

Demonology

(Part 2)

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According to the Bible, DEMONS:

1. Exist
2. Are fallen angels
3. Are divided into *free* and *confined*
4. Have no opportunity to be saved
5. Possess *personhood*
6. Are *spirits*
7. Are *corrupt*

The PERSONHOOD of demons

1. Intellect
2. Emotion
3. Will
4. Addressed with *personal pronouns*

"But the evil spirit answered them, 'Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?'"

"When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before Him and said with a loud voice, 'What have You to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me.'"

"You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!"

"Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged Him to let them enter these. So He gave them permission."

“What have You to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God.’ (25) But Jesus rebuked him, saying, ‘Be silent, and come out of him!’”

"That evening they brought to Him many who were oppressed by demons, and He cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick."

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

"And He called to Him His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction."

"In that hour He healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight."

Ephesians 6:12 (NAS)

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Matthew 12:43–45 (ESV)

"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. (44)Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. (45)Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation."

According to the Bible, DEMONS:

8. Are invisible
 - Future: seen as *gruesome*
9. Exceed humans in:
 - Strength (not omnipotent)
 - Intelligence (not omniscient)
 - Movement (not omnipresent)
10. Utilize signs/miracles to deceive

"He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, (4)for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him."

"And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded."

"What have You to do with us, O Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

"And Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?' He replied, 'My name is Legion, for we are many.'"

Satanic/Demonic Signs & Miracles

- Exod. 7—8
- Deut. 13:1-3
- Job 1:12-19; 2:7-8
- 1 Sam. 28 (?)
- Matt. 7:21-23; 24:24
- Acts 8:9; 16:16
- Gal. 1:6-9
- 2 Thes. 2:9
- Rev. 13:3,13,15; 16:13-14

1 John 4:1 (ESV)

"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world."

Deuteronomy 13:1–3 (ESV)

"If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, (2)and the sign or wonder that he tells you comes to pass, and if he says, 'Let us go after other gods,' which you have not known, 'and let us serve them,' (3)you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams. For the LORD your God is testing you, to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul."

Matthew 7:21–23 (ESV)

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. (22) On that day many will say to Me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' (23) And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'"

"For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect."

2 Thessalonians 2:9 (ESV)

"The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders"

Revelation 16:13-14 (ESV)

"And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs. (14) For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty."