



Demons

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**Verses Covered This Week**

*Revelation 5:11, 12:4, 3:20*

*Matthew 8:29, 12:27 – 29*

*Mark 1:34, 5:1 – 20*

*Daniel 10:10 – 13*

*2 Kings 19:35 – 37*

*Jude 1:9*

*Luke 11:24 – 26*

*Ephesians 1:13 – 14, 6:10 – 18*

*2 Corinthians 10:1 – 6, 2 Corinthians 4:4 – 7*

*Romans 12:1 – 2*

*1 Timothy 4:1 – 4*

*Acts 19:13*

The last time we met together we talked about satan. We talked about where he came from and his agenda in your life. We're going to look today at his demons. That's what we're going to look at. You to understand a couple things. I want you to turn to two verses in Revelation. Revelation 5:11 and 12:4. Now a lot of people misunderstand, and one thing we need to be clear of, satan is not equal to God. So he's not omniscient, he's not omnipresent, he's not omnipotent. That is, he's not all powerful, he isn't everywhere at all times, and he doesn't know everything. So quite obviously because those things are true, the odds are that you've never had him in your life. When the Bible talks about him bothering you, he's going to talk about him in the sense that he heads up a kingdom of beings, demons, now those demons are comprised, as a matter of fact, let me walk you through Revelation and then we'll look at what they're comprised of. But listen to Revelation 5:11.

*<sup>11</sup>Then I looked and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders, the voice of many angels numbering myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,*

So that jus lists the angels. It says there are thousands of thousands and myriads of myriads. That's literally the Greek. Hard to know exactly what the number is, but it's kind of a phrase in the Greek that was a number that you can't number. That it's not exhaustible. So it's a massive amount of

beings, just of angels, and you add to that the cherubim and the seraphim. You add that to them and you've got this massive number of beings. Now look at Revelation 12:4. It talks about satan and it says:

<sup>4</sup>And his tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them down to the earth.

So you have this massive number, one third of which have joined him in his attack on you. So one third of heaven, one third of all of God's created beings, have aligned themselves with satan. So he has this host of beings that are under his control. Now Jesus is going to refer to these beings under him as a kingdom. Which means he rules them. He is in control of these beings. We talked about the fact that he was bigger than the archangel of God. We're going to see this in a minute in Daniel. So he's got a third of heaven that has believed in his concept. They've fallen with him and now they are his people. You will deal with these beings. The odds are, unless you're Billy Graham or somebody like that of that sort of importance in an area, you're probably not going to deal with satan. But you are going to deal with his demons. When we look at angels, I wanted to end with something positive in this little spiritual warfare thing. When we look at angels, you'll discover you have a guardian angel. The assumption would then be that as surely as God assigns an angel to you, that satan assigns a demon to you. So you have at least one demon, probably more, who are assigned to you. Which would mean when we look at 1 Corinthians 11, which we'll look at when we deal with angels, that inside this room at this moment there are angels and there are demons. They are obviously not visible to you. They do appear at times. And, again, you have to remember all the movies paint these as frightening beings. If they're like satan, the Bible says his beauty is almost inexpressible, these guys are going to be as handsome, not as he is because the Bible says every precious stone is his covering, but these guys are going to be beautiful in their own right. God doesn't create anything without beauty. And so these guys in His creative mode are going to be beautiful. If you were to see them, they would be appealing, not frightening. The only reason we fear them is the corruption we sense in them. It's not based on the beauty they possess.

So here we go. Matthew 8:29. Slide over there. We're going to look at this guy later. But it talks about the, in this passage in Matthew, two men with demons in the Gadarenes.

<sup>29</sup>And they cried out, saying, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?"

So I want you to understand is they know their destiny. They know what's coming. And oddly enough, it's obvious here they know there's nothing that can be done to change it. Now, again, we talked about this, there is no offer of salvation to these guys. It's offered to us, not to them. And so they understand their destiny is set. What is that destiny that we looked at in Matthew? The lake of fire prepared for the devil and his angels. So they know their destiny and they know there's nothing that can be done about it. So when they run into Jesus, they're terrified. Now, obviously, they're not bothered by the guy they're dealing with. But they're terrified about Jesus. Now look at Mark 1:34. They're in Capernaum.

<sup>34</sup>He healed many who were sick with various diseases, he cast out many demons; He would not permit the demons to speak because they knew Him.

He wants no demonic authentication. He doesn't want a single demon to be able to honor Him. They're not allowed to say who He is. They're to bring no honor to Jesus Christ at all. He does not allow that. Now He allows His Father's honor. Remember at the end of Matthew 3, this is My Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. So He allows His Father's honor, but He does not allow them to authenticate Him and to honor Him in any way. He makes them shut up because He doesn't want anybody seeing them arguing anything even positive about who Jesus is. Now they have assignments. Go to the book of Daniel, chapter 10. Now we're going to look at verses 10 through 14. Now listen carefully. This is Daniel. He's prayed to God. Here's the answer that God has sent to Daniel. Now listen to this.

<sup>10</sup>Behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup>And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you and stand upright, for now I've been sent to you." (This is Gabriel) When he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. <sup>12</sup>And then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard and I have come because of your words. <sup>13</sup>The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia. <sup>14</sup>And came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision is for days yet to come.

Now if you read that without an understanding of demons, we're going to look at what the Bible's going to say about a particular demon in a minute, you might think when it talks about the prince of the kingdom of Persia he's talking about the crown prince of the king. No, no, no, no, no. He's talking about a demon who is the prince of the kingdom of Persia. Satan would consider himself the king of everything because his passion is to rule. So the demon that he has assigned over the kingdom of Persia, his prince, stops Gabriel. Gabriel's come directly from God. Two angels are named in the Bible: Gabriel and Michael. Gabriel has left God three weeks earlier to come and speak to Daniel. It's taken him three weeks because he's been in a fight with the demon who heads up Persia that won't let him through. He can't get through on his own. Michael, archangel of God comes, fights this demon with him, and as a result of that, he's able to turn, come to Daniel, and give him the message that God sent to him three weeks earlier but Gabriel couldn't get through on his own. So there are different demons with different powers and they are geographically located. Which would mean there's a demon of Bryan, a demon over College Station, a demon over Texas. But the demons are assigned geographic positions, and obviously based on the number, have a number of associates that they assign. But there is a spiritual warfare going around you. So if Daniel stops praying in those three weeks and gives it up, he misses because he couldn't wait on the spiritual battle going on around him. He stays with it and Gabriel's finally able to come. So you have this interesting section where obviously demons have geographical positions and they are organized that way so that it doesn't matter where you go. That's why Paul can say in Ephesians 6, we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against powers, principalities, spiritual forces of wickedness in darkness. He lists different levels. So there is a vast demonic organization in this world that obviously can impact the arrival of angelic work in our life.

Now I want you to look at their power. Look at 2 Kings 19:35. No name here so we don't know who this angel is.

<sup>35</sup>In that night the angel of the Lord went out and struck down 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when people arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies.

I love, the Bible is an understatement book, I love this next understatement.

<sup>36</sup>Then Sennacherib, king of Assyria, departed and returned home, and lived at Nineveh.

So he goes home and here's the beauty of how stupid he is. Verse 37.

<sup>37</sup>As he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god,

I'm changing my worship to whatever god owns that angel that killed 185,000 of my men. He killed, in one night, the entire Brazos Valley. One night. One angel. Nobody could stop him. Their power is beyond yours. Now let me show you one other correlative there. Go to Jude 1:9. Now, again, we talked last week satan wanted the body of Moses so he could get them to worship the body and not the God of the body. It says:

<sup>9</sup>But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

So these beings were so powerful that satan is more powerful than Michael. So when Michael faces satan, for example, what you find in Daniel, Michael just pops some heads here. He doesn't do that with satan himself. He says, "The Lord rebuke you." He pulled the Father in on the argument because he knew he did not have in and of himself the capacity to conquer satan. So there is a marked difference in the strength. But it is there.

Now, obviously we're going to talk about exorcism. Go to Mark chapter 5. This is the passage, it's troubling, it's the passage on the Gerasene demoniac. There was a Decapolis, there was a place of 10 cities which is what Decapolis means, polis – city, deca – ten. But there were 10 cities and this Gerasene demoniac was around one of them. Now it's interesting because this is the passage where the demons go into the pigs and they run off the hill. Which I shared with you before is the first time in the Bible you have deviled ham. But at any rate, when you go to Israel, when you ride on the north side of Galilee, you actually come to a place, it's the only cliff over the lake. So you come to the actual place where this happened. It's the only place it could have been. But I want you to notice what happens here. Now look at this, verse 2:

<sup>2</sup>Jesus stepped out of the boat, immediately they met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>3</sup>he lived among the tombs. No one could bind him, not even with a chain, <sup>4</sup>he'd been bound with shackles and chains and wrenched the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. <sup>5</sup>Night and day among the tombs on the mountains he was always crying out, cutting himself with stones. <sup>6</sup>When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran down and fell before Him; <sup>7</sup>"What have You to do with me, Jesus, Son of the most high God? I adjure You by God, do not torment me!" <sup>8</sup>For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" <sup>9</sup>And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" And he replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many."

Now a Roman legion was anywhere from 5,000 to 6,000 men. So there are 5,000 to 6,000 demons in this guy. Now we're going to see how that occurs a little bit in just a second. But there are 5,000 to 6,000 demons in this guy. So it's understandable why he has absolutely no control of his life. So we're going to have an exorcism. Now I think if I remember right, there are six instances of Jesus actually performing an exorcism in the New Testament. There are implied exorcisms, as with Mary Magdalene. She's been exorcised. We have no record of Him actually doing that. The assumption is obviously that He did it. So exorcism is biblical. That depends on where you are because I have people ask me this all the time. Satan has two methods. He has a method of being overt and he has a method of being covert. Now this is something that is hidden; this is something that is open. If you go to South America, he is overt there. He is open. There are exorcisms constantly being done because he is very open. In America he's been very covert. He's been very hidden. If you watch all the stuff, we laugh at him, we make fun of him, we don't think he exists. People in South America know absolutely he exists. That's not the case with us. So he balances his act on what's best for his attack based on the geography and the mental mindset of where he is. Western society is a society based on logic and scientific understanding. And so he hides himself and has made a mockery of himself because then people don't believe that he's there. Here, though, is more what you'd have. There's a great overt status here and so there's an exorcism where Jesus is going to kick these guys out. They ask to go to the pigs because they don't want to go to their destiny yet. And so He allows them to do that.

Now here's the problem you face. This, I want you to understand this, exorcism does not heal the person. Let me show you. Go to Luke 11:24 – 26. Here's what Jesus says.

<sup>24</sup>“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, that would be obviously through an exorcism, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none, it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ <sup>25</sup>And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. <sup>26</sup>Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself (and, again, there's that gradation of power) they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first.

So it may well be that this Gadarene demoniac had more than one exorcism which exponentially, when he didn't get right with God, bring other demons in number to dwell in him and control him. So exorcism doesn't heal. All it does is exorcism provides an opportunity for Christ in our day. In his day, to come back to the God of the Jews. For us, it provides an opportunity for Christ. But it's only an opportunity. And obviously, here's the key, it is a short-lived opportunity. He doesn't have long because when the demons get out there and they don't like where they are they go, “Hey, let's go back to the old haunt.” And he takes seven other guys with him. They take some other guys and now they're back in. So this opportunity from exorcism is short-lived. It demands then a response. Now look at Matthew 12:27 – 29. Now this is when the Pharisees were saying that He's doing this by the prince of demons.

<sup>27</sup>If I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? They will be your judge. <sup>28</sup>But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>29</sup>Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house.

His point is that satan's got to be removed inside a man's life, particularly if he's demonically controlled. And when that happens, then there is this short life to find Christ. So, we won't go there, but Ephesians 1:13-14 talks about hearing the Holy Spirit, believing, and sealing. The Holy Spirit speaks to me, I believe, and then He seals me. We talked about that. That's the Greek word, *sphragizó*, it was used when a king sealed something. So the King of the universe seals you. You are sealed after you hear and after you believe. This is a choice. Revelation 3:20. Anybody know what that says?

<sup>20</sup>Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

Who is Jesus talking to? Lost or saved? He's talking to the church. Whose church is it? It's His. So He says here, "In my own church, I won't bust the doors open. If you don't want Me in, I won't come. I will come if you invite." So if that's true for us, then it's especially true when you don't know Christ. So I hear Him, I choose to believe, I accept the offer, He seals me. Now when He seals me, now I want to be clear here, if this is true, that I don't fill my insides with God and the demons return, then the other assumption would be, if you combine this with this, that if I do fill it with Christ, they can't return. They can't control me. They can't possess me. There was a lady in the church who sent me an e-mail probably 7 or 8 months ago. I hadn't seen this, there was a professor at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, a well-known seminary, who was saying that as a Christian we may need people to come into our life to pray demons out of us so that we can be set free in Christ. That is a denial of Scripture. They're terrified of Jesus. So when Jesus comes in you and He's sealed in you in the person of His Holy Spirit, if you rely on His Spirit, they deal with the Spirit, not you. And they're terrified of the Holy Spirit. They're not scared of you, but they're bothered by the Holy Spirit. They can never unseal you and reenter your life. That would be the clear implication here. It would be the blatant statement here. Anybody in the first century that saw this Greek word, when they saw that Greek word used in reference to the Holy Spirit and your life, they would know the minute they saw that Greek word there wasn't a demon in the world that could ever touch them. They are set and healed and finalized by the Creator of the universe. This and this are absolutely clear. You cannot be controlled by a demon after you are a Christian.

Now you're going to be bothered, but not controlled. As a matter of fact, if this is true, you're going to be bothered. We talked about the fact that you cannot remove his temptation in your life. He's going to bother you. Now this is why, I want you to understand something else that I think has been misunderstood. Go to Ephesians 6:10 – 18. And then we're going to go from there to 2 Corinthians 10. So Ephesians 6, we've looked at this but I simply want us to reiterate.

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. (not in you, not in your giftedness, not in your brilliance, and not in your skillset) <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. (We're going to look at the schemes of the devil next week) <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, authorities, cosmic powers, over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

He says, we don't wrestle with people which is generally what we wind up wrestling with. We wrestle with the spiritual battle. Now, with that understanding, go to 2 Corinthians 10 because this

has been misunderstood. There are people that will try to teach you the different weapons of warfare that you use. I really don't think that's so much valid as it is, I don't think you use weapons of warfare. I think you are the weapon of warfare against what he's doing. We're in a chess match. He's got his people. God's got His people. And He's moving them across the world, both beings, our influence versus their influence, and the impact. Now look at 2 Corinthians 10:1 – 6. I want to read the whole thing because Paul makes a point.

<sup>1</sup>I, Paul, myself entreat you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ – I'm humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I'm away! <sup>2</sup>I beg of you that when I'm present I may not have to show boldness with such confidence as I count on showing against some who suspect us of walking according to the flesh.

So what he basically says is, "I'm coming. I'm going to deal with you. I'm going to be God's weapon in your church." Now watch this.

<sup>3</sup>For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup>the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but have divine power to destroy strongholds. <sup>5</sup>We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, <sup>6</sup>being ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete.

Now you stay there. Let me read you the big change in the book of Romans chapter 12. Listen to this.

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and sacrifice holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, good acceptable and perfect.

So, he says, you put this and Romans 12 all together. We are God's weapons based on, he talks about taking every thought captive, he talks about our minds being transformed. We are God's weapons based on how well our minds are transformed. And now we go back all the way to the first thing we learned in here. We are to be controlled by the Holy Spirit based on what He says to me personally and what He says to me in this book. He's to drive me. If He does, then I become a weapon of war. My thoughts are taken captive to Christ and I become the weapon that God uses to impact satan's kingdom. This is key particularly if you're a parent, you've got a kid, you're raising them. It's great if you want to take them to a counselor and all that's good. Maybe for some really traumatic incident, but at the end of the day, you're the one God gave them to. You're the weapon of God's holiness in their life; not a counselor. You are. And I think that's key to understand. And then look in 2 Corinthians 4:4 – 7.

<sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers (there we are again, we're in the mind) to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>What we proclaim is not ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of

God in the face of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>We have this treasure in jars of clay to show the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

He talks about jars of clay. We are the vessels of God's power. It's not some magic stuff we have. It's what we are as we yield to the Holy Spirit internally and externally in the word of God. Now this is going to be a little hard. So we yield to the Spirit internally by the Spirit's witness in our heart. Romans 8:16 – Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we're the children of God. We do it externally by the word of God, 2 Peter 1:20 – 21 – Holy Spirit wrote the Bible. So these two, Holy Spirit's speaking to me internally and externally, are what allows me to become a weapon. Now I'm going to read you something here in a second, but I want you to understand anything else is from demons. Anything else is demonic. Let me show you something. Go to 1 Timothy 4:1 – 4. Now listen to 1 Timothy 4. Now this is going to be a little difficult. Here it is.

<sup>1</sup>Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, <sup>2</sup>through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared.

Now here is an example of demonic doctrine. Listen.

Who forbid marriage, require abstinence from foods.

So anybody that says to you that abstinence from foods, we're not talking fasting, but that abstinence from food will make you a better Christian and it's not fasting they're talking about, they're just talking about don't eat this, don't eat that.

That God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. <sup>4</sup>Everything created by God is good. Nothing is to be rejected if received with thanksgiving for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

Now abstinence from food was their day, right, some meat was offered to idols, it became cheaper after it was offered, sirloin was not \$5.50 a pound instead of \$10.50 a pound, so they took the pound meat home because it was a whole lot cheaper after they had the offering. And some people were saying, "You can't do that. It's been offered to idols. It's evil." And so there were all these weird things, none of which were in the Scripture. As a matter of fact, I preached for years that a Christian should never take any alcohol at all, and that's not in the Scripture. Any doctrine that is not weighted and found in Scripture is demonic. So anytime you step away from the internal witness of the Scripture or the external witness of the Scripture, you put yourself under demonic authority. And when you put yourself under demonic authority, you lose your ability, or let me back up, depending on how far you put yourself under demonic authority, your opportunity to be a vessel for Him in the warfare is diminished to the degree that you live under demonic teaching instead of Holy Spirit teaching. So it's a difficult thing. And so you have to be careful. Now let me share one story and then I'll let you ask questions. Two things, right. If I ignore the Scripture, I put myself under demonic authority. If I ignore the direction internally from the Holy Spirit, I put myself under demonic authority. So when I was a summer missionary in 1971, they put us on the Zuni Indian Reservation. There were two of us. My partner's name was John Johnson from Johnson City, Tennessee. I think he was telling me the truth. I don't really know. So we went to a rain dance one night that the Zuni's were having. That wasn't for tourists. It was a legitimate



rain dance, but we decided to go. We thought it would be funny. So we're standing on the top of one of the ledges and we're looking down. We can see people looking up at us; pretty angry that we're there. We don't care. So I get down that night, we're sleeping in the mission house, me and him, and I wake up, I mean absolutely awake at two in the morning and I sense a being standing next to me speaking to me. So I respond to him and I wanted to scream out and I can't. I can't move my mouth. I can't, John's right here, I can't speak. So my voice is paralyzed. And he's speaking to me and I finally respond to him and he leaves and I get my voice back. But the fear is gone. So I wake up the next day and I don't go do what we're supposed to do. I literally spend 12 hours and I've never done this. I spend 12 hours in the Word and praying. And finally, about the 10<sup>th</sup> hour, the Holy Spirit spoke and said, "You're OK. I have you." So that night I went to sleep again, woke up again, dead in the morning, two o'clock. I can't speak. I feel a hand crawling down my pillow toward my throat and I said, "Alright, God, this is Your problem." Rolled over, demon left, I've never had that since. Because I've done everything I can in my life to do as best I can to live under these two directions. Now they're not always that overt, but he was certainly overt with me. Terrified me. And the reason that he was overt is because internally I knew we shouldn't have been there. But I ignored what the Holy Spirit told me which put me under his ability to impact me in a way he couldn't have if I had not ignored what the Holy Spirit told me. So how he works in your life, or how the demons work in your life, and I can guarantee you you have more than one you're going to have to deal with. Now what you want, though, you want a life where this happens. Now last thing and then I'll open it up. Look in Acts 19. Now there's a Jewish exorcist. He's seen Paul kicking demons out so he decides he'll take a shot. Now look in verse 13 of Acts 19.

<sup>13</sup>Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims. <sup>14</sup>Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. <sup>15</sup>But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, Paul I recognize, but who are you?" <sup>16</sup>The man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them, overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

I just kind of would like to have been there. But what I want you to notice about it is what the demon says. "I know Jesus. I recognize Paul's name." Never met Paul because he's not assigned to him. But he's heard about him where? When he got with his buddies after a hard day's work. You want to be the kind of person that bothers the demons in Bryan/College Station. You want to be the kind of person that when they meet they go, "That guy is killing us." You want to be the kind of person that's so good at living out Christ in your life, that you live internally and externally by the Holy Spirit's direction and what the Holy Spirit has written in the word. And those two things drive you in a way that you're a chess piece that God can use and He uses in a way that the demons are bothered and recognize your name. Even the ones that are not assigned to your life. That's not, to me, a bad goal.

## **Questions**

**Q.** So you see people saying like there are the steps to possession and one of them is oppression and then the final is possession. Is that true and can Christians be oppressed and it stops there?

A. Yeah, I think certainly in the life of a lost person. I don't think you're automatically possessed with a demon. I think you have to give some substance to him so oppression might lead to possession. But once you become a Christian, because of this, possession is not possible and the demons are now limited to oppression. Now they can, if you don't live off this, they can get a foothold in your life. Now you can always get rid of that foothold, but they'll get a foothold based on whether you believe what God says or whether you believe what they say. So, again, let me be careful here. I'm not anti-Catholic. So I don't want you to misunderstand the statement. I don't want you going out of here saying I am because I'm not. But I do think the Catholics, by this is what we saw in 1 Timothy 4:1, forbidding marriage, have allowed a foothold of satan, of pedophilia inside their church because they live off a violation of an external doctrine in Scripture. The Bible's very clear. You have to be called to the single life. It's generally assumed from the Bible you'll be married. But you can be called to the single life but you live inside that. And if you violate that, and I think that's what's happening in the Catholic church. I think the reason they've had so much problem with pedophilia is because they have taken on a doctrine of a demon that they've imposed on the leaders of their church. It's not imposed on the regular people in the church. It's the clergy. So I think that doctrine, so I think they've been oppressed and they've given in that oppression a foothold that satan has run amuck with.

Q. Chris, people that are not Christian, are they demon possessed? Because it's hard to recognize so much that you come in contact with.

A. Not everyone, no. Because in America, he hides. There are some, and you want to be careful on that because I've known some preachers that looked demonic. But I had some sermons myself where the kids were on the front row going, "Oh! Make him go away!" I do think you have to be a little careful with that. In some similarity, if you ever look at a photo of Charles Manson, I mean that guy is pretty, if I'm thinking demonic, that's where I'm going. I think the difficulty in America is the coyness of the enemy, I think you're going to have people that look nice that are totally demon possessed. So it's a difficult thing. Oh, I think it is well hidden.

A. Oh, absolutely. Children are given a guardian angel at birth. We'll look at that next week. So obviously they're going to have a demon. Yes, there is a child in the New Testament who is exorcised. As a matter of fact, the disciples can't exorcise him so Jesus comes down and does exorcise him. It is a frightening passage to me. But obviously there are children that can be. I don't know how the child became demon possessed. The Bible doesn't answer that. My assumption would be there's a parental, and we'll look at that, that there's a parental issue somewhere there. I don't know what that is. It is a difficult passage. But I think if your child were, I think you can certainly exorcise your child. I think that would be a key fundamental thing to do. There are 5 troubling passages for me. That's one of them. I can't tell you it's not. I will tell you this, this is my assumption, I don't have any biblical basis, my assumption. If you both walk well with Christ, I don't think he can touch your child. There is, let's see if I can find this, there is a passage, there is a statement where he talks about, listen to this (1 Corinthians 7:12 – 14):

<sup>12</sup>To the rest I say, not the Lord, if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. <sup>13</sup>If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. <sup>14</sup>For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife. The believing wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise, your children would be unclean but as it is, they are holy, set apart.

I think that principle would mean that if one of you is a believer, your child is set apart and the enemy can't get your child. I think the only way he can get the child is if both of you are unbelievers and you're living in a position that offers deep entrance of the enemy in your home. So based on 1 Corinthians 7, I would think, no. If even just one of you is a believer, your child cannot be possessed.

**Q.** So, say you have an angel and a demon, are they equal in power?

**A.** That's a hard one to know. I don't know if God assigns on equality. That one I don't know. I think clearly when we look at what we saw tonight, there are levels because he says, "I'll bring demons more evil than the one that was released." You've got Michael and Gabriel fighting this prince of Persia. So, obviously there are gradations in value and power of demons. I'm sure it's true in angels. I just don't know if God assigns on equality or how He does it.

**A.** It is where you put your mind. But you have to put your mind in being filled with the Spirit. Reading the Bible does not remove demons from you and reading the Bible does not conquer demons in your life. That's the idea behind that story. But that's an incorrect value system. The value system in Scripture is that I have to be filled with the Holy Spirit. That's why he says, finally be in the strength and the power of His might. Then I can conquer the enemy. But I can't just read my Bible and go to church and the enemy's conquered. That's not a valid position.

Yeah, Michael certainly called on the name of the Lord and that vanquished satan.

**Q.** So, I'm filled with the Spirit. But both pregnancies I had really bad post-partum depression. It's gotten very, very hard. How do you conquer that? Because I prayed and still being filled with the Spirit and I'm seeing women who can't conquer it and I want to reach out but I don't know how to do it.

**A.** Yeah, your question's really good because you don't want to associate physiological with spiritual. I mean you're dealing with a physiological issue, post-partum depression, which is normal, difficult, depending on the situation. And so that's a different thing. I think you allow the filling of the Spirit to enable you to work through that, but it doesn't remove that. To me that's in the same vein as some depression. If I, Cathy, who's lost both legs, her walk with Christ is what's enabled her to handle over a year in the hospital and be here tonight with no legs. I mean that is not an easy thing. Her walk with Christ didn't give her back legs, but it enabled her to handle it because that's a physiological issue. You don't ever want to confuse a physiological strain with the work of the Holy Spirit. The demons

will use that to say to you, “If God liked you, you wouldn’t be going through this. A Christian shouldn’t have this.” He’ll make you feel guilty. But no. It’s not.

**Q.** Can you briefly go over the timeline of creation, creation of the angels, and then the fall of the third.

**A.** As best we know with the timeline, the best thing we know is that obviously satan was there before Adam and Eve were created. So somewhere in that timespan, either before God decided to create the universe, we don’t have a lot of timeline understanding, but apparently at some point when He created different beings, and at some point before we’re created, those beings, a third of them said under satan, “We’re out of here. Can’t take You over.” So God banished them. Then He created us and to allow us free will and free choice, He gave us a tree to say “no” to and he gave a demon, satan, to entice us or to make us see the benefit of that offer versus the lying of God’s offer. So He put two things in there. But they fell before we were created. That’s the question I can’t answer. Because the creation narrative seems to indicate the heavens and the earth and us. It doesn’t indicate anything beyond that that we may not know that God’s done or what He did in His kingdom. So we’re not sure there. So the timeline is vacant for us back there.

**A.** If deliverance is used in regard to lost people, I’m good. If it’s used in regard to saved people, I’m not. We need each other in our lives. I don’t think you can live the Christian life on your own. But I don’t need someone to create deliverance in my life by what they do for me versus what they teach me. I think it’s my yielding to the internal and the external that frees me from the enemy. Let me just give you my classic example. So for years, I remember one time we were at, I love seafood, so we’re at this seafood buffet. And I’m just losing it. They’ve got free crab legs and I’m losing it. I mean I’m chomping down and my wife goes, “You know, you’re kind of crazy tonight.” And I was pretty hefty at that time. So I met with a lady in the church who had lost some weight. I said, “Can you come in and tell me what you did?” So she comes in and I said, “What diet are you on?” She said, “I’m not on a diet. I gave up gluttony.” So I read a book that we don’t use anymore because the lady went nuts. But the book’s really good because the argument in the book is the reason we’re overweight is because we eat more than we should. And gluttony is always in the Bible as a sin. It was interesting to me. When I got my life right in regard to gluttony, it was weird, because all of a sudden other things began to fall into place in my life that weren’t in place. I was living under demonic authority and I had no idea. It’s amazing to me, I was like a lot of other preachers that I see at conventions who are obviously gluttonous, but will preach against alcohol which Jesus imbibed. And it’s interesting to me how insane we’ve gotten which is why for me you go back to a biblical position, not a non-biblical position. So I think somebody may help me with that, which she did. She didn’t bring deliverance to me, but she did offer me a truth that did deliver me.

**Q.** So back to the guy that was possessed by the legion. So if that person isn’t saved in between more demons coming back, it’s going to be perpetual? It’s not going to ever end?

**A.** It’s not going to ever get better. No, he’s caught.

**Q.** Does God allow demonic attack or does He ever step in and stop it on His own?

**A.** He does both and. You have Jesus looking at Peter saying, “Satan has asked to sift you like wheat. I’ve prayed...” So He did allow demonic attack in Peter’s life. But then prayed for deliverance from that. Not that he wouldn’t fail, but that that failure would not overcome him. So Satan was limited in his access to Peter. But given some.