

why the enemy bends every effort to hinder and block the ministry from touching human lives. I find it difficult to grasp the magnitude, the full spiritual magnitude, of these mind-blowing statements in the Word of God about the Deliverance Ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We will refer to this principle again in Book 2, Chapter 6, 1(iv) in more detail.

**(vii) Deliverance is Commanded in the Great Commission to the Close of the New Testament Age**

Very simply, the Lord Jesus commanded His disciples to cast out demons (among other things) and gave them TOTAL authority to carry out this command:

“... gave them authority over unclean spirits so as to cast them out, and to heal EVERY DISEASE and EVERY ILLNESS” Matt. 10:1 cf. Luke 9:1).

Please note, this two-fold ministry authority is for casting out demons FIRST, because only then can EVERY disease and EVERY illness be overcome. The emphasis is the same as Matt. 8:16-17 and Luke 13:12-13 (see section (i)). How can one ALWAYS obtain physical healing UNLESS the battle is won in the spiritual realm FIRST? (Eph. 6:12, 2 Cor. 10:3-5). Praise the Lord for His mighty provision for the needs of His people!

It is important to realise that this powerful two-edged authority has never been retracted. Some commands of the Lord in the New Testament may have been retracted later (Luke 22:35-38), BUT NOT THIS ONE! On the contrary, the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ clearly demands that this authority be taught to ALL new disciples in succeeding generations, right through to the close of the New Testament Age:

“Go, therefore, and disciple the nations, baptizing them ... TEACHING THEM TO KEEP STRICTLY (GUARD, PRESERVE) EVERYTHING WHATEVER I COMMANDED YOU”

Matt. 28:19-20 lit.).

This forceful emphasis by the Lord for the need for the continuity of teaching His commands to future disciples can hardly be made more strongly or more clearly. The Great Commission is quite rightly considered by Christians everywhere as a command. Unfortunately deliverance and healing are part of the instruction