

The Dangers of False Deliverance

There are times when we are tempted to believe that we would be just fine on our own. If only we were free from this or that circumstance or had one or two more advantages... then we would really be able to thrive!

1. A Blessed Relief
 - a. Unclean spirits and demonic possession
 - b. Exorcism and conversion are not synonyms

2. A Temporary Peace
 - a. The 'house' is a person
 - b. The person has improved their life!

3. A Tragic End
 - a. Human effort cannot produce spiritual safety
 - b. We will have a final state

Application:

1. Do we think of ourselves as houses, or temples, in which we have fellowship with either God or his enemies? 1 Cor. 3:17; 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16
2. Are we trying to clean ourselves spiritually?
3. Have you received the Holy Spirit, whose dwelling in us provides our only true safety?