

SURVEY OF DEMONOLOGY

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- Intro: Acts 16:16 - indicates a case of suprahuman behaviour
- A. Supernatural realm exists - Eph. 1:23, 6:12, et. al.
 - B. Includes moral evil as well as good - Eph. 6:12
 - C. Suprahuman personalities influenced men toward evil
Eph. 6:12, I Tim. 4:1-2, etc.
 - D. WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH TODAY?

I. WHO AND WHAT ARE THEY?

- A. Evil spirits - Mt. 8:16 - "..devils..cast out spirits"
(Luke 10:17 and 20) - "devils = evil spirits"
 1. Lk. 24:39 - no material bodies
 2. power over man
 - a. Mt. 12:22 - "possessed..neither see nor speak"
 - b. Mt. 15:22 - "vexed" a girl
 - c. Mk. 5:2-5 - strength, self-destruction, insanity
(see 5:15 - "in right mind")
 - d. Mk. 9:18 - fits, pining away ("Melancholia")
9:22 - "cast into fire" (death urge)
 3. Lk. 4:41 - recognize Deity of Jesus (James 2:19)
 4. Lk. 8:31; Acts 16:15-16 - spoke thru "mediums".
- B. Identity
 1. "fallen angels"? - Mt. 25:41,46; Rev. 12:7; II Pet.2:4-5;
Jude 6; OR "other created spiritual beings"?
See Eph. 1:23, 6:12, I Pet. 3:22, etc.
 2. organized - Eph. 6:11-12; Eph. 2:2
 3. fighting the good - Lk. 10:17-20 - (battle going on)

II. THE OCCULT - HOW DEMONS WORK

- A. Survey of OT
 1. Ex. 22:18 - "not suffer witch to live"
 2. Lev. 19:26; 20:6 - "cut off from people"; 20:27 - "PUT TO DEATH"
 3. Deut. 18:10-11 - "divination..observer of times..
enchanter...witch...charmer...consulter with familiar
spirits...wizard...necromancer" =ABOMINATION TO THE LORD
 - a. "Divination"=medium under control of evil spirit
 - b. "augury" - interpretations of signs in the sky, or of
signs from livers of animals, etc.
 - c. "sorcery" - magic thru formulas and incantations
(witch-female medium; wizard - male - supernatural
knowledge thru mediums)
- B. New Testament - called "evil spirits, or demons")

III. THEIR PURPOSE - TO DESTROY MEN

- A. N.T. Survey
 1. Mk. 5:1-10 - "tormented"
 2. Lk. 8:26-36 - mental instability
 3. Mk. 9:22 - suicide impulse
 4. Lk. 8:27 - immorality
 5. Lk. 6:18 - "vexation"
 - a. dumb - Mt. 9:32-38
 - b. blind - Mt. 12:22
 - c. deformities - Lk. 13:11-17

- d. use men - Acts 16:16
 - B. Trying to Create the Society condemned in Romans 1:18-31
See Eph. 6:10-20; II Cor 4:4; Eph. 2:2-4; I Tim. 4:1
- IV. DEMONS TODAY
- A. In First Century - "demon possession" - total control
(Mk. 5:10; L. 4:34, etc.)
 - B. Conquered in the Cross - Col. 2:15; Col. 1:13; Eph. 1:22-23;
 - 1. "bound" - Eph. 6:10-18; I Pet. 5:8; Rev. 20:1-4
 - 2. Yet, allowed to test men - I Cor. 5:5; I Tim. 1:20
 - C. Free to influence minds of men
 - 1. By Deception - II Cor. 4:4; Eph. 6:10-20; I Tim. 4:1; II Th. 2:10 (strong delusions allowed thru miracles); II Tim. 3:13
 - 2. By the flesh - I Cor. 7:1-5, etc.
 - D. Influence today limited to "deception and "flesh".
- V. COPING WITH DEMONS TODAY
- A. Rescued by Jesus
 - 1. Eph. 2:2-10 - saved in Christ from this world and its dominating spirit - Col. 1:13
 - 2. Destiny of Demons - Hell - Rev. 20:11-15; Lk. 4:33-34; Mt. 25:46
 - 3. Satan is Bound - Rev. 20:1-4; Zechariah 13:2
 - 4. Bound thru the apostles - Mt. 10:1; Mk. 16:17 - their message (Mark 16:17 - shows they exist, inhabit, hurt, possess, can be cast out, controlled)
 - 5. Early church rescued men from "darkness" - Acts 5:16; 8:7; 19:11; I Cor. 12:9 (gifts of healing - curing of the soul, etc.)
 - B. Demonism today - the "dynamic of paganism" - BUT ONLY THRU DECEPTION I Jn. 4:1-2; Eph. 6:10-18; II Cor. 11:4 - CAN BE STOPPED THRU THE WORD OF CHRIST - deception can be overcome
 - C. How to avoid
 - 1. Stay in Christ
 - a. Col. 2:3 - ALL wisdom in Christ (see II Pet. 1:3-4)
 - b. Mt. 8:16 - protected by His Word
 - c. I Cor. 5:5 - if apart from Christ, then are "delivered" to Satan to be hurt.
 - 2. Strengthen your faith
 - a. I Pet. 5:9 - "withstand in your faith"
 - b. Eph. 6:16 - "quench ALL the fiery darts"
 - c. I Cor. 10:20 - avoid ALL ferms of Satanic influence (includes astrology, etc.)
 - 3. Love the truth - II Th. 2:9-11 (I Tim. 4:1) - really want to be right with God most of all
 - 4. Take Old Test. Warnings seriously
Deut. 19:9-13; Lev. 20:27; Dt. 18:9-10; Dt. 17:1-5; Ex. 22:18 - "put to death", "suffer not to live" - DO NOT CONSIDER EVEN THEIR WORK AND TEACHINGS
 - 5. Take the New Test. Seriously - Gal. 5:20 - "witchcraft" Do not fear the occult - denounce it in Christ - Jude 25 shows no fear whatever for us.

Conclusion: Recognize value of Christ for life in the modern world