

## **DEMONOLOGY AND DELIVERANCE #2**

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> in our series of messages on Demonology and Deliverance.

### **Review**

In our first message, we showed how the ministry of Jesus primarily consisted of 3 things: Preaching the Gospel, healing the sick, and casting out demons. We also saw that after His resurrection He commissioned all who believe in Him to do the same. We noted that all churches preach the Gospel; some pray for the sick; but very few cast out demons; so we described deliverance as...  
The Forgotten Ministry of Jesus Christ.

Tonight we will look at...

### **“How To Identify a Demon”**

I want to answer these 3 questions:

- What are demons?
- How do we identify a demon?
- What do we do with them?

## **I. Answering 3 Important Questions**

### **A. What is the Definition of a Demon?**

1. A demon is a person without a body; demons are disembodied spirit-beings that have an intense desire to occupy physical bodies.

a. Their first choice is to occupy a human body; but as we shall see, rather than remain in a disembodied condition, they will choose to enter the body of an animal.

2. A demon is a person without a body. But even though demons have no bodies, we can refer to them as persons because they have all the characteristics of 5 things that identify: **Will, intellect, emotion, self-awareness, the ability to speak.**

a. Will-demons have the ability to make choices.

- In Matthew 12, Jesus taught about a demon cast out of a man who said:

**“I will return to my house from which I came.”**  
**Matthew 12:44**

b. The 2<sup>nd</sup> characteristics of a person is Intellect-the ability to know things. Demons have knowledge and recognition; in Mark 1, a demon interrupts Jesus’ teaching in the synagogue with this:

**I know who you are—the Holy One of God.**  
**Mark 1:24**

- So demons have intellect-they know things; they recognize other persons.

c. Third: Demons have Emotion-A demon experiences feelings.

**You believe there is one God. You do well. The demons also believe—and tremble.”**  
**James 2:19**

d. So demons have will, intellect and emotions. Then, in Mark 5:9, there are 2 more things that prove demons are persons: they have self-awareness and can express themselves through speech.

**My name is Legion—for we are many.**  
**Mark 5:9**

e. Self-awareness; this is one of the primary characteristics that separates persons from “things”; a person is aware of himself and others around him.

f. And fifthly, demons have the ability to speak-they can express themselves verbally.

3. **So always remember that when you are dealing with a demon you are dealing with a PERSON**-a creature that has will, intellect, emotions, self-awareness and the ability to express itself through speech; at the same time it is a person without a body of its own.

4. Since demons are persons, they have a *personal identity*. They have *names*. I am a person but I also have a personal identity; I have a name and I have certain characteristics that identify who I am. You can identify me by my driver’s license. But this raises the 2<sup>nd</sup> question...

## II. How Do We Identify a Demon?

### A. The Rule of Thumb

1. Even though demons are persons without bodies, they are “spirit” beings; and as with any spirit, we can know the identity or nature of the spirit by what it produces in the life it inhabits. We can identify a demon by the same “rule of thumb” given to us by Jesus in Matthew 7:20 on how to identify a false prophet:

**Jesus said, “by their fruits you shall know them.”**

2. How do I know the nature of the Holy Spirit? By the fruit He produces in the life of the person He inhabits. In his epistle to the Galatians, the Apostle Paul gives a list of 9 kinds of “fruit” that will show up in the life of those who are inhabited by the Holy Spirit.

#### **Galatians 5:22-23**

**The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness and self-control.**

a. The nature of the Holy Spirit is expressed through us in words, actions and the emotions He produces.

3. I can know the nature of unholy spirits the same way; “by their fruits we know them.”

4. Demons manifest their presence through human beings under many different names that describe their nature. I can know the demon I am dealing with by the nature of the evil fruit it produces. Here is a partial list of specific names given to demons in scripture:

#### **Specific Names for Demons in OT**

- Familiar spirits: Leviticus 19:31
- Spirit of Jealousy: Numbers 5:14,30
- Spirit of ill will/hostility: Judges 9:23
- Evil spirit: Judges 9:23 (KJV); 1 Samuel 16:14-23; 18:10; 19:9
- A lying/deceiving spirit: 1 Kings 22:22; 2 Chronicles 18:20-22
  - The spirit of heaviness (depression): Isaiah 61:3
  - An unclean spirit: Zechariah 13:2

The New Testament gives us another list of...

### **Specific Names for Demons in NT**

- Mute (dumb) spirit: Mark 9:17
- Deaf and dumb spirit: Mark 9:25
  - Spirit of infirmity: Luke 13:11
  - Spirit of divination: Acts 16:16
- A Deceiving/Deceitful spirit: 1 Timothy 4:1
  - The spirit of fear: 2 Timothy 1:7
- The spirit of error/falsehood: 1 John 4:6

### **Caveat**

**Just because we occasionally struggle with one of these areas does NOT necessarily mean that we have a demon. We need discernment!**

- a. To tell a lie is one thing; to be a habitual liar is another.
- b. To have a day where you feel depressed is one thing; to experience depression for 6 weeks is something else.
- c. If you have a continuous or consistent struggle with a long-standing problem area in your life that has not been brought under control by the Holy Spirit, you might be dealing with a demon.

### Review

- So what are demons? Persons without bodies
- Second, how can we identify a demon? “By their fruits you shall know them”. We can know the identity of the demon by the “fruit” it produces in the life of those it inhabits.
- Now let’s look at the 3<sup>rd</sup> question: how do we deal with a demon?

## **II. The Deliverance Ministry of Jesus is Our Model**

### **The Gadarene Demoniac**

The account of Jesus casting a legion of demons out of the Gadarene is recorded in Matthew 8, Mark 5 and Luke 8. (Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-19; Luke 8:26-39) We will pull from these 3 accounts and look at...

### **A. 7 Signs of Demonization or Demonic Activity**

### **Luke 8:26-27**

**26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee.**

**27 And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time.**

**And he wore no clothes nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.**

#### **1. Public nudity and immodesty.**

a. The man went about naked in public. (Luke 8:26) He was not ashamed of his nakedness or offending people.

b. Mark's version tells us the man had an "unclean spirit". (Mark 5:2); by this we know that unclean spirits delight in immodesty and nakedness.

- I remember the nudist colonies of the 1950's and their official magazine, "Sunshine and Health"; it was full of pictures of naked people and families who rejoiced in public nakedness. Even as an unsaved young man, I knew that there was something wrong with these people!
- Today we have a huge problem with pornography gone public; I believe the porn industry is driven by demons because it is produced by men and women who have no shame about revealing their nakedness to be viewed by the public. As a Pastor, I have seen Christian marriages destroyed by pornography; all driven by demons.
- I would go further and warn God's people about immodesty. Some become obsessed with sharing "selfies" of themselves on Facebook or Instagram, sometimes in very revealing attire. But just remember that public nudity and dressing immodestly are signs of demonic activity.

#### **2. Restlessness.**

a. Mark 5:5 tells us the man was 'always, day and night', roaming around the "mountains and the graveyards".

b. Evil spirits can keep a person restless, agitated, or unable to be at peace.

c. If you can't sit still it may be a demon.

d. I have wondered if all the cases of A.D.D. among our young people is not demonic.

#### **3. Sociopathy.**

a. Demons compel “sociopathic” behavior, defined as antisocial, often criminal; a sociopath has no sense of moral responsibility or social conscience. I call the next sign...

#### **4. Unholy hangouts.**

a. This man did not abide in a house; he made his dwelling “among the tombs”.

b. Evil spirits compel a person to hang out in unclean places; why else would a Christian hang out in a barroom or a brothel?

c. Testimony: I have seen Christian marriages destroyed because the husband was caught visiting strip clubs on his business trips; another was arrested in a “sting” at a massage parlor. What were they doing there? I believe this was demons at work.

#### **5. Violence.**

a. This man was not merely antisocial; he was dangerous.

b. Demons compel a person to violence and rage.

c. I personally believe demons are behind the outbreak of “road rage” in our country.

#### **6. Supernatural strength.**

a. This man could break chains!

b. In some cases, demons can generate supernatural physical strength in violent people.

Just to show you that this kind of demonic activity is still with us, watch this TV news story on a home break-in that occurred just 2 weeks ago, on July 4th, 2019!

#### **VIDEO**

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/she-looked-possessed-virginia-family-attacked-by-naked-woman-claiming-to-be-the-devil>

c. This family had 2 problems: they did not know how to deal with demons in the name of Jesus and the father could not shoot straight!

#### **7. Self-destructive behavior.**

a. Mark 5:5 tells us this man was “crying out in torment” and “cutting himself with stones”!

b. Demons drive people toward self-destructive behavior, including suicide.

c. The increase in suicide, especially among young people, ought to wake us up to the presence of demonic forces.

**So we see 7 signs of demon activity in this man**; some of them operate to this day in the lives of Christians. But instead of dealing with demons they go to the psychiatrist or the therapist, never dealing with the real problem.

### **Derek Prince**

**“In western culture, demons exercise a continuous and consistent influence on our lives, but our humanistic prejudice has blinded us to the evidence. In fact, our refusal to acknowledge the evidence makes it easier for demons to operate undetected. We tend to cloak their activity with high sounding psychological or psychiatric terminology, yet the ‘cures’ we claim are often disappointing.”**

You may not need a Doctor—you may need Deliverance!

## **III. Conclusion**

### **A. How Jesus Dealt With the Demons**

1. He identified them.

#### **Luke 8:30-31**

**Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?"  
And he said, "Legion", for many demons had entered into him.**

a. Jesus did not deal with the man, he dealt with the demons.

b. He asked their identity; in this case there were a “Legion”; there were 2000 soldiers in a Roman Legion.

2. And He cast them out.

#### **Luke 8:32**

**And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they**

**begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them.**

a. Notice that demons crave a body; even the body of an animal.

**Luke 8:33**

**Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.**

3. The true nature of the demons is finally revealed; their ultimate aim is the destruction of their host.

4. Notice the change in the man after he was delivered:

**Luke 8:34-35**

**When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind.**

5. What a dramatic transformation takes place when we are delivered from demons!

- The restless wild man is tamed and at peace: Sitting at the feet of Jesus
- The naked man now clothed
- The crazy man is now in his “right mind”

6. This is the condition of all who come to Jesus to be set free!

## **B. So What Must We Do?**

1. What is our response to this wonderful story? We do what Jesus did!

**And these signs will accompany those that believe: In My name they will cast out (expel) demons...**

**Mark 16:17**

2. “In His name” means “by His authority! It means that He Himself has sent us out to do the works that He did to set people free. The demons know this even if we don’t. And another thing...



3. We need not fear demonic power in any form.

**Behold, I give you the authority (power) to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you**  
**Luke 10:19**

### **C. Ministry Time**

#### **Pastor's Prayer of Deliverance**

**Right now, by the power of the name of Jesus, I take authority over all spiritual serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and declare that nothing shall by any means harm me or anyone in this room!**

**I speak to you; to every evil spirit now demonizing the people in this place. You must come out in the Name of Jesus; you may not enter another; you must depart this place.**

**Roger Miller to Pray**