

Suicide Thoughts?

Read This First
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“And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; And wherever he takes him, he tears him: and he foams, and gnashes with his teeth, and pines away... and when he [the spirit] saw him [Jesus], straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. And often it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. ...he [Jesus] 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. And THE SPIRIT cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; ...Jesus took him (the boy) by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.” (Mark 9:17-27)

Please notice in the above text how Jesus rebuked the evil “spirit” that was causing this young boy to try to kill himself. This “spirit” would throw the boy into fire, hoping to burn him to death. It would also throw him, against his will, into bodies of water to drown him. Notice also that Jesus did not refer the boy to a psychiatrist or suggest a “miracle drug” to keep him from harming or killing himself. The Church of Jesus Christ is not a referral agency. The Church of Jesus Christ is the most powerful organism on the face of Planet Earth.

Jesus addressed the “spirit” that was forcing itself upon the boy against both his will and his family’s. That’s what suicide is, you know! It’s a spirit that forces itself upon unsuspecting human beings to get them to kill themselves before they can get hooked up with [God’s good plan](#) for their lives. (Jeremiah 29:11) Satan doesn’t care how he gets you out of here, as long as he gets you out of here. His greatest desire is to plunder [Heaven](#) and populate [Hell](#).

My wife and I know a man from a restaurant we frequently ate in. He drank heavily and was oftentimes obnoxious and overbearing. One day he put a gun to his head and told the other tenants in the building where he lived that he was going to kill himself. They, in turn, called the police. The police came and there was a major standoff. This man held the police at bay with a gun to his head and threatened to kill himself if they came anywhere near him. Finally, after much convincing, he was persuaded to put the gun down and go with the police. It was later decided that charges would not be pressed because he was threatening no one but himself.

Soon after this incident, the man began to have thoughts of suicide again. He walked into the same restaurant where Barbara and I were eating again. He said

to me, in essence, "I'm being tormented by spirits that come and touch me in the night. I'm scared. I haven't eaten for days. I'm sick. I'm anxious. I have no peace. The Lord told me to come here today, that you would be here and you would help me."

I listened on the inside before laying my hands on him right there in the restaurant and praying for him. The Lord showed me to cast the spirit of suicide out of him. I stood there quietly and calmly and told that spirit of suicide that this man just gave me authority to cast him out and then I did so. I quietly said, "Spirit of suicide, come out, in Jesus' powerful Name." There was no big demonstration, no screaming, no fit throwing or vomiting. The man just looked at me and said, "That's it. That's it. It's gone." He explained to me that for months he felt as if something was gripping his head tightly, wanting to crush his skull. The moment I prayed that prayer, the gripping, crushing hold on his skull was released. His face lit up with the biggest smile. He was able to eat again, to live again and to experience joy and peace.

Barbara and I still have occasion to see this man. Each time we do, he joyfully explains how he's still free. He no longer drinks alcohol and will not allow anyone into his home who does so. He loves to read his Bible now. He works out multiple times weekly at the gym. He's eating regularly again and is enjoying life. He's no longer afraid or angry. We are constantly amazed by the supernatural change in him.

This man said to me, "I have a picture of Jesus on my wall. Whenever that spirit would come to me in the night, I would pray to that picture and nothing would happen. Why is it that when you prayed something happened?" I explained to him that there is no authority in praying to a picture of Jesus. The Bible says we must [address Satan and evil spirits directly](#) in the Name of Jesus, telling them to go. When we obey the Bible, demons will obey us. Demons fear [the Name of Jesus](#), not pictures of Jesus.

If you, too, are being harassed by a spirit of suicide, you can tell that spirit to release you, in Jesus' Name. It must listen to you. You must not listen to it.

Allow me to say this, too! If you listen to that spirit and take your life, it's not the end of your problems. It's the beginning. You'll face Almighty God for [the murder of His creation](#). I promise you, from God's written Word, you'll not like that. You'll wish you had listened to this message and lived. If Christ is your Savior and you take your life, you'll be stripped of rewards in Heaven. (1Corinthians 3:13-17; 2Corinthians 5:10) Notice I said "in Heaven". You'll make it to Heaven, yes. But you will have severely, severely altered your eternal destiny.

If Christ is not your Savior, you'll spend [Eternity in the Lake of Fire](#). (Matthew 5:41; Revelation 20:15) Hell is not a "booty fest" with a bunch of rappers, hip

hoppers or Hell's Angels. It is a place of unending torment where all cute little fantasies concerning it will be violently raped by a brutal gang of facts. Let's not even go there! No pun intended.

If you're tormented by suicide thoughts, know this. You are not alone. Most people have them and don't talk about it. Jesus had suicide thoughts so don't be ashamed!

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." (Hebrews 4:15)

Although Jesus had those thoughts, He never gave in to them. He rebuked Satan with the Word of God and told him to get lost. (Matthew 4:1-11) Satan always obeyed. He'll obey you, too.

Just say, "Jesus, You're my choice for Savior." This gives you immediate power over the "spirit" of suicide. (Luke 10:19,20; John 1:12; Romans 10:13) Then when the thought comes, "I need to just kill myself", say this, "Satan, you can't fool me using pronouns. That's not my voice. It's yours. I rebuke the spirit of suicide, in Jesus' powerful Name. I've got revelation of my authority now." He'll leave. If he doesn't, he'll have to deal directly with Jesus. He'd rather obey you. (Matthew 18:19; James 4:7) Commit life, not suicide! God has a plan for your life. (Jeremiah 29:11) A plan that includes big time power over Satan and all evil spirits! That's why Satan wants you out of here at all costs. He's afraid you'll find out about him, which you just did.