

THE DOCTRINE OF DEMONS

AS WRITTEN IN THE BIBLE

I. Origin of Demons

- A. Satan is a fallen angel and is called the prince of the Demons (**Matt. 12:24**), indicating that the demons are under Satan's authority.
- B. Furthermore, Satan has well organized ranks of fallen angels (**Eph. 6:11-12**), and it is reasonable to suppose that these are the demons. (Remember Satan took 1/3 of the angels with him when he fell from Heaven)

II. Characteristics of Demons

A. Their nature

1. They are spirit beings.
2. The demon in (**Matthew 17:18**) is called an unclean spirit. Unclean means immoral. Demons try to tempt you and get you to do immoral things, to sin.

B. Their Intellect

1. They know Jesus (**Mark 1:24**).
3. They know their own doom (**Matt. 8:29**)

3. They know of Salvation (**James 2:19**).
4. They have a well-developed system of doctrine of their own (**1 Tim, 4:12**).

C. Their Morality.

1. They are called unclean spirits and their doctrine leads to immoral conduct (**1 Tim. 4:12**).

III. Activity of Demons.

A. In General.

1. Demons attempt to thwart the purpose of God (**Dan.10:10-14; Rev. 16:13-16**).
2. Demons extend the authority of Satan by doing his bidding. Satan is not omniscient or infinite, so he must use demons to help him do his destructive work (**Dan10:10-14; Eph6:11,12**).
3. Demons may be used by God in the carrying out of his purposes. (**Sam. 16:14; 2 Cor. 12:7**).

B. In Particular

1. Demons can inflict diseases (**Matt. 9:33; Luke 13:11-16**).

2. Demons can attack Christians and non-Christians alike (**Matt. 4; Eph. 6:11-12**).
3. Demons can attack animals (**Mark 5:13**).
4. Demons oppose the spiritual growth of God's children (**Eph. 6:12**).
5. Demons disseminate false doctrine (**1Tim. 4:10**).

IV. The Demonic Attack

- A. *The demonic attack is designed to hinder your walk with God (**1Thess. 2:18**). It causes confusion, doubt, deafness and blindness (**2 Cor. 4:4; Luke 8:12; Acts 5:3**). It gives us emotions of hate bitterness, rage, anger, malice, slander and filthy language (**Col. 3:5-10**). If you are suffering any of these symptoms, you may be under demonic attack. Christians can be attacked by a demon, even though they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit (**Matt. 4 Eph. 6:11-12**). If Satan can attack Jesus he can attack you.*

The demonic attack does not mean total control. Even the person with the legions of demons In (Mark 4:6) was able to run to Jesus for help.

- B.** *The effects of demonic attack can be physical disease (Matt. 9:23-33), but not all physical disease is caused by demonic attack (Acts 5:16). Sometimes mental derangement is due to demonic attack but not always (Dan. 4). The attack can also cause pain, weakness, shortness of breath, night sweats, anxiety, loss of memory, loss of concentration, mood swings and depression.*
- C.** *The extent of demonic control depends on how much sin and error ground the demon can claim. (Sin is the act committed against God. Error is believing it). (Eph. 4:26-27).*

V. Destination of Demons

- A.** Eventually all demons will be cast with Satan into the Lake of Fire (Matt. 25:41). In the meantime, (James 4:7) says submit yourself to God resist the devil, and he will flee.

Suggested Reading

- The Bondage Breaker- Dr. Neil Anderson .
Victory Over The Darkness- Dr. Neil Anderson.
The Adversary- Dr. Mark Bubeck.
Overcoming The Adversary- Dr. Mark Bubeck .
Demon Possession and the Christian – Dr. C Fred Dickason.
Warfare Prayer Tract- Dr. Victor Matthews.
The Affirmation of Faith Tract- Dr. Victor Matthews.
The 3 Tract Series- by Greg McCully.
. The Doctrine of Satan.
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