

Deliverance From an Orphaned Spirit

Many people are suffering from an orphaned spirit. But what is it?

People with an orphaned spirit usually have a lifelong wrestle with feelings of depression, rejection and low self-esteem. They find it difficult to believe that they can truly be loved by anyone, including God. They are often manipulative and problematic, and suffer from addictions, and failing relationships, and fear getting close to others because they might be rejected, so they reject the other person first. And they struggle to believe God's promises are for them, and wrestle to receive them for themselves.

Does this sound familiar? Do you struggle with these very same problems as described above? If so, you are not alone. Many of God's people have come from painful backgrounds, and don't understand what's wrong in life. Oftentimes, the reason for their suffering is that they are living with an orphaned spirit.

You do not have to be physically orphaned to suffer from an orphaned spirit. Perhaps, you never knew your earthly father, because either he was nonexistent within the family unit, or maybe he was there physically, but not there emotionally. Perhaps, your mother or father or both abandoned the family. Maybe they were very abusive to you or non-caring. Regardless of the situation, the pain was and is very real and controls your daily life and hinders your ability to be happy again.

"I was recently ministering in a Church, and from the moment I walked in I could sense an orphaned spirit", writes Becky Dvorak on her blog. "As I was sharing our son's amazing testimony about how we raised him from the dead, and by faith, believed and received a new heart, lungs, kidneys and a new brain for him from the goodness of our God, the Lord gave me this underlying message in the midst of this very powerful testimony about being set free from an orphaned spirit."

Dvorak continues, "Our son, was orphaned from the time of conception inside of his birth mother's womb. She truly did not want him, and tried to end his life via abortion attempts, but could not succeed. We received him when he was just one day old, we gave him a name, loved and cared for him, and fought to adopt him, and after many years his adoption was complete. Our son is no longer orphaned, nor does he have an orphaned spirit.

When I gave the altar call almost half, if not more of the congregation came forward. It was an amazing moment to witness so many of God's people take the initial steps to freedom from an orphaned spirit."

I want to address how to handle the orphans spirit but first we must identify it.

Here are some characteristics of the orphan spirit:

- Always on the lookout for something bigger and better
- Feeling based faith (if it feels good, feels right, etc. then I will follow it).
- Need recognition
- Easily offended
- Feelings of abandonment even when one has not been abandoned
- Attitude of "No one is going to tell me what to do"
- Attitude of "I know..." (unteachable)
- Survivalist Mentality always looking out for oneself
- Reject others before they can be rejected
- Unable to put down roots in a church or change churches frequently
- Never truly comfortable in the presence of anointed spiritual father

So what to do? I also want to address what to do if you believe you have an orphan spirit.

If you are dealing with individuals who are functioning under an orphan spirit then you must pray. Allow God to direct your prayers. Here one example of a prayer that you can use. Customize it for yourself or others.

- I plead the Blood of Jesus upon (insert name) and I bind every spirit of an orphan from their lives.
- I loose and release the Holy Spirit to hover over them to bring healing and deliverance.
- Lord, you are their Father and I pray that they will receive the spirit of adoption (Romans 8:15) and that they will call You, "Abba".
- Lord I pray that healing will come to every area of their hearts.
- Where their heart has become stony, I pray that you would make it a heart of flesh (Ezekiel 11:19).
- Lord, I ask that you will bring committed spiritual fathers into their lives to cover them in prayer, to give them direction and to love them.
- God, please help this spiritual father to have the mind and heart of Christ. In Jesus name, Amen.

Spiritual Orphans

Spiritual orphans are the result of several things. The Bible indicates that when father's and children's hearts are turned from each other, a curse can result.

If you believe you have been functioning from an orphan spirit then you have an exciting journey in your future. Once you realize this is you, you cannot stay where you are...you must make changes.

- Healing and deliverance require action on your part. You must "walk it out".
- What this means, is sometimes you will have to just "stick it out" even when things do not "feel" good or even when you are getting negative feedback.
- You must take responsibility for your past actions and attitudes that have led you to the point of becoming a spiritual orphan.
- You must find a church (a healthy Biblical church), join that church and make a commitment to the community and leadership of that house.
- You must commit yourself to communicating (listening to and sharing) with your spiritual leadership.
- You must be prepared to receive correction and direction from your spiritual father.

Love is correction as much as it is affirmation. These prayer points are a good way to start:

- Jesus, please forgive me for embracing the attitudes, actions and heart of an orphan. Your heart and desire for me is that I am a healthy part of a spiritual family.
- I break all soul ties I have formed with an orphan spirit in Jesus name.
- I bind my body, heart and spirit to God's will and purpose for me, in Jesus name.
- Lord, I ask that you would heal my mind and my heart from the spirits of abandonment, rejection and fatherlessness.
- God please help me to have the heart of a son and please help me to turn my heart toward my spiritual father.
- Lord, please help me to pray for and support the spiritual fathers you have placed in my life.

- Please help me to model the attitude and heart that Jesus had toward You as He walked this earth.
- Lord, please reveal to me all areas in my life that have been wounded.
- Please heal those areas and make me whole.
- Lord I ask that you would help me to forgive everyone who I looked to as a spiritual father or leader who wounded me or failed me.
- Lord, please help me to commit to a church and spiritual father. In Jesus Name, Amen

An **orphan mindset and belief system** will act as a veil that will keep us from encountering Jesus and having a face-to-face relationship with him.

Prayer to be Released from the Orphan Mindset

Perhaps you can identify with some of the struggles I have shared above. You might like to join me in this prayer:

Father, I am sorry for the times that I do not recognize and embrace the truth of my relationship to You—that I am your fully loved and fully accepted child.

I repent of the times I feel and act as though I am an orphan alone, when Jesus has paid the highest price of His life that I might be a member of your family.

I renounce [refuse to have any longer] the orphan mindset, with all of its lies, rejection and unbelief, especially... [include anything specific God has shown you]

I ask that by Your Spirit you will continue to expose and deal with any residue of orphan thinking in my life.

Thank You for the gift of new life and for receiving me into Your Family. I choose to believe the truth of who I am in relationship to You and who You are in relationship to me... [include any relevant scripture references here]

Thank You for Your Spirit of Adoption, the Holy Spirit filling my life, saturating my heart and mind with the truth of who I am and Whose I am

(Rom 8:15). All fear is gone. I receive Your joy. I receive Your fresh anointing right now,

In Jesus' Name.

If these Steps to Freedom are inspiring and helping you, please let us know! We love to hear from you with questions or suggestions. Until then, God Bless!