



**Questions & Answers From The Bible
Sunday Night Series**

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

The Devil,
Devils
& Demons



DEVILS
AND
DEMONS

DEMONS/DEVILS

What Does The Bible Say?

· DEMONS / DEVILS

- Do They Exist?
- Where Do They Come From?
- Are There Different Types Of Demons?
- Can They Possess People and Objects?

One Devil (singular) – Satan, Lucifer

- **Revelation 12:9** And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
- **Isaiah 14:12** How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!



THE DEVIL HIMSELF

That Old Serpent

"And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years." (Rev. 20:2)

That "old serpent" who deceived our first parents in Eden into rebelling against the word of God is none other than the Devil, or Satan, often viewed in Scripture and typified by a "great dragon" (Rev. 12:9).

His Ultimate Doom Is Sure

- He will be bound a thousand years, then finally be *“cast into the lake of fire...tormented day and night for ever and ever”* (Revelation 20:10).
- Presently he is not bound, for *“your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour”* (1 Peter 5:8).
- We must be sober and vigilant, *“lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices”* (2 Corinthians 2:11).

His Devices Are Manifold

- All are deceptive (he was the most “*subtle*” of all God’s creatures, Genesis 3:1), malevolent, and his designs are intended to turn us away from the truth.
- ***“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ”***
 - (2 Corinthians 11:3).

He is a Great Deceiver

He can appear as a fire-breathing dragon or a roaring lion, deceiving us into fearing and obeying him instead of God.

He can also be "*transformed into an angel of light*" (2 Cor. 11:14), deceiving us into trusting the "*feigned words*" of his "*false teachers*" (2 Peter 2:3) instead of the Holy Scriptures of the God of creation.

Our option against his deceptions is to "*put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil*" (Eph. 6:11).

DEMONS

“devils” (KJV)

- **Many Devils (plural) – Demons**

➤ **Mark 5:9** And he asked him, What *is* thy name? And he answered, saying, My name *is* **Legion: for we are many.**

A legion, in the Roman army, at its full complement, was 6,000 men...

Demons/Devils (plural) Are Fallen Angels

Revelation 12:9

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Revelation 12:4

And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth...

("stars" are angels in the book of Revelation)

Rev. 1:20; 9:1

Some Demons/Devils Are Locked Up

- Some of the demons are already locked up for their sin.

Jude 6

And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Jude 7

Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Some Demons/Devils Are Free

- Others are free to roam and are referred to as
- "*principalities... powers... the rulers of the darkness of this world... spiritual wickedness in high places*" in [Ephesians 6:12](#) ([Colossians 2:15](#)).
- Demons still follow Satan as their leader and do battle with the holy angels in an attempt to thwart God's plan and hinder God's people ([Daniel 10:13](#)).

Demons/Devils Are Spirit Beings

- Demons are spirit beings and have the ability to take possession of a physical body.
- Demonic possession occurs when a person is completely controlled by a demon.
- This cannot happen to a child of God, since the Holy Spirit resides in the heart of the believer in Christ.

(1 John 4:4)

“... greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”

Furthermore...

We are “sealed” by the Holy Spirit:

2 Corinthians 1:22 *Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.*

Ephesians 1:13 *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*

Ephesians 4:30 *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

Moreover...

NOTHING and NO ONE can separate us from the love of God!

Romans 8:38-39

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, NOR ANY OTHER CREATURE, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Demons/Devils Knew Jesus And Feared Him

- Demons who met Jesus knew who He was, and feared Him:

Matthew 8:29

And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God?

- Demons know their end will be one of torment.

... art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

The Authority of Jesus Over Demons

- Jesus' authority over demons was one of the proofs that He was indeed the Son of God.

Luke 11:20

*But if I with the finger of God cast out devils,
no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.*

Demons/Devils Are Described As:

- Evil Spirits (Matthew 10:1)
- Unclean Spirits (Mark 1:27)
- Lying Spirits (1 Kings 22:23)
- Angels of Satan (Revelation 12:9)

Satan And His Demons/Devils:

- Deceive The World (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- Spread False Doctrine (1 Timothy 4:1)
- Attack Christians (2 Corinthians 12:7; 1 Peter 5:8)
- Combat The Holy Angels (Revelation 12:4-9)
- Want to destroy the work of God and deceive anyone they can (1 Peter 5:8; 2 Corinthians 11:14-15).

More Characteristics of Demons/Devils

Mark 5:1-20
the definitive passage on
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1. Devils want to be near dead human bodies or tombs (vs. 2, 3, 5).
2. They can cause unusual strength (vs. 3-4).
3. They can make a person unreasonable to sensible persuasion (vs. 4).
4. They cause excessive crying (vs. 5).
5. They cause sadistic and masochistic behavior (vs. 5).
6. They have an affinity for heights (vs. 5).
7. They recognize Christ as "the Son of God" and appeal to Him (vs. 6-7).
8. They know they deserve torment and dread it (vs. 6-7).

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1. They have names (vs. 9).
2. More than one can possess the same body (vs. 9).
3. They desire to stay in the same geographical region or "country" (vs. 10).
4. They would rather indwell an animal body than none at all (vs. 12).
5. They can cause animals to kill themselves (vs. 13).
6. They desire to be in a body when it dies (vs. 13).
7. They have an affinity for water (vs. 13) and fire (Matt. 17:15).

Mark 9:17-29

More Details About Demons/Devils

1. They can cause dumbness and deafness (vs. 17, 25).
2. They cause rabid animal like behavior (vs. 18).
3. They can indwell from childhood (vs. 21).
4. They cause suicidal behavior (vs. 22).
5. They resist leaving a body and violently "rent" it while leaving (vs. 26).
6. There are different kinds of devils. Some have more power than others (vs. 29)
7. Some can only be removed by prayer and fasting of believers (vs. 29).

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Demons/Devils Are Enemies of God:

- But they are **DEFEATED** enemies.

Christ has disarmed and defeated the demonic powers and authorities, and He has made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Colossians 2:15

And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

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