



STUDY GUIDE

Deliverance from Leviathan and Python: Removing the Serpent's Legal Claim Against You

"Behold, I give you authority to trample on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy. And nothing shall by any means hurt you." (Luke 10:19)

I. We've Got Authority

- A. Jesus came and destroyed the works of the enemy: He brought the power of death to nothing. Now He's saying, "I'm giving you authority."
 - 1. Not just authority over a little group or something; this is *governmental* authority—judicial authority.
 - 2. We have the ability to ascend into the court here on earth, where we are to govern matters of this life through our ascended position in Christ. (1 Corinthians 6:2–4)
- B. "Serpents" are everywhere, intending to cause us harm in life. We must judge anything that does not bring glory to Christ. Take them to the court of heaven.
- C. **We overcome the enemy** by the blood of the Lamb and our testimony that His blood washes away all the accusations and His grace superabounds over it.
 - 1. If we *don't* take the serpents to court, we will lose.
 - 2. Many times it's the stuff in our souls that allows the serpents to attack us in the first place.
 - 3. If we have something in common with the enemy by sinning, that's when he has power over us and can bite us. (John 14:30)

4. The Blood can cleanse our soul, our conscience of dead works, of whatever we have in common with the enemy.
- D. We need both the Blood *and* the fire (praise and worship in God's presence, anything focused on Jesus) for cleansing.
 - E. **We don't judge people** ("Judge not, that ye be not judged").
 1. We judge *behaviors* people have that are destructive to them and to the people around them.
 2. We overcome the enemy by the blood of the Lamb and the testimony that His blood washes away all accusations.
 3. We need to take these things to the court of heaven, where we will always win because of what Jesus did for us—but if we don't take these things to court, we'll lose.
 - F. We prove our repentance by a changed life.
 - G. Allow Jesus to burn up the chaff in your soul, every wicked thing. That's what will remove the serpent's legal claim on you.
 - H. Release His fire to judge against our enemies: Not only to burn the chaff up and drive them out of hiding, but to release fiery judgments against them.

II. Communion

- A. The word "drink" (Greek: *pinot*) means *to receive into the soul what serves to refresh, strengthen, and nourish it into life eternal*.
 1. Communion crushes the head of the serpent as you take it in remembrance of what Christ did at the cross.
 2. Communion it heals your soul. It refreshes your soul where it needs refreshing. It nourishes and strengthens your soul.
- B. The Lord will deliver Israel from her enemies and also from the rebel powers of evil and darkness, **punishing Leviathan** from the court. (Isaiah 27)
 1. Leviathan: Shape-shifter, the "great twisting serpent in the sea".

2. Leviathan twists things: Facts, words, he twists what you say, and he twists what people hear you say.
3. The serpent's twisting can ruin relationships, cause you to leave your job, change churches, lose friends. If this happens to you over and over, you're getting things twisted by him. Don't let him do it to you.
4. **Leviathan is the king of pride.** Repent of pride on your knees. Judge it. Judge the bad things that are happening that are destroying them and you.
5. **If you have pride in you,** Leviathan rules over you.

C. Prideful actions:

1. Disrespectful, prideful: When you roll your eyes at people.
2. Be willing to serve others, not just be served by them.
3. Be willing to receive constructive criticism and pray into what someone says to you.
4. Be willing to associate with ordinary, unpopular people.
5. Be interested in people not just for what they can do for you, not just so you can name-drop that you know them.
6. You're not teachable.
7. You don't listen to others' advice.
8. You don't like to be surpassed by anybody.
9. You think you're too important to do mundane things.
10. You have a harsh spirit or you get defensive.

D. Snagged by Leviathan, by pride.

1. When you go through trauma, the first thing we do is turn to an idol for comfort. Then a witchcraft curse gets released to us.
2. Things will then get really tough: You've been cursed, so you get bitter.
3. Bitterness is connected to witchcraft, which allows more witchcraft.
4. Then the serpents just enforce all of that, and trauma started it all.
5. Example: Job. (Job 3:1)

E. Leviathan is called the piercing serpent. (Isaiah 27)

1. Piercing serpent: Fugitive from the law.
2. He's a fugitive from the law because he carries out the curse.
3. Jesus already became a curse for us. That makes what Leviathan is doing illegal. We have a legal right to take Leviathan to court.
4. Don't get cocky about handling Leviathan, or you'll regret it. Only Jesus can handle him in the court of heaven, where the serpents have to obey the official court decree from heaven.
5. Examples of what happens to people who try to defeat Leviathan: Miscarriages, strokes, death.
6. Jesus gives us the power of judicial decision. We are supposed to tell him to come out of our life by order of the holy court because we are walking in the authority Jesus gave us, the power of judicial decision.

III. The Python Spirit

A. Strategy of a real-life python:

1. It silently sneaks up behinds its victim.
2. Then quickly wraps a number of coils around him or her and exerts significant force.
3. The victim is unable to move its ribs to breathe while being constricted and dies by suffocation.

B. Strategy of a spiritual python:

1. It sneaks up behind you in the spirit. Then before you know it, it's squeezing the life out of you.
2. You can't put your finger on what is wrong. (Serpents are masters of camouphlage.)
 - a. It will feel like the breath is being taken out of you.
 - b. Everything feels constricted.
 - c. You can't hear from God.
 - d. All forward progress and breakthrough has been stopped.
 - e. Your finances are completely squeezed.
 - f. Progress and success are taken out of ministry, business, marriage, family, and your dreams. You just want to quit, but the python is so sneaky and subtle, you can't figure out what's causing the problem.

(Acts 16:16–18)

3. The python's spiritual message sounds like something God might say, making it sound like you need to repent. But it condemns, rather than convicts.
4. The spirit of python is a spirit of divination, which foretells the future, but are **made to sound accurate and lead you away from what God wants you to do**. It therefore shipwrecks your future as you start to come into agreement with it. It takes over our lives until we are sent into this spiral as the breath and the literal life gets squeezed out of us.

C. What enables the python to attack you:

1. If you have something in common with it.
2. Having magic sorcery or divination in your family line can give it a landing strip to assault you.

D. Take the python to court. (Acts 16:19, AMPC; Luke 10:19, NKJV).

1. They may try to harm you by squeezing your ability to prosper and increase.
2. They do this by accusing us in court. (Acts 16:20–21, AMPC)

E. **We have *authority* in heaven's court to overthrow their charges.**

Authority (*eksoseia*) means "the power of judicial decisions." (Thayer's)

F. **The spirit of divination working directly with a python:**

1. The witch curses your finances and the python enforces the curse by squeezing out your gains.
2. Then you are stripped naked in the marketplace and put in prison. (Acts 16:22–24, AMPC)
3. The spirit even fastens your feet in stocks so you can't walk out the vision God gave you. (Psalm 96:4–5,8, NKJV)

G. Ask God to heal you of any behavior that is allowing the witchcraft curse to land.

1. Idolatry money is an idol. Burn all *idolatrous money altars*.

2. Unbalanced weight and scales: Dishonest scales are an abomination to the Lord. (Proverbs 11:1, NKJV)
3. God hates cheating in the marketplace. Rigged scales are an outrage. (Proverbs 20:23, MSG)
4. Release *Exosia* judgment on all witchcraft spirits, sorcerer divination spirits, familiar spirits, idols, python serpents, streams of fiery judgment coming from His throne, to strip the beasts of all their power.
5. Decree Jesus has become a curse for you, and break the curse in His name.
6. Speak to all altars and command them to be destroyed.
7. Command python to unwind from all your financial sources.
8. Release angels of finance.