

Revisiting the 2 Main Ways Demons gain access to Humans.

A. We've already talked about this, but I want to look at it from another perspective. Paul talks about it again and Ephesians 4:27.

**1. We are told not to give place / give a foothold / leave room for the devil.
- (See the 3 translations - below)**

a. We've already seen how that is done via getting involved with sin.

2. However, in this scripture Paul adds a new piece of information to how demons can access us. Let's look at it.

Ephesians 4:26-27 (AMP)

[26] When angry, do not sin; do not ever let your wrath (your exasperation, your fury or indignation) last until the sun goes down.

[27] Leave no [such] room or foothold for the devil [give no opportunity to him].

Ephesians 4:26-27 (NIV)

[26] "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, [27] and do not give the devil a foothold.

Ephesians 4:26-27 (KJV)

[26] Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

[27] Neither give place to the devil.

B. Most of the translations bear out the same thought:

1. We are able to give the devil access to / place in our lives. (v. 27)

2. One of the way we do that is through unresolved anger. (v. 26)

C. We've looked at the first principle that deals with us being able to give the Devil (Kingdom of Darkness) access to our lives. We've looked at Personal Sin; Generational Sin; and we've also looked at how Agreement can open us to the Demonic Realm (Transference of Spirits).

But here Paul is adding something to those: I call it "Unresolved Anger".

I. Unresolved Anger.

A. Unresolved Anger is talking about Anger that has been handled incorrectly.

- 1. There's a right and a wrong way to handle anger. We are going to try to point out the differences.**
- 2. Remember: Anger in itself is not sin. (God can get angry, and God does not sin)**

It's the mis-handling of anger that makes it sin.

B. Let's get a running start on this by starting back a few verses in Eph. 4.

Ephesians 4:14-27 (NIV)

[14] Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. [15] Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. [16] From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. [17] So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. [18] They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. [19] Having lost all sensitivity,

they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.

[20] You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. [21] Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. [22] You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; [23] to be made new in the attitude of your minds; [24] and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

[25] Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. [26] “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, [27] and do not give the devil a foothold.

C. Ephesians 4:14-27 - Outline.

1. Speaking the truth and love causes growth and maturity. (v. 15)

a. Love by itself - does not grow/mature us.
Truth by itself - is brutal.

b. But together they will develop and mature us.

2. The problem is found in - v. 17-19.

a. These are the results from sin in the human race, and our lives.

b. In our thinking and feelings, we become hard/calloused, and extremely self-centered. We become very insensitive to the things of God.

3. The command that brings change - v. 20-24.

a. We must change and “Put Off” the “Former (sinful) Ways of Life”.

4. The process to doing that is found in - v. 25-27.

a. Quit lying, deceiving, and acting like everything is all right, and start speaking, truthfully, with each other. (v. 25)

- b. When angry, don't sin. Learn to handle it correctly. It must be dealt with before we go to sleep that night. (v. 26)**
- c. Otherwise, we will be giving an opening in our lives to "Diablos". (v. 27)**
 - The word used in the Greek for "Devil" in v. 27 is Diablos.
 - The definition is given below.

D. When anger is not handled correctly:

- 1. It destroys feelings of intimacy, optimism, passion, trust, and hope.**
- 2. It creates Habit Patterns for us and our children.**
- 3. When we go to sleep with anger, it opens the door to the devil.**
 - a. (v. 22b) - he's a deceiver.**
 - b. (v. 27) - Devil: Greek word: Diablos.**
 - c. Definitions: " false accuser, slanderer, traducer".**
- 4. When we don't handle anger correctly, the thoughts that begin running through our minds about the person or situation, are Not From God. They are coming directly from Diablos.**
- 5. Lies, numerous kinds of accusations, things that slander the person's character and reputation, begin going round and round in our thinking. This is Diablos at work to "Deceive" us by "Falsely Accusing, and Slandering" the person we're angry with.**

The result is: we begin to become a traducer: which means we start shaming and blaming the person for the things we're angry about, because Diablos (the demon that has entered us) has caused us to believe it's lies.

E. When Anger isn't handled correctly:

- 1. We literally create a "Place" for "Diablos / Demons" to live in our physical body / temple.**

a. Live Holes - Example.

2. The Greek definition for the word “Place”:

(Definitions from Strongs Concordance)

- a. “ a spot, space that is limited by occupancy”**
- b. “ hey location: as a position, home, tract, etc.”**
- c. “ condition, opportunity”**

(Definitions from Thayer’s Lexicon)

- d. “a place: any portion of space marked off, as it work, from surrounding space - in inhabited place, as a city, Village, district.”**
- e. “a place or spot where one can settle, abide, dwell.”**
- f. “the place which a person or thing occupies or has ride to”**
- g. “the condition or station, held by one in any company or assembly”**
- h. “opportunity, power, occasion for acting.”**

F. Prerequisites to getting Free From ‘Diablos’.

- 1. We must see our anger. (v. 22-23)**
- 2. We must own it/admit it. (v. 25a)**
- 3. We must be open to and establish accountability. (v. 25b)**
- 4. We must commit to opening up/bringing out our anger. Talk about it with a constructive agenda in mind. (v.26a)**
- 5. We must commit to NEVER going to bed with Unresolved Anger. (v. 26-27)**
- 6. We need to learn how to ‘Speak the Truth in Love’. (v. 25)**
 - a. There is a difference between saying something that is True vs. speaking the Truth.**
 - b. Anger can only be dealt with correctly if we learn to speak the Truth. (Remember: It must be done in Love)**

G. Our Definition for Anger.

- 1. Anger comes from wanting something to stop but it doesn't.**
- 2. Anger comes from unmet expectations.**

******* Anger is the type of enemy you must Hunt and Flush OUT of its hiding Place, before you can deal with it effectively.**

H. Getting Rid of 'Diablos'.

- 1. Deal with the Unresolved Anger. (Eph. 4:25-27, 29-32)**
- 2. Scriptural pictures:**
 - a. Deuteronomy, 7:21-23. (cf. Exodus 23:25-30)**
 - b. Matthew 12:43-45**
- 3. Learning to hold onto our land/temples.**
 - a. Joshua 2:9, 11, 24; 5:1; 6:1**
 - b. Joshua 15:63; 16:10; 17:12-13, 16; 19:47.**
Judges 1:19, 21, 27-36.
(Key Verses: Judges 1:35; 2:20-3:4; 3:5-6; 4:23)
 - c. 1 Timothy 1:18-19; 6:11-12.**

II. God becomes Angry and has Wrath, so it must have a Godly Function.

- A. Look up the words 'Anger/Angry' and 'Wrath' in an exhaustive concordance, look at the settings and the functions of anger; especially in regards to God.**
- B. It's purpose and/or functions.**
(These are found as you study the settings of anger in the scripture)
 - 1. It's telling us that something needs to stop.**
 - 2. It's stemming from unmet expectations.**
 - 3. It's a warning signal, that something is wrong. (In your perspective)**

4. It creates movement.
5. It helps create an set limits and boundaries.
6. It is an expression of your true and deepest feelings.
7. It is a huge catalyst for change.
8. It's consumptive. It brings an end to things. (Psalms 59:13; Romans 2:5)

C. However, it will turn cancerous if it's not handled correctly.

1. It must come on slowly. (Psalms 103:8; 145:8; Proverbs 14:29, 16:32)
2. It must be short-lived and end. (Psalms 30:5; 37:8; 106:23; Eph. 4:26)
3. It must be controllable and controlled. (Exodus 32:12; Psalms 76:10; Proverbs 14:11; Eph. 4:26)

D. The 4 Do Not's of Anger.

1. Do not deny your anger. (4:26a)
2. Do not sin by going to sleep when you're angry. (4:26b)
3. Do not use angry words carelessly or unrighteously and grieve the Holy Spirit. (4:29-30)
4. Do not allow the anger of your past to lessen your love toward others. (4:32)

E. Three levels of anger.

1. Anger. (v. 31)
 - a. The emotion of indignation or wrath.
2. Bitterness. (v. 31)
 - a. 'Aged' anger. Begins to affect our personality.
3. Wrath. (v. 31). (NIV - 'Rage')
 - a. Violent people. Through Word or did they violate others.

F. Three levels of destructive/negative communication.

(It's a sure sign that anger is present, and not being handled correctly)

1. Calmour. (v. 31). (NIV - 'Brawling')

- a. yelling or shouting.
 - b. If you have to yell or control, you had don't have control.
2. Evil Speaking. (v. 31). (NIV - 'Slander')
 - a. Damaging speech that Miss represents the nature of another person.
3. Malice. (v. 31)
 - a. Wicked speech that is designed to injure and it's not ashamed to break all rules.

Now, let's tie it all together. When we commit sin, we become slaves to sin. Demonic forces work with sin. Therefore, we now have invited demons to work with us and around us. They do not have physical access at this point. Physical access is granted when we don't handle/ resolve, anger correctly. That literally build a place for them to move into our physical bodies. (Our spirit is untouched.)

III. Why is Unresolved Anger so Deadly?

- A. Because it's tied to 'Unforgiveness'.
 1. 'Forgiveness' means to: "Pardon - Set Free - Release from Punishment"
 2. When we hang onto anger, and allow it to seethe in us, rather than bring the problem/situation to resolution; we are in a form of 'Unforgiveness'. WE HAVEN'T LET IT GO YET.

To my knowledge, unforgiveness is the only sin that completely ties, God's hands to be able to forgive us in any other area of life. In other words, if we hold onto unforgiveness, God cannot forgive us for anything from that time forward. We must deal with our unforgiveness before God can again forgive us (Matt. 6:9-15). The Bible doesn't say that unless we stop lying - God can't forgive us for any

other sin. Or unless we stop gossiping, God can't forgive any other sin. BUT IT DOES SAY IT ABOUT UNFORGIVENESS. Unless we let go of unforgiveness, and forgive, we will not be forgiven.

So when we allow 'Unresolved Anger' (a type of Unforgiveness) to stay with us - day after day, week after week, month, after month, year after year - the sin factor begins piling up against us. As a result, the more infested with Demons we become.

This will be a large statement, but scripturally, speaking, anyone who does not deal with and resolve areas of anger in their life - THAT PERSON HAS DEMONS LIVING IN THEIR FLESH AND IS BEING INFLUENCED BY THEM.

If a Holy Spirit filled believer, will pay attention, from time to time, they will see the demons look out of other people's eyes who are struggling with unforgiveness. (Matt. 6:22).

Those demonic forces will do everything in their ability to stop the anointing from working in us. They can cause aggravation, irritation, mental and emotional problems, sensations, enhanced desires, super natural abilities, sickness, disease, ungodly, emanations, false voices in our thoughts/thinking, etc. They will try to steal, kill, and destroy everything that God wants for our life.

The devil and his kingdom DO NOT take this whole earthly life that we are living as a game. We would also do well to not take it that way. This is serious business. Eternal Destiny's hang in the balance, depending upon our attitudes and decisions. We need to view it that seriously.

'Resolving Anger In Relationships'
'Outline'

Unresolved Issues/Unsanctified Sin
(That are Not Dealt With)

Strike Into the Heart of ALL RELATIONSHIPS
(With Humans & With God)
(Manifest Strongly In Families & Church - Because
these two are all about Relationships)

This Gives a Base of Operation for an Unholy Anointing to Operate
(Strife - Rebellion/Witchcraft - Stubbornness - Selfishness - Etc.)

That Unholy Anointing will Eventually Touch Every Area Of Life

Demonic Activity
(Clings to - Draws to - Helps Support - Thrive and Manifest
IN THIS ATMOSPHERE)

To Break This Cycle, We MUST Become ACCOUNTABLE for Our Attitudes,
Choices, Behaviors, Speech, and Emanations Atmosphere. This will force the
Unresolved Issues and Unsanctified Sin out into the light where it can be dealt with.

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- B. Anger comes from Unmet Expectations.

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**THE HIDDEN, SECRET AREAS OF A PERSON'S LIVE:
ARE THE DEVIL'S PLAYGROUND!!!**

(John 3:19-21)