

Fight to Win

How to Deal with Demons

I. Introduction

- A. Mark 1:15 (NAS) And saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."
- B. We are living between the two comings of Jesus Christ!
- C. Matthew 28:18-20 (NAS) ¹⁸And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
- D. 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.
- E. II Corinthians 4:4a (NLT) Satan, the god of this evil world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe, so they are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News that is shining upon them.

II. Two Extreme Viewpoints that Christians have About Demons

- A. They don't exist.
- B. They are the cause of every negative thing that happens in life.
 - 1. John 10:10 (NAS) "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."
 - 2. Until you and I start persevering in the things of the Kingdom of God, the enemy is not likely to pay much attention to us!
 - 3. When the enemy has you busy with these other pursuits, he has you!

III. How Jesus Dealt with Demons

- A. Mark 1:21-27 (NAS) ²¹They went into Capernaum; and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and began to teach. ²²They were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, ²⁴saying, "What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" ²⁵And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" ²⁶Throwing him into convulsions, the unclean spirit cried out with a loud voice and came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, so that they debated among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."

B. Mark 5:1-20 (NAS) *¹They came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gerasenes. ²When He got out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met Him, ³and he had his dwelling among the tombs. And no one was able to bind him anymore, even with a chain; ⁴because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue him. ⁵Constantly, night and day, he was screaming among the tombs and in the mountains, and gashing himself with stones. ⁶Seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him; ⁷and shouting with a loud voice, he said, "What business do we have with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God, do not torment me!" ⁸For He had been saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" ⁹And He was asking him, "What is your name?" And he said to Him, "My name is Legion; for we are many." ¹⁰And he began to implore Him earnestly not to send them out of the country. ¹¹Now there was a large herd of swine feeding nearby on the mountain. ¹²The demons implored Him, saying, "Send us into the swine so that we may enter them." ¹³Jesus gave them permission. And coming out, the unclean spirits entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand of them; and they were drowned in the sea. ¹⁴Their herdsmen ran away and reported it in the city and in the country. And the people came to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵They came to Jesus and observed the man who had been demon-possessed sitting down, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the "legion"; and they became frightened. ¹⁶Those who had seen it described to them how it had happened to the demon-possessed man, and all about the swine. ¹⁷And they began to implore Him to leave their region. ¹⁸As He was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed was imploring Him that he might accompany Him. ¹⁹And He did not let him, but He said to him, "Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you." ²⁰And he went away and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.*

C. Mark 9:14-29 (NAS) ¹⁴When they came back to the disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵Immediately, when the entire crowd saw Him, they were amazed and began running up to greet Him. ¹⁶And He asked them, "What are you discussing with them?" ¹⁷And one of the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought You my son, possessed with a spirit which makes him mute; ¹⁸and whenever it seizes him, it slams him to the ground and he foams at the mouth, and grinds his teeth and stiffens out. I told Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not do it." ¹⁹And He answered them and said, "O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to Me!" ²⁰They brought the boy to Him. When he saw Him, immediately the spirit threw him into a convulsion, and falling to the ground, he began rolling around and foaming at the mouth. ²¹And He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²It has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!" ²³And Jesus said to him, "'If You can?' All things are possible to him who believes.' ²⁴Immediately the boy's father cried out and said, "I do believe; help my unbelief." ²⁵When Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You deaf and mute spirit, I command you, come out of him and do not enter him again." ²⁶After crying out and throwing him into terrible convulsions, it came out; and the boy became so much like a corpse that most of them said, "He is dead!" ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him; and he got up. ²⁸When He came into the house, His disciples began questioning Him privately, "Why could we not drive it out?" ²⁹And He said to them, "This kind cannot come out by anything but prayer."

IV. Practical Aspects of Dealing with Demons

- A. Always show love and dignity toward people you are ministering to.
- B. Never deal with a demonized person alone.
- C. Interview the person.
 1. Try to find the access point (root cause).
 2. Salvation, repentance, forgiveness, be filled with the Holy Spirit, consecrate their body to the Lord, etc.
- D. When a demon manifests in the person:
 1. Silence it, and command it to come out.
 2. Maintain eye contact.
 3. Maintain the distinction between the demon and the person.
 4. Continue to interview throughout the process.

- E. How to tell when the demon(s) is gone
 - 1. Yawn, belch, flinch of the body, cough, release of pressure, scream, vomit, etc.
 - 2. They can hide!
 - 3. Consecrate their body to God.
- F. The person usually knows that something has left.
- G. Follow up
 - 1. Cleansing
 - 2. Filling of the Holy Spirit
 - 3. Counsel against counter-attack
 - 4. Give them love and acceptance
 - 5. Small group involvement
 - 6. Jesus has won!
- H. Pray for cleansing for you.
 - 1. I John 4:4 (NAS) Greater is He Who is in you than he who is in the world!

V. Conclusion

Upcoming Messages:

11/23-24/2013 – “Battling the Enemy”
11/30-12/1/2013 – “Why We Sing”