. They have to be willing to change. The different spirits that are mentioned in the Bible are:

- **Spirit of Bondage** (Romans 8:15) For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
- Spirit of Fear (2 Timothy 1:7) For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
- **Spirit of Jealousy** (Numbers 5:14) And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled:
- Evil spirits (1 Samuel 16:14) But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him.
- Familiar spirits/conjuring up evil spirits (1 Samuel 28:7) Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, *there is* a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.
- Lying spirit (1 Kings 22:22) And the Lord said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade *him*, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.
- **Spirit of Rebellion** (Isaiah 30:1) Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin.
- Spirits of a particular area, to understand what they might be you will have to study the history of that area (Isaiah 19:3) And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards
- **Spirit of Heaviness** (Isaiah 61:3) To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.
- **Troubled spirit** (Isaiah 65:14) Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit.
- **Spirit of Whoredom** (Hosea 4:12) My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused *them* to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.
- Unclean spirits (Mark 5:2) And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit.

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- **Spirits of Affliction** (Mark 9:25) When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, *Thou* dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.
- Spirit of Laziness (Romans 11:8) (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.
- Spirit of the World (1 Corinthians 2:12) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.
- **Spirit of Error** (1 John 4:6) We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.
- **Spirit of Antichrist** (1 John 4:3) And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

We loose the operations of God to counter the operations of demonic spirits:

- Seven Spirits of God, these are different operations and gifts (Revelations 4:5) And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.
- (Revelations 5:6) And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

These operations are:

- **Spirit of Counsel** (Isaiah 11:2) And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;
- **Spirit of Knowledge** Isaiah 11:2
- Spirit of Understanding Isaiah 11:2
- **Spirit of Wisdom** Isaiah 11:2
- **Spirit of Grace,** it is possible that this is the *spirit of might* mentioned in Isaiah 11:2, might or grace for miracles, deliverance, and salvation (Hebrews 10:29) Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?
- **Spirit of Judgment,** it is possible that this is the *fear of the Lord* mentioned in Isaiah 11:2 (Isaiah 4:4) When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.
- **Spirit of Truth** (John 14:17) *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

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There are other operations of God to loose:

- **Spirit of Trouble** (Genesis 41:8) And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but *there was* none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.
- **Spirit of Willingness** (Exodus 35:21) And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, *and* they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments.
- **Spirit of Holiness** (Romans 1:4) And declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:
- **Spirit of Unity** (Philippians 1:27) Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

Let us remember that:

- We bind and loose in the Name of Jesus, (Colossians 3:17) And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.
- We have to operate in the Spirit of God, (Romans 8:5) For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.
- The Lord is with us, (Isaiah 59:19) So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.
- The power comes from the Lord, (Zechariah 4:6) Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.
- Our prayers are before the Lord, (Revelations 5:8) And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four *and* twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

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