

Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship

Every word inspired.



Every word proclaimed

"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28



"Demons"

Part 2

Luke 4:34-37

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Demons

- Angels were created on the first day of creation.

Col 1:16

16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Job 38:4-7

4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell Me, if you have understanding,

5 Who set its measurements? Since you know.

Or who stretched the line on it?

6 "On what were its bases sunk?

Or who laid its cornerstone,

7 When the **morning stars** sang together

And all the **sons of God** shouted for joy?

- They were all created simultaneously and immediately. (Matt. 22:30)
- They do not reproduce. (Matt. 22:30)
- There will never be any more of them or any less of them. Their number is fixed. They do not die. (Luke 20:36)
- They are spirit beings. They are eternal. (Heb, 1:14)
- They are innumerable. (Heb. 12:22; Rev. 5:11)
- One of the angels, Lucifer, who was filled with arrogance and pride, decided to become like the Most High God. He desired the power, authority and glory that only belongs to God. (Ez. 28:12-18; Is. 14:12-14)

“Satan would rather be king of hell than a servant in heaven.”

– John Milton

- For that attempt, God cast him out of heaven. (Is. 14:12)
- When he left, he persuaded 1/3 of the angels to come with him. These are the non-elect angels. (Rev. 12:4; I Tim. 5:21)
- They use the education system including universities, the media (movies, TV, internet, magazines, books, CD’s, DVD’s, newspapers, podcasts).
- When we are tempted it is not necessarily Satan or a demon. The flesh is capable producing sin all by itself. (Gal. 5:19-21)
- They traffic mainly among the religious. A demon would rather possess a religious person than a non-religious person - pastors of liberal religious organizations, leaders of liberal denominations, any where there is a person of religious influence. (2 Cor. 11:14,15; Matt. 7:22,23)
- In the future, they will be thrown into a lake of fire where they will be tormented forever. They cannot be redeemed, they cannot be forgiven, nor will they or can they repent. They are forever wicked.

- The fall happened after the 6th day of creation. (Gen. 1:31)
- Lucifer now became the Devil or Satan, and his angels became demons.
- Some demons are bound. (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6)
- Some demons are free. Millions and millions. They make Satan appear omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. (Eph. 6:11,12)
- They are powerful, clever, intelligent. (1 Tim. 4:1)
- They produce false signs, wonders, and miracles, they promote idolatry; they disseminate false doctrine, they cause division, hatred, jealousy, pride, immorality. (2 Thess. 2:9; Rev. 16:14; 1 Cor. 10:20; 1 Tim. 4:1)

Four levels of demonic activity: (each level is more control)

- (1) **Demon influence, pressure, and temptation:** (1 Pet. 5:8; Eph. 2:2; 6:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 2:26).
- (2) **Demon Control:** (2 Cor. 4:4; John 12:31; 16:11; 1 John 2:15-17; Mark 4:14-19).
- (3) **Demon Harassment or Oppression:** (2 Corinthians 12:7).
- (4) **Demon Possession:** Demon possession is the condition where a demon (or demons) actually take up residence within the body of a person and not only controls the person, but uses their central nervous system and vocal cords. The only people in this world that cannot be demon possessed are believers. All others are fair game. (Matthew 9:32-33; 12:22; 17:18; Mark 5:1-20; 7:26-30; **Luke 4:33-36**; Luke 22:3; Acts 16:16-18; 1 Jn. 4:4).
- They live in an underworld. In darkness. They are subtle. They do not want to be detected. They want to fly under the radar.

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- Luke refers to demons 23 times in his Gospel.
- Outside of the Gospels, there are only 3 references to demon-possession in the whole Bible:
 - One in the Old Testament: The deceiving spirits in the mouths of Ahab's prophets. (1 Kings 22:22 ff.)
 - Two in the Book of Acts: 1. the Philippian servant girl, 16:16 ff.; 2. the sons of Sceva, 19:13 ff

That's it. Why?

2 Cor 11:14-15

14 No wonder, for even Satan **disguises** himself as an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also **disguise** themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.

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- The demon in this verse is referred to as a singular spirit, but when he speaks refers to himself in the plural "us."

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1. "Aha" εα - ea is "an interjection expressive of indignation, or of wonder mixed with fear,"
The demon bursts forth in exclamation. He can't hold it in anymore. He feels threatened. He is hearing the gospel taught and therefore he could lose his victim.
2. "We have nothing in common." Total opposites. "So why are you here? This is my place. This is my territory. Go do your business some other place."
3. The demon knows his end will come. "Is this the end? Are you going to cast us into the Lake of Fire?"

James 2:19-20

9 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.

4. Demons know who Jesus is. "Make no mistake, I know who you are, and evil and holiness just don't mix."

"know" – οἶδα (used here) – to know by having (head) knowledge.

γινωσκω – to know from experience.

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Matt 12:26-29

26 "If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand?"

27 "If I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? For this reason they will be your judges."

28 "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."

29 "Or how can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property, unless he first **binds** the strong man? And then he will plunder his house."

Matt 18:15-18

15 "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother."

16 "But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED."

17 "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector."

18 "Truly I say to you, whatever you **bind** on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you **loose** on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."

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- There is no record here that this man became a believer. The purpose was to show that Messiah Jesus had authority over demons and the powers of darkness.
- Luke, the physician, noted that even though the demon exited violently he did not hurt the man.
- I doubt if anyone slept through the service that day!

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- Again they are amazed. Amazed by His teaching, amazed by the power of His word.

"What is this word?" – i.e. how can Jesus say simple words and the demon is cast out. What is in His words?

- They can't figure this out because they have never seen anything like this before.
- A church where Christ is honored and exalted will see lives changed and things happen.
- A church where Christ is on the outside is dead and useless.

Rev 3:15,16,20

15 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot.'

16 'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.'

20 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.'

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- This was big news.
- This is the first miracle recorded in Luke.
- It will not be the last.
- Jesus is all-powerful. He speaks and things happen.
- Today Jesus speaks in His Word.
 - Are we listening?
 - Are we seeing His power displayed in our lives?
 - Are others around us seeing our lives changed by His power?

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

3 And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.