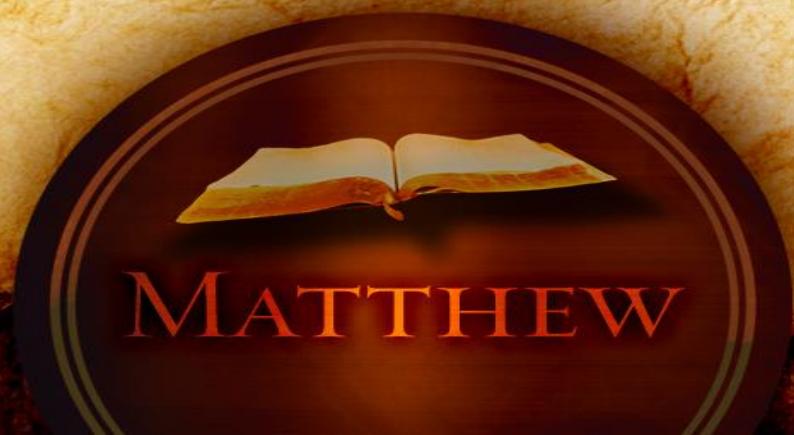




Matthew 8:28-34

A Prelude: Demons





What are Demons?

- “They are evil angels who sinned against God and who now continually work evil in the world.”
Systematic Theology: Grudem.
- “Fallen angels who now work evil under the leadership of their chief, Satan.”
Biblical Doctrine: Mayhue/MacArthur



What are Demons?

- ❖ They are *created* beings.



Holy Angels are sometimes called...

- “Sons of God” (Job 1:6, 2:1)
- “Holy Ones (Ps 89:5, 7)
- “Spirits” (Heb. 1:14)
- “Watchers” (Dan 4:13, 17, 23)
- “Thrones, dominions, principalities, authorities.” (Col. 1:16)
- “Rule and authority and power and dominion (Eph 1:21)
- “Host of heaven” (Ps. 148:2)



They have rank and order:

- Dan. 10:13 “But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was standing against me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me. Now I had been left there with the kings of Persia.”
- 1 Thess. 4:16 “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.”
- Jude 9 “But Michael the archangel, when he, disputing with the devil, was arguing about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”



They are created beings:

Psalm 148:2-5 “Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all stars of light! Praise Him, heavens of heavens, And the waters that are above the heavens! Let them praise the name of Yahweh, For He commanded and they were created.”

Neh 9:6 “You alone are Yahweh. You have made the heavens, The heaven of heavens with all their host, The earth and all that is on it, The seas and all that is in them. You give life to all of them And the heavenly host bows down to You.”

Col. 1:16 “For in Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.”



When were they created?

- Some time BEFORE the 7th day of creation (Scripture is not specific)
 - ✓ Gen. 2:1 “Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts.”
 - ✓ Ex. 20:11 “For in six days Yahweh made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore Yahweh blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.”

Angels (in general)

- Are spirit beings and usually unseeable to human beings.
 - Unless God allows them to be seen and to take on some human-like form to appear to people.
 - God opens the eyes of Balaam to see them in Numbers 22:31.
 - Elisha prays that God would open the eyes of a man to see them in 2 Kings 6:17
 - Jesus says in Luke 24:39 “See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”

Angels (in general)

- Are limited to being in one place at one time!
 - ✓ Luke 1:26 “Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth.”
 - ✓ Dan. 10:12-14 “Then he said to me, “Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you gave your heart to understand this and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words.”

Angels (in general)

- How many are there?
 - ✓ Rev. 5:11 “Myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands.”

What happened?



Some time before Satan tempted Eve in the Garden, $\frac{1}{3}$ of the angels (Rev. 12:4) followed Satan and sinned and rebelled against God and were cast down.

- Rev. 12:4 “..a great red dragon....his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. “
- 2 Peter 2:4 “For if God did not spare angels who sinned, but cast them into the pit and delivered them to chains of darkness, being kept for judgment.”
- Jude 6 “And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode...”

Satan



- His name means “adversary,” “opponent,” “accuser.”
 - The devil (Matt 4:1; 13:39, 25:41...)
 - The serpent (Gen. 3:1, 14; 2 Cor 11:3..)
 - Be-elzebul (Matt 10:25; 12:24, 27; Luke 11:15)
 - The ruler of this world (Jn. 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
 - The prince of the power of the air (Eph 2:2)
 - The evil one (Matt 13:19; 1 Jn. 2:13)
 - The tempter (Mat 4:3; 1 Thess 3:5)
 - The great dragon. (Rev. 12:9)
 - Abbadon [destruction] Rev. 9:11)
 - Appollyon. [Destroyer] (Rev. 9:11)
 - Schemes (Eph 6:11)
 - Sets snares (1 Tim. 3:7)
 - Takes advantage (2 Cor. 2:11)
 - Deceitful (2 Cor 2:13)
 - Crafty (2 Cor. 11:3)
 - Prowls (1 Peter 5:8)



Satan

Isaiah 14:12-15

Ezek. 28:11ff.



1 John 4:4

“You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.”



1 John 5:18

We know that no one who has been born of God sins; but He who was begotten of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him.



Question: Can a Christian be possessed?

Answer: No!

You belong to Christ, you're his sheep, he's not going to allow it.

- ✓ John 10:9-14
- ✓ John 10:27-29



Question: Can a Christian be possessed?

Answer: No!

You are already indwelt by the Holy Spirit, NO DEMON, not even Satan himself can overpower Him. NOT POSSIBLE!

- ✓ 1 Cor. 3:16 “Do you not know that you are a sanctuary of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”
- ✓ 1 Cor. 6:19 “Or do you not know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.”



Ephesians 1:13-14

“In Him, you also, after listening to the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, unto the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory.”



Question: Do they know the future?

Answer: No!

God alone knows the future, for He ordains it (Isaiah 46:10)



Question: Can they read our minds?

Answer: No!

Only God can read our minds and knows our hearts (Deut. 29:29; Daniel 2:27-28; Romans 8:26-27)



Question: Is all evil and sin from Satan and demons?

Answer: No.

They can influence us, but people are held responsible for their own sin.



Question: Should we be casting out demons?

Answer: No

We should be leading people to Christ through the Gospel!