

## What Does the Bible Say About Demons?

### Part—1

"There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight." (CS Lewis)

#### I. Do Demons Exist?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ (Judges 9:23; 1 Kings 22:20–23; Matt. 6:33; 10:1; 12:43, 45; 17:18; Mark 1:26–27; 3:11 5:1-20, 8, 13; Luke 4:36; 6:18; 11:26; Acts 5:16; 8:7; 1 Peter 5:8; Jude 1:6; Rev. 12:9)

#### II. What Are Demons?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Job 38:6-7; 1:6-7; Matt. 4:1, 5; John 12:31; Eph. 2:2; 2 Cor. 4:4; Rev. 12:10)
- b. Satan's rebellion and fall may actually be described several times in Scripture (cf. Isa. 14:12-15; cf. Gen. 3:1-15; Isa.14:12-17; Ezek. 28:11-19; Matt. 4:1-11; 25:41; Luke 10:18; 2 Cor. 4:3-4; Rev. 12:1-14; 20:10)
- c. The devil did not fall alone, he may have taken a third of the heavenly angels with him (cf. Rev. 12:3-4)

#### III. Are There Different Kinds of Demons?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. It does appear that there are different kinds, categories, or ranks of God's heavenly angels:
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Isa. 6:1-2ff)
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ (Ex. 25:18-20; cf. Gen. 3:24; Ex. 37:7-9; 1 Sam. 4:4; 2 Sam. 22:11; Ezek. 10)
  - iii. \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Dan. 8:16; 9:21; Luke 1:19, 26; & Jude 1:9; " cf. Dan. 10:13, 21; 12:1; Rev. 12:7)

c. There "may" also be some lists of different classifications or ranks of demons (Eph. 6:12; cf. Romans 8:37-39; Colossians 1:16; 2:15; Ephesians 3:10-11; Titus 3:1)

d. Some try to name or label demons: Jezebel Spirits, Delilah's, or Territorial Spirits; and build supposed ministries, demonologies, and methodologies around these categories; and still others contend that demons have given them this special "knowledge" and additional insight into the spiritual realm.

- i. I warn you to not ADD to God's Word and definitely NOT to listen to evil spirits and demons because they are by their very nature liars (cf. John 8:44)

#### IV. Can Demons Possess People?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. cf. Matt. 8:16, 29; 9:32-33; 12:22; 17:14-18; Mark 5:1-20; 7:26-30; Luke 4:33-36; 8:27-33; 11:20; 22:3; Acts 16:16-18)
- b. They can cause:
  - i. Physical ailments
  - ii. Super strength (Luke 8:29ff; cf. Matt. 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-17)
  - iii. Force wicked activity (cf. Gen. 6:4ff; 1 Peter 3:18-20; Jude 1:6)
  - iv. Perform pseudo-miracles (cf. Acts 16:16ff; 2 Thess. 2:8-9; 2 Cor. 11:14; 1 John 1:4; 4:1ff)
- c. But they are NOT gods and Jesus has defeated them!

#### V. Can Demons Possess Christians?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. 1 John 4:4; 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19; Rom. 8:9-11)
- b. But **Demon Oppression** is possible! (cf. 1 Peter 5:8-9; cf. Matt. 4; 16:23; Eph. 6:11)
  - i. This is when an evil spirit attacks a Believer or tries to influence and encourage them to sin and to disobey God
- c. But there is no such thing as a third category called "**Demonization**"