



The Examiners

Examining the Scripture daily to see whether these things were so...Acts 17:11

Demonic Influence

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Source of Influences in the world for Unbelievers:

- From the emanation of occult power derive from the planets and stars
- From emanation of moral authority and power
- From the emanation of spiritual authority and power

2 Sources of Influence for Believers:

- Satanic viewpoint of the world
- Divine viewpoint of the Word of God

Fallacy Related to Demon:

- Demons do not really exist
- Demons are evil influence without personality
- Demons are responsible for every sin
- Demons are not something to worry about
- Demons are responsible for every mental and physical infirmities
- Demons are responsible for every disaster, calamity, difficulty and misfortune in the world
- Demons are responsible for all evil in the world
- Demons are powerful and beyond God's restraint
- Demons are stronger than God that they can invade and possess the Christian's body

Dangerous But Ignored Truth:

- The gods and idols of nations are actually demons (Psalm 96:4-5)
- The idols that people worship are actually demons (1 Cor. 10:19-20)
- The judgment of demons involved the destruction of demon-possessed people and the religious system associated with idolatrous practices (Isaiah 19:1-3, 6-7, 47:1, 11-13)
- Demonism has exercised great influence in history of man (Ezek. 21:21-22 Dan. 10:13)
- Often throughout the history, rulers of nations have been demon-possessed (2 Kings 21:1-16)

Biblical Evidences of Demonic existence:

- Documented in 16 books of the OT
- Documented by all writers of the OT
- Revealed by the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ during the Hypostatic Union
- Recognized and encountered by the Lord Jesus Christ during His ministry and by the Apostles

His existence:

- Taught in seven OT books and acknowledged by every New Testament writer
- Christ acknowledged and taught the existence of Satan (Mat. 13:39; Luke 10:18, 11:18)

His personality:

- Intellect: he quotes and uses the Scripture (Mat. 4, 2 Cor. 11:3)
- Emotions: hatred and anger (Rev. 12:1-10)
- Will: morally responsible (2 Cor. 2:26; 2 Tim. 2:26)

His nature:

- A created being who must answer to His Creator (Ezek. 28:14, 15)
- A spirit being (Eph. 6:11,12)
- Was a cherubim (Ezek. 28:14)
- Highest of all angelic beings (Ezek. 28:12)

Limitations:

- He is an incomplete creature
- Not omnipotent, omnipresent or omniscient
- Can be resisted by the Christian (James 4:7)
- Under restraint and limitation (Job 1:12)

Personality traits:

- He is a murderer (John 8:44)
- He is a liar (John 8:44).
- He is a destroyer
- He is a confirmed sinner (1 John 3:8)
- He is an accuser (Rev. 12:10)
- He is an adversary (1 Pet. 5:8)

Principle Titles and Descriptions of Satan:

- Satan -- adversary (2 Cor. 11:14)
- Devil -- slanderer (Matt. 4:1)
- Serpent -- deceitful (Rev. 12:9)
- Lucifer -- son of the morning (Isa. 14:12)
- Evil one (1 John 5:19)
- Dragon (Rev. 12:17)
- Prince of this world (John 12:31)
- God of this world (1 Cor. 2:4)
- Accuser of the brethren (Rev. 12:10)
- Beelzebub -- prince of the demons (Mat. 12:24).
- Belial (2 Cor. 6:15)
- Rulers of demons (Luke 11:15)
- Murderer (John 8:44)

The Sin of Satan (Isa. 14:5, 12-15)

- I will ascend into Heaven (Satan wanted to take God's place of rulership and authority).
- I will exalt my throne above the stars of God (Satan wanted to rule over all the angels).
- I will sit on the mount of the assembly in the far north (Satan Wanted to rule over all men).
- I will ascend above...clouds (Satan wanted all the glory of God).
- I will be like the most high (Satan wanted to be the possessor and ruler of all heaven and earth).

His punishments:

- Cast out of his original position in Heaven (Ezek. 28:16)
- In the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:14-15)
- At the cross (John 12:31)
- Barred from all access to Heaven during the tribulation period (Rev. 12:7-13)
- Confined to the abyss (Rev. 20:2)
- Cast into the Lake of Fire (Rev. 20:10)

Satan's work as related to Christ:

- Tries to thwart the plan of God in every area and by every means possible
- Seeks to counterfeit God's program
- Tempted Christ (Matt. 4)
- Possessed the body of Judas to betray Christ (John 13:27)

Satan's work as related to unbelievers:

- Blinds their minds (2 Cor. 4:4)
- Snatches the word out of their hearts (Luke 8:12)
- Uses unbelievers to oppose the work of God (Rev. 2:13)
- He will gather them to the battle of Armageddon (Rev. 16:13-14)
- He deceives them now (Rev. 20:3)

Satan's work as related to Believers:

- Tempts believers to lie (Acts 5:3)
- Accuses and slanders believers (Rev. 12:10).
- Can hinder the work of a Christian (2 Thess. 2:18)
- Tries to defeat us through demons (Eph. 6:12)
- Tempts us to immorality (1 Cor. 7:5)
- Sows counterfeits among believers (Mat. 13:38-39)
- Incites persecutions against believers (Rev. 2:10)

Characteristics of demons:

- Spirit beings (Matt. 17:18, Mark 9:25)
- Know Jesus Christ (Mark 1:24)
- Know their own end (Matt. 8:29)
- Know the plan of salvation (James 2:19)
- Have a system of doctrine (1 Tim. 4:1-3)
- Immoral, wicked, unclean (1 Tim. 4:1-3)

General Activities of demons:

- Attempt to thwart the work of God (Rev. 16:13-16, Daniel 10:11-14)
- Extend the authority of Satan (Eph. 6:11-12)
- Demons may be used by God in carrying out His purpose (2 Cor. 12:7; 1 Tim. 1:19; 1 Cor. 5:5)

Some particulars Activities of demons

- Can inflict disease (Matt. 9:33)
- Can possess humans (Matt. 4:24)
- Can possess animals (Mark 5:13)
- Spread false doctrine (1 Tim. 4)
- Oppose the spiritual growth of God's children (Eph. 6:12).

Destiny of demons:

- Temporarily some are confined. For instance, some who were free during the lifetime of Christ were cast into the abyss (Luke 8:31) and will be loosed to do their work during the coming tribulation days (Rev. 9:1-11 and 16:13-14).
- Eventually all demons will be cast with Satan into the Lake of Fire forever (Matt. 25:41 and Rev. 20:10).

Reasons Why Some Believe Christians Can Be Demonized or Possessed by Demons:

- Personal Experiences: the Story Theology rather than the doctrinal solid stand of the Scripture.
- The influence of psychology: the diversion of the cause and sources of all human problems outside the individuals. They used psychological and clinical evidences instead of doctrinal proof.
- Blame Shifting: blame it on the devil and the demons become the scapegoats.
- Ignorance of Bible Doctrine: instead of going deep into the Word of God they go deep into the words of men by reading Christian books authored by individuals without accurate and correct doctrinal foundation.
- Denominational and sectarian influence: looking for whatever can increase their statistics record without concern for true spiritual growth.
- Demonic Disinformation: they are arrogant and conceited people who presumed that their knowledge are scripturally accurate without checking, evaluating and testing the spirits whether they are from God or from the devil.
- Devoted to Demons: they are too preoccupied with demonology to the point they become inventors of false information about demons.
- No Spiritual Discernment: they have no doctrinal frame of references in their souls to evaluate and define the difference between truth and lies (1 John 4:1).
- They believed the demons (and the lies written by "demonic inspired Christian authors") more than the infallible truth of the Word of God.

Christians Cannot be Demonized or Possessed by Demons:

- Demon possession implies ownership and true Christians are owned by God wholly and fully including body, soul and spirit (1 Cor. 6:20).
- Satan and demons are not more powerful than God that they can depose the legitimate Owner of the believers (1 Cor. 7:23).
- The believer's body is the temple of God, the house of the Lord and demons cannot demonized and possessed it because of its surpassing holiness, purity and glory (Heb. 10:21, 1 Tim. 3:15).
- The believer is indwelt by not only by God the Holy Spirit but by all members of the Godhead (John 14:23, Eph. 1:6-19, 12, 4:6, 1 Cor. 3:16, 6:19-20). To say that demons can demonize the Christians is to diminish the truth that God is supremely powerful than all the creatures.
- Satan and demons are creatures that are under God though rebellious cannot force God to give in their demands to possess, demonize and inhabit the Christians who is indwelt and owned by God (1 John 4:4).
- The demons can only occupy, demonize, and possess "a house that is empty" that is the body of unbelievers without the indwelling presence of God as can be noted in Matthew 12:43-45.
- The believer is eternally saved, sealed, secured and have sentry guard (guardian angel) that demons cannot break in suffering defeat.
- The demons cannot touch the child of God (1 John 5:18). The believers are securely protected from the evil one not by their own power, faith or deed but by faithfulness of God (2 Thess. 3:3).
- There is no indication or implication in the Bible that believers can be demon possessed not unless one will use the Bible to say what they wanted it to say contrary to its original meaning.
- There is no command, instruction or indication in the Scripture for believers to cast out demons from fellow believer.

Demon Possession or Demonized?

- False preachers and ministers of God substituted the term demonization to demon possession because they cannot refute the strong evidences that Christians cannot be demon possessed.
- The description of demonization is exactly the same with demon possession.
- Changing terminology does not change the fact that demons cannot possess the true Christians.

I agreed that Christians can be demon possessed.... I mean those who are "Christians" by name not by relationship with God, merely professing Christians, those who are saved by false Gospel, not saved by grace alone, in Christ alone by faith alone.

Weird Extra Biblical Things Related to Demonism:

- False ministers of God invented terms, "spiritual tools" against the evil spirits and names of demons that are not in the Bible.
- They invented extra-Biblical ways of dealing and confronting demons through flesh and blood not by the Spirit and Word of God (Eph. 6:12).
- They invented teaching or doctrines that are not consistent with the truth of the Scripture but a mixture of ancient mysticism, psychology plus distorted theology.

Woe to Your False Prophets:

- Ironically, those who are too obsessed with demons are really the one demonized or demon possessed (if unbelievers) or under demonic influence (if believers). True believers must be preoccupied with Christ and the Word of God and not with demons.
- One might be thinking of deliverance from demons from such advocates of anti-demons only to be chained and enslaved by demons.

Unbiblical Ways of Confronting Demons (created out from misinterpretation & misapplication of Biblical teaching):

- Binding Satan: there is no instruction, mandate or teaching in the Bible for believers to bind Satan and or his demons.
- Rebuking the devil: there is no instruction, mandate or teaching in the Bible for believers to rebuke the devil in Jesus' name. Rebuking the devil is the sole prerogative of the Lord Jesus Christ (Jude 9). Rebuking the devil is an act of ignorance (2 Pet. 2:12) & arrogance (2 Pet. 2:10).
- Praying the blood: a phrase invented by some nuts but not found in the Bible. The Blood of Christ (spiritual death of Christ) delivered us from sin not from demons.
- Breaking the inherited curses: There is not one example in the Bible of a saved person being under a satanic curse, which had to be "broken" by Christian exorcism or distinct renouncement or public confession.
- Public confession and personal renouncement of all demonic involvement in demonic activities including that of one's ancestors.

The Believer's Volitional Responsibility points to the real culprit that is the old sinful nature (OSN) not Satan or his fallen angels:

- Satan and demons are not responsible for any thought, decision or action that a man may have.
- The job of demons is to try to influence the thought, decision and action of every believer in order to be independent of God instead of being totally dependent on Him for everything. The job of believers is to choose the plan, purpose and will of God by rejecting demonic influence.

The Reality of Demonic Influence:

- The cosmic world is designed by Satan to influence every human being as soon as they are out of the womb. Satan corrupted everything in the world and uses it to influence the believers to revolt against God by trying to be independent from God.
- Every person outside the divine dynasphere is on the whole absorbing the silent, intelligent and perilous influence of the cosmic system.
- No one is invulnerable or unaffected from the cosmic and demonic influence unless they are inside the divine dynasphere.
- It is unwise to point to certain negative mental attitude or negative habits and manner as signs of demonic influence or demonic possession since unbelievers and carnal believers manifests the traits of old sinful nature.
- The biggest part of demonic influence comes through religion. Religion is the gullible culprit for bringing the most of deception and lies in the world.
- Religion is an open door avenues that gives the demons free right of entry to influence, control, terrorizes and afflict the unsuspecting ignorant people who easily fall into the snares of the wolfs in sheep clothing preachers.

The Venue for Demonic Influence:

- The venue for demonic influence is Satan's kingdom which is the cosmic system in which the policies of Satan operates and function.
- The carnal believer will absorb all the cosmic half truths, misinformation and inclusive trickery without spiritual defense system.
- The cosmic system is designed to produce certified spiritual losers.
- Believers who reject to study Bible doctrine on daily basis will easily fall into demonic influence.
- The believers in the cosmic system cannot fight the three enemies (the flesh, the devil and the world) for they are prisoners of war.

The Protection of the Believers Against Demonic Influence:

- Residence, momentum and function inside the pre-designed plan of God which is also known as the divine dynasphere.
- The divine dynasphere is the believer's dynamic power system where all the spiritual resources, spiritual problem solving devices, assets and the spiritual weapons are operational and functional.
- The divine dynasphere provides total protection against the fiery missiles of the Satan for Church age believers who choose to be occupied with the Word of God and with the Person of Christ.
- The Word of God is the believer's most powerful weapon when under operation in spirituality that Satan and all the demons cannot mock.

Reversing the Demonic influence:

- Presenting the Gospel clearly and accurately to unbelievers to assure true salvation.
- The believer must form the habit of constantly submitting to the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:5) instead of submitting to the old sinful nature (Rom. 8:6).
- The believer must be always conscious of his spiritual status and execute the divine provision of rebound whenever necessary to make sure of consistent residency in the plan of God.
- The believer must make and prioritize his time for studying the Word of God on daily basis to avoid the growing threat of demonic influence.

Bible doctrine is the most powerful weapon of the Church Age believers (Heb. 4:12), every believer thus every believer must be consistently spiritual (Eph. 5:18) and take control of his thinking, build the garrison of his soul. True responsibility begins by thinking what is right (Phil. 4:8) and bringing everything into vital contact with truth.

All believers are positionally of the light (1 Thess. 5:4-8) and of the day (Rom. 13:13-14) and thus commanded to reject demonic and cosmic influence:

- To walk in the light (to fellowship with God)
- To manifest light (to apply the Word of God)
- To walk by the light (to live by the Word of God)
- To walk in His light (to choose divine viewpoint)

The New Christ nature (imputed righteousness of God in the believer) is the positional holiness of God (Eph. 4:24) which enables the believer to reflect the holiness of God by the indwelling Holy Spirit and resident metabolized Bible doctrine in the soul. The believer's intimacy with God is in direct proportion to his reflection of the holiness of God which repels all the influences of the cosmic system.

- The more the believer obeys the Holy Spirit through application of the Word of God.
- The more the holiness of God reflects in the life of the believer.
- The more God is glorified by the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer.
- The more the believer grows in intimacy with God.

Satan and demons are judged, sentenced, and condemned losers waiting their final execution. They are creatures answerable to their Creator, they are not all powerful, not all knowing and cannot be in two places at the same time and so they do not deserved our attention and focus like what the Bondage Breakers and anti demonization experts are doing. As believers we are to be occupied with the Person of Christ and concentrate on the Word of God and continue our pursue of intimacy with God come what may. Satan and his demons cannot influence the believer who is residing, advancing and operating in God's plan.

