

## DO YOU NEED DEMONS DRIVEN OUT OF YOU?

**Satan Is Our Enemy** – ‘Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith...’ (1 Peter 5:8-9). The devil is frequently referred to as the enemy (Matthew 13:27-28,39; Luke 10:17-20; 1 Timothy 5:14-15).

An enemy is someone who is totally against you and wants to destroy you. The devil is the master thief who comes to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10). He is a murderer, a liar, and the father of all who tell lies (John 8:44). He was a created being who became corrupt and fell from Heaven (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:12-19).

**The Angels That Followed Satan**– ‘And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him’ (Revelation 12:7-9).

Sad to say, there were a multitude of angels who submitted themselves to the devil’s authority and joined the rebellion against God. These fallen angels belong to the devil, and they will join him in the place of eternal punishment (Matthew 25:41).

**Spirit Beings Without Bodies** – A demon is an evil spirit and in the Bible these words can be used interchangeably (Mark 5:13-15; 7:25,30; Luke 9:42). Evil spirits are personalities without

human bodies. Therefore, they want to enter a person so they can live inside of them and gain more control to bring about their evil nature in that person (Matthew 12:43-45). Satan himself also seeks to enter people (Luke 22:3).

Demons have the ability to speak (Mark 1:23-26; 5:7-12). They have emotions (James 2:19) and make decisions (Matthew 12:44). They deceive (1 Timothy 4:1-2), torment (Mark 5:2-5), drive or compel (Luke 8:29), enslave and bring fear (Romans 8:15). Demon powers are the cause of much sickness (Matthew 17:18; Acts 10:38) and mental problems (Mark 5:15-16). Evil spirits can reside in haunted houses (Revelation 18:2).

**Jesus Drives The Demons Out** – ‘In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, “Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

“Be quiet!” Jesus said sternly. “Come out of him!” Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him.

All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!” (Luke 4:33-36)

**Unbelievers Are In The Devil’s Kingdom** – ‘As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient’ (Ephesians 2:1-2).

Those who follow the ways of the world are blinded by a spirit that is at work in them. We are called to open people’s spiritual eyes and turn them from the darkness to light, from the

power of Satan to the power of God (Acts 26:18). Only those who believe the gospel and turn to Christ are rescued from the dominion of darkness (Colossians 1:13). Unbelievers need to come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will (2 Timothy 2:25-26). The world is truly in the grip of the evil one.

**The Tempter Into Sin** – After being anointed with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. The tempter came to Him and a series of temptations followed (Matthew 4:1-11). Jesus then commanded Satan to go from Him.

The apostle Paul was getting extremely concerned for the Thessalonian church because he was afraid that the devil may have come and tempted them (1 Thessalonians 3:5). Whenever he wanted to go and visit them he realized that Satan was stopping him (1 Thessalonians 2:18).

We should cry out to our Heavenly Father: “Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one” (Matthew 6:13).

**Do Not Let Satan Fill Your Heart** – Satan was able to fill Ananias’ heart and lead him to lie to God (Acts 5:3). Satan was able to enter Judas when he refused to repent of his intent to betray Christ (Luke 22:3). Those who commit the atrocious sin of murder have carried out the devil’s desire (John 8:44; 1 John 3:12). Evil thoughts that lead to evil actions are the work of Satan.

‘He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work’ (1 John 3:8).

**Many People Are In Need Of Deliverance** – ‘When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick’ (Matthew 8:16).

There were many who needed deliverance when Jesus walked this earth and now, two thousand years later, the situation is probably worse. One word from Jesus can set a person free (Mark 7:29-30). But the issue is whether a person is really willing to repent of their sins, turn from darkness and turn from the devil’s power.

When a mighty angel proclaimed that Babylon is a place for demons and every unclean spirit, another voice from Heaven said, “Come out of her My people” (Revelation 18:2-4). Many Christians are still in need of deliverance because they have one foot in the church and one foot in the world. They believe in God but they have not put Him first in their lives. If many Christians are still in need of deliverance, how much more the people of the world!

### **DELIVERANCE PRAYER**

We must actively resist the devil (James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9) and command the demons to come out in Jesus’ name (Acts 16:18). If a person knows they are in need of deliverance, because they have something driving, compelling and tormenting them, you can lead them in the following prayer:

**“Dear Heavenly Father, I come to You in the name of Jesus Christ to confess all my sins. I specifically renounce the following sins..... (name your sins). Give me discernment when temptation arises and the strength to resist it.**

**I renounce any other sins, such as rejection and unforgiveness. I especially forgive the following persons..... (name any person you need to forgive). I honour my parents and forgive them, and I renounce the sins of my ancestors. I especially renounce all idolatry, witchcraft, everything of the occult, and all the hidden things of darkness.**

**Thank You, Father, for Your love. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the dead. I believe that through His precious blood I have been redeemed out of the hand of the devil, all my sins have been forgiven, and I have been made holy unto God. I confess that Jesus is my Lord and my Saviour.**

**I call upon You, Lord Jesus, to set me free from every demonic power that has affected me. I renounce Satan and all his works. I loosen myself from every demonic spirit, from every evil influence and satanic bondage, and from any spirit in me or upon me that is not of God.**

**I command every demonic power that has lived within me or oppressed me to leave me now in the name of Jesus Christ. I declare that I am a child of the Living God and that Satan has no right to inhabit any part of me or to oppress me. Go from me now in the name of Jesus. Amen.”**

*‘She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone’ (Mark 7:30).*

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