

Objective: to enable every believer to grasp the nature of our spiritual battle and how to win.

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Dealing With Demons In Your/Our Journey By The Power of Your Faith – Pt.3

Mark 16:17; Luke 11:20; Prov. 14:33; 1 John 4:1; 1 Cor. 12:10

Introduction

Demons have become a popular subject. Hollywood, using the term, has tried to use the magnetism of evil for its purposes and dilute the perceived danger that might lurk in the minds of people who have some sort of conscience. Satan always tries to camouflage evil and paint righteousness as evil and life-paralysing. Other non-Western countries are very familiar with demons and evil spirits, engaging their power for healing, revenge, conquering others, fertility, marriage and business success as well as in worship. Deut. 32:17; Ps. 106:37. 1 Cor. 10:20,21... “the communion cup of demons.” *Often God’s people are not aware of the influence of the spirit realm on their daily lives.*

This message is not to deal with the general or overall subject of demons but to focus on our interface with them in daily life and especially in areas of conflict and opposition.

Defining the word: *Demon*

A *demon* is a supernatural and often malevolent being prevalent historically in religion, occultism, literature, fiction, mythology, and folklore; as well as in media such as comics, videogames, movies and television series. The original Greek word *daimon* does not carry negative connotations. [Wikipedia](#) (this is this world’s definition, not the Bible’s definition).

What are demons as used or described in the Bible?

Demons are:

- Invisible spirit-beings in the service of their master, Satan. They are the 'fallen angels' that can take the form of man or other created beings. They can come "upon" as in harassing a person, or they can enter into a living thing (demon-possession) as well as animals. i.e. pigs Matt. 8:31, 32 (pigs, inhabited by demons, destroyed themselves, demons went on to fight someone else). They can also attach to inanimate objects. Often believers are not aware that some objects used in demon worship—are places of 'residence' for demons. Invisible, they attach to a physical object waiting for opportunity. (These 'arid or desert places' for them are 'staging posts' for evil activity.) We are not meant to be frightened by this fact, but discerning. Witchdoctors often use inanimate or physical objects as a 'source of their power-display' to accomplish their evil works. Deut. 7:5, 25, 26. Deut. 12:3, 4. "cup of demons" 1 Cor. 10:21.
- Luke 10:12 – demons are spirits, evil angels Ps. 78:49, Matt. 8:16; 1 Tim. 4:1
- Demons, evil spirits or evil angels, are part of the 'spiritual forces' or 'powers of darkness' that make up the invisible rulers of the heavenly realms with Satan, the Prince of the power of the Air, as their master. Eph. 6:12.

The Origin of Demons, Evil Spirits, and Evil Angels

- All angels are created beings. God made all the angels. In the order of creation, He made man, a little lower than the angels. Ps. 8:5; Heb. 2:6, 7, 9. 100 million angels assigned to worship at the throne. Rev.5:11, 12. We join them when we gather in worship at the Throne of Grace on Sundays and all other times. Heb. 12:22-24 says, "But **you have come to** Mount Zion, to the

heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon **thousands of angels in joyful assembly**, to **the church of the firstborn**, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.”

- Evil Angels, evil spirits, and demons are all terms for the same thing. When Lucifer, the Archangel of Heaven sinned the sin of pride, in the Presence of Almighty God, he was cast down to earth with one-third of the angels who chose to follow his leadership in evil. Rev. 12:4, 7,8. They are the evil angels, evil spirits, or demons that inhabit the ‘heavens,’ working with Lucifer (one of his other names is Satan), to seduce, kill, rob and destroy mankind in his hatred of God. Job 4:18; Matt. 25:41; 1 Pet. 2:4; Rev. 12:9. Dan 10 unfolds the truth that there are angel princes in the spirit world, motivating the God-opposed leaders of kingdoms in the political world, the prince of Persia and the prince of Grecia standing in antagonism to Michael, the Archangel. Eph. 6:12.

What is their activity?

Evil spirits, evil angels or demons are all engaged in the work of their leader, Satan. He comes to steal, kill and destroy. Demons or evil spirits attack mankind generally and believers in three realms:

- Body – sickness and disease. Mk. 9:17. Our mortal (non-eternal) bodies, are vulnerable to the decay of age, sickness and disease, brought about by abuse, ignorance, sin, and Satanic attack. 1 Cor. 5:5; Luke 13:11,12, 16.
- Soul – oppression, possession, insanity, doctrine, temptation, deceive. Acts 10:38; Mark 1:23; 1 Tim. 4:1; Matt. 4:3; Our minds

and subsequently, our emotions are subject to 'spirit-attacks' to seduce, tempt, confuse and disturb. Evil spirits use their 'thought-injectors' to put into our minds, [camouflaged thoughts](#), so that we think our thoughts, are just *our thoughts*. Evil angels use 'injected thoughts' to destroy relationships, create misunderstandings, promote evil causes and damage anything they can, through wrong decisions. They use the old-man, carnal nature, and assistance from others being used by them, to subvert and destroy...i.e. marriage breakdown, gender dysphoria, self-hatred, condemnation, etc.

- Spirit – demons or evil spirits engage in the following activity: suppress, prevent, stop, hold back, delay, accuse, confuse, corrupt, cause to drift, deceive, lying or misleading signs and wonders. 2 Tim. 4:3; Rev. 16:13, 14; 1 Thes. 3:5.

*Satan uses his evil spirits and evil angel beings to attack the body and soul to ultimately get to the spirit. He wants the believer sick, exhausted, weary, vexed, confused, prevented, sleepless, stressed - out, opposed, oppressed, angry, poor, self-condemning, self-centred, disturbed, corrupted, drifting, careless, passive, indifferent and despairing.

*He cannot co-habit the spirit of a believer but can so 'vex' the spirit of the believer that he prevents the fullness of vibrant living through the exercise of the believer's faith. Only if, and when, the believer **discerns** the source of the attack and uses his faith, does he/she dispatch the demonic attack against his/her life. Eph. 6:10-18. He/she use the 'powerful weapons' God has given to **eject** the works of Satan. 2 Cor. 6:7; 2 Cor. 10:3-5; Isa. 54:17.

The Spirit Realm

The spirit realm is the invisible realm as contrasted with the visible realm. 43 times the phrase, “spirit of...” is used in the New Testament. i.e. ‘spirit of truth, spirit of stupor, spirit of your father (the Devil), spirit of life, spirit of sonship, spirit of unity, spirit of the world, spirit of faith, spirit of wisdom, spirit of fear, spirit of power, spirit of grace, spirit of the Antichrist, spirit of falsehood, etc.’ Just as the visible realm has ‘stuff’ and people in it, the invisible realm has ‘stuff’ (non-material) and beings in it. *Spirits, like believers, have a ‘life-assignment’ or ‘life-purpose’ that they pursue.*

The **invisible realm controls the visible realm.** Eph. 2:1. **Believers are taught to pray,** “Your kingdom come on earth (visible and invisible) as it is in Heaven (invisible).” When the healing of a body takes place supernaturally, an invisible work of the Holy Spirit, the Healer, comes into the physical (visible) body of a person and performs an invisible work that often manifests itself visibly. Doctors, subsequently, discover that a miraculous change has taken place that would not have taken place by the natural flow of events (i.e. the body healing itself as it does when you have a minor cut). 1 John 4:5.

- God is a Spirit – John 4:24; 1 Cor. 2:14; 1 Cor. 12:3; Eph. 4:30
- Man is a spirit – Num. 16:22; 27:16; Ps. 78:8; He began his life in Christ “in-the-spirit realm.” Gal. 3:3 NKJV Gal. 5:16, 25. Your spirit is the ‘most Holy Place’ of your being where God resides. 1 Cor. 6:17. *The core of your being is your spirit.* The world presents itself in body first and gains its impressions from the physical, verbal and behavioural. However, the believer understands that what he/she presents to others that is most important is their ‘spirit’ or who they really are...inhabited by God Almighty and emanating from them into the present atmosphere. This is why sometimes you encounter illogical

opposition from others i.e. in the workplace, etc. as there is the unseen war taking place between Who is flowing out of your spirit and who is operating in the minds, hearts, and words of those who do not know Christ. The 'war' is "on" even though some of the participants are not aware of it.

- Satan – the fallen angel, Lucifer is a spirit. Eph. 2:2. One of his names is Baalzebub, Prince of Demons – Mt. 12:24-27

Jesus and Demons

Mark 1:39. Jesus ministry regularly encountered demons and He dealt with them.

Life on this earth has to do with **authority** – it is only authority that can operate with **power** to get something supernatural or eternal, done on this earth. Authority is manifested in:

- Behavioural ways – people actually 'do' things in response to authority.
- Attitudinal ways – authority is a disposition or conviction that the right to command, exists in their role.
- Supernatural ways – this is the ability that one possesses in the 'in the spirit-realm' – you have to have authority to operate in the supernatural, invisible realm. Luke 10:19, 20 "...spirits **submit to you.**" Otherwise you are simply subject to and a victim of, the operations of the supernatural and invisible realm.
- You only have 'spiritual authority' or the ability to exercise authority in the spirit realm, if you are **under** authority. Matt. 8:9; Rom. 13:1; Heb. 12:9; 1 Pet. 2:13-17; Rev. 2:26. Only if you

are in submission to God, will the 'devils' flee. James 4:7. *You will only 'rise in God' to the level of your reluctance.*

The challenge of Christian living is to remain 'available, flexible, and adjustable.' **Continual surrender to His authority and government for your life which belongs to Him, is vital to maintain the 'power level' access you have been given.** His purposes and plans for you supersede your comfort zones and self-protection tendencies.

We are in an 'in-the-spirit-realm' conflict, war, contest, battle...Eph. 6:12, 13, 18; Rom. 8:9 NASB; 1 Cor. 14:2 NASB "in his spirit he speaks..."

The "culture of this world," also called the culture of the 'kingdom of darkness,' is designed by Satan to stab you, oppress you, confuse you, tempt you, prevent you, rob you, sicken you, kill you, discourage you, accuse you, suppress you, isolate you, *corrupt you* and exhaust you. **Recognise and discern** these operations and deal with them! "...ways of this world." Eph. 2:2.

How Do We Operate in this In-The-Spirit-Realm and Deal With Demons? 2 Cor. 10:3-5 with our 'mighty weapons!' [Matt.9:6-8](#); Mt. 10:1; Mk. 3:14, 15; Mk. 6:7, 13; Luke 10:19.

How did our Example do this?

- With ease – 'finger of God' – demons only submit to authority, whether from their Boss or Satan's Boss, God – they can't be thought away, desired away, hoped away, pleaded to leave...they have to be **commanded!** Matt. 15:22, 28. You must meditate in your identity, your authority, your power and then actually get on an 'do it!' Speak with commanding words, as you are commanded to be a 'commander!'

- Mark 1:34 – prevent conversation and discussion with demons...woman who came and was delivered just before the message
- With faith – all things require faith. Heb.11:6; 1 John 5:4. Your original ‘confession of faith’ was so powerful that it ‘translated you **out of** the Kingdom of darkness and **into** the Kingdom of God!
- With words of authority and power – Matt. 8:16; Isa. 51:16; Matt. 8:26 Jesus **rebuked** the wind and waves, Mt. 27:18 Jesus **rebuked** the demon and it came out, Mk. 9:25 Jesus **rebuked** the evil spirit (deaf and mute-causing spirit), Luke 4:39 Jesus **rebuked** a fever and it left!, Luke 9:39-42 Jesus **rebuked** the demon-evil-spirit that caused convulsions or seizures,
- With the Name – Matt. 7:22

Who Are We?

- We are ‘kings and priests.’ Rev. 1:6 NKJV; Rev. 5:10 NKJV;
- Priests bring offerings: we bring our lives, our worship, and our prayers to Him, before the Throne of Grace (favour). Rom. 12:1; 1 Pet. 2:9; Heb. 13:15.
- Kings reign and rule: We rule and reign in this life, as kings, with the authority we have been given. Luke 10:19; Rom. 5:17; Rom. 6:12, 14; 1 John 2:13, 14; 1 John 4:4
- We present our ‘offerings’ of ourselves, our worship, and our prayer, before Him, and we come away, to rule as He intended

and modelled. Heb. 13:15, 16. Let us be 'who we are' and 'do the many mighty miracles' we have been commanded to do! John 14:12.