

XL. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS LESSON FORTY

... ABOUT DEMONS: THEIR NATURE AND ACTIVITIES

INTRODUCTION

In lessons 38 and 39, we talked about the **WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE** against satan and his kingdom as being spiritual and powerful weapons which promise invincibility to the obedient.

We, also, talked about satan's, the devil's, arsenal of weapons which includes fiery darts/arrows with which he continually bombards mankind, and especially believers, also in his arsenal weapons are the fallen angels whom he sends to devil believers.

In the next two lessons, we will look at the third of satan's three-fold arsenal of weapons which is demons/unclean spirits who can and do inhabit believers, and also, we will talk about what the believer needs to do, to get them out and keep them out.

THE NATURE AND ACTIVITIES OF DEMONS/UNCLEAN SPIRITS

The following Scriptures show the difference between unclean spirits/demons and the fallen angels.

ANGELS/EVIL ANGELS

Hebrews 1:14

Luke 24:39

Genesis 18:1-2,

Daniel 9:21

Ephesians 6:12; Revelation 12:7-8

Conclusions: From these Scriptures we see that angels are spirit beings having no need for a physical body, although at times they do take on physical bodies with physical functions and appear to be men; their normal habitation is the heavenlies, they are not earth bound. This applies to the angels of satan as well as the angels of God.

DEMONS/UNCLEAN SPIRITS

These scriptures show the possible origin of demons.

Genesis 6:2,4

NOTE: The phrase sons of God is a reference to those who are/were created directly by God as evidenced by the next 3 Scriptures references; giants (vs 4) of the above passage means fallen ones.

Luke 3:38

John 1:12 (Romans 8:14; 2 Cor. 5:17)

Job 1:6

Jude 6.7

Genesis 7:21

Matthew 12:43-46

Mark 5:11-13

Conclusions: Some of the angels left their habitation in the heavenlies, took on human form (bodies) sired off-spring by women on earth; these off-spring were spirit beings, having physical bodies through which to function; at the time of the flood their physical bodies drowned, leaving them in need of a body (vessel) through which to gratify their carnal, evil desires; and they are earth bound.

NOTE: Another possible origin. Demons being disembodied spirits from a pre-adamic society which was destroyed by God. This society would have existed in a time period between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2. Refer to Jer.4:23-27

Demons are persons without bodies (disembodied persons) having all the normal marks of human personality as seen in the following Scriptures.

Matthew 12:44; Mark 5:11-13

James 2:19, Luke 8:28

Mark 1:23-24; Acts 19:15

Mark 5:9

1 Timothy 4:2

Mark 1:24; 5:7-12; Acts 19:15

Conclusions: The human personality traits of demons are: will(strong), emotions, knowledge, self-awareness, a conscience (it is too seared to respond) and the ability to speak.

There are three different expressions in the Bible which are normally used to describe demonic influence.

Matthew 11:18; Mark 7:25; 9:17; Luke 4:33; 8:27; 13:11; John 7:20; 8:48-49,52; 10:20-21

Mark 1:23; 5:2

Note: In both of these Scriptures the phrase "with an unclean spirit" is literally "in an unclean spirit" which idiomatically means to be "under the influence of" or to be demonized, that is to say, to be in some way or another under the influence of, controlled by, tormented by, under the attack of or by a demon/unclean spirit.

Matthew 4:24; 8:16,28,33; 9:32; 12:22; 15:22; Mark 1:32; 5:15,16,18; Luke 8:36

Note: This expression in the KJV is very misleading; there is nothing in the Greek word translated to support the translation possessed; it would be better rendered "demonized". Possessed means to own completely - to have total control over.

Conclusions: Believers can't be possessed by a demon - BUT they can have a demon, or be under the influence of a demon, or be demonized.

The Activities of demons/unclean spirits can be discerned by names given them in the Bible.

From the following Scriptures discern from the name, given the activity in and through the person/vessel inhabited.

Romans 8:15

2 Timothy 1:7, 1 John 4:18, Luke 21:2

Romans 11:8

1 Corinthians 2:12, 1 John 2:16, Luke 6:22

Ephesians 4:23

1 John 4:3

1 John 3:6

- **Isaiah 28:7**
- **Matthew 22:29**
- **2 Peter 3:17**
- **Isaiah 29:24, Hebrews 3:10**

Isaiah 61:3

Luke 13:11

Mark 9:25-26

Luke 8:29-30

Isaiah 19:14

Conclusions: There are Spirits of:

1. **Bondage** - spiritual, mental, physical (addictions)
2. **Fear** - fear brings torment, heart-failure
3. **Slumber** - lowering of standards, compromise, comfortable
4. the **World** - lusting, anger, hatred, division, striving
5. the **Mind** - religious spirits, high loft reasonings
6. **Anti-Christ** - mockery, blasphemy, quenches spiritual hunger
7. **Error** - straying from the truth
 1. error of **vision** - ruins ones ministry in local body
 2. error in **doctrine** - spoils ones message
 3. error of **living** - causes one to miss the mark
 4. error of **spirit** - will make one miss the Spirit's moving/leading/directing by a highly centralized organization or a certain way of thinking/doing (God must do it my way) or an independent "air" attitude.
8. of **heaviness** -depression, mental weariness, poor little me
9. of **Infirmity** - all types of sickness, disease, weaknesses
10. **Deaf & Dumb** - spiritual and physical
11. **Legion** - groupings of unclean spirits. mental illness
12. **perverse** spirits