

Demons

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At some time before Adam and Eve were created, there was a war in heaven. An angel named Lucifer led one-third of the angels in a rebellion against God and tried to exalt his throne above God's throne (Isa. 14:12-15, Ezek. 28:12-17, Rev. 12:4, 7-9). They were kicked out of heaven and most are now on earth, attempting to lead people away from Jesus Christ. Some of the fallen angels are locked up in the abyss (Jude 6, 2 Pet. 2:4). Lucifer is now known as Satan and the fallen angels are now called demons (Luke 10:17-20).

Demonic Activities

Listed below are what the Scriptures teach demons are capable of doing. This doesn't mean that everything listed below is caused by a demon. For example, dumbness or deafness is usually caused through birth defects or accidents but Mark 9:17, 25 says demons can also cause these problems.

1. Dumbness--Mark 9:17,25, Matt. 9:32-33, 12:22
2. Deafness--Mark 9:25
3. Convulsions--Mark 9:18,20,26
4. Blindness--Matt. 12:22
5. Torment--Matt. 15:22, Mark 5:4-7
6. Temptation--1 Thess. 3:5, Luke 4:2
7. Deception--2 Thess. 2:9-10, 2 Cor. 11:3
8. Distortion of the gospel--2 Cor. 11:3-4, Gal. 1:6-8
9. Suicide--Matt. 17:15, Mark 9:22
10. Self-affliction--Mark 5:5
11. Oppression--Acts 10:38
12. Attacking Christians--Eph. 6:12
13. Attempts to commit murder--1 Sam. 18:10-11
14. Insanity--Matt. 17:15, Mark 5:1-15
15. Bondage--Rom. 8:15, Luke 13:16
16. Crippling--Luke 13:11-16 (bound by a demon for 18 years)
17. Demon possession of people--Luke 11:24-26, Mark 5:1-15, 9:25
18. Planting thoughts in people's minds--Matt. 16:22-23, John 13:2
19. Making people forget the Word of God--Mark 4:15
20. Sickness and disease--Luke 13:11, Job 2:7
21. Making people blind to the truth--2 Cor. 4:3-4

22. Causing division in churches--Matt. 12:25-30
23. Causing division in households--Matt. 12:25-30
24. Causing natural disasters--Job 1:9-19
25. Hindering prayers--Dan. 10:10-13
26. Influencing world leaders--1 Chron. 21:1

Christians are more powerful than demons

The above activities show that demons are very powerful and are determined to mislead and harm people. However, the Bible teaches when you receive Jesus Christ as your Lord, you become more powerful than Satan or any demon because Jesus now indwells you. The weakest Christian is more powerful than the strongest demon.

- Luke 10:19--Jesus gave His followers authority over all the power of the enemy and said no demon can harm you.
- 1 John 4:4 says, "You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you (Jesus) than he who is in the world (Satan)."
- James 4:7 says, "Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). When you submit to God and resist the devil, he flees because he is afraid of you. Notice, you don't have to flee from him in fear because he flees when you use your God-give authority over him.
- Luke 10:17--The disciples returned with joy saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." They discovered by using the name of Jesus, the demons were terrified and had to leave them.