

Summary of "Ground" ("Ground" cannot be cast out)

I. Evil spirits (e.s.) must have ground:

1. Degree of ground for possession cannot be defined.
2. Ground can be deepened.
3. Cannot interfere with faculties unless ground given.
4. They deceive and attack to obtain ground.

II. The ground given to e.s. for access:

Mind:

1. Every thought accepted from them.
2. Wrong conceptions suggested by them, of spirit things.
3. Wrong interpretation of their workings, by believing their lies.

re: spirit, soul, and body:

4. Passivity of spirit, soul or body.
5. Accepting of counterfeits.

Note: (a) The fallen nature is permanent ground, needing to be dealt with perpetually on the basis of Rom. 6.

(b) Acts of sin may also give ground.

III. Results of ground given:

Faculties dulled, rendered inoperative, etc.

IV. How ground is given to evil spirit:

By **CONSENT**, i.e., act of will consciously:
deliberately given, or obtained by guile and lies.

V. How ground has to be dealt with:

1. Must be found out and given up, i.e., give up "thought," or "attitude of passivity," etc.
2. Shine light of truth on ground obtained by prayer.
3. Knowledge of ground, and the ground given up.
Example:
4. Must face truth about ground.
5. Ground must be discovered and analyzed in detail for Full dispossession from evil spirit.

6. Ground given up specifically on points wherein deceived.
7. Ground traced to radical cause, i.e., thought and belief, thoughts, passivity, etc. Faculties gradually released as ground is given up.

VI. How ground is removed or given up:

1. By revoking consent given in the past, knowingly or unknowingly, i.e., by steady refusal.
2. Persistent refusal needed until liberty is obtained.
3. Ground may pass away gradually.
4. Ground may pass away unknowingly by standing on Rom. 6.

Why ground does not pass away when given up?

VII. How dispossession takes place:

1. As ground is removed the e. s. depart, or lose hold.
2. Believer dispossessed as ground passes away, i.e., wrong

VIII. Ground refused to e. s. is ground retaken for God, e.g., faculties surrendered to e. s. when released are recovered for God

IX. Need of watching lest fresh ground given.

In conflict, because of evil spirit's reattempt to deceive, and re-enter, need of watchful and exhaustive refusal.

EXPLANATIONS:

- Ground to be given up: e.g., a thought or belief discovered as deception and "given up."
- Ground which admits e. s. keeps e. s. in possession: e.g., Evil spirit works on passivity which is prime ground for them to work upon.
- If this is not removed the evil spirit continuous control over the mind and emotions.
- Ground to be re-taken from the foe: e.g., the faculties recovered for use.
- Ground newly given: e.g., a new deception through believing one of evil spirit lies.

Notes. All supernatural manifestations by evil spirit in believer denotes that there is ground for their workings. The believer standing in faith to maintain freedom, must watch lest new ground is given by wrong interpretation of manifestations of evil spirit.

Need of watchfulness against "excuses" suggested by evil spirit to cover ground, or divert dealing with it.

Seeking radical cause in ground

In seeking for radical cause of an evil spirit and demonization, the believer must look to the opposite to discover the ground of access, e.g., as in the following instances.

Column 1		Column 2
Believer thought he opened to God to obtain		Believer opened to evil spirit which actually resulted in
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge • Strength • Truth • Guidance • Life • Fire • Healing • Help • Conviction • Love 	<p style="text-align: center;">All these things supernaturally given in counterfeit, the true objective and result being.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>N.B.—If believer takes all in Col. 1 from evil spirit, he is sure to get the results named in Col. 2.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ignorance • Weakness • Lies • Blunders • Death • Cold • Infirmary • Hindrance • Accusation • Suffering

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