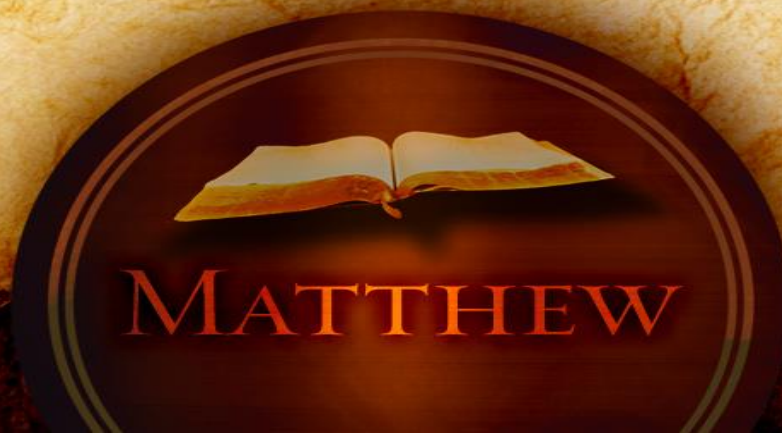




# Matthew 8:28-34

A Prelude: Demons





## Ephesians 6:12

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



# Demons: Part 1

- We looked at who demons are, and where they came from.
  - ✓ They are fallen angels committed to undermining the things of the Lord and the people of God.
  - ✓ Satan—the primary leader.



## Demons: Part 2-3

- We began to look at how they can attack.
  1. Physically.
  2. Mentally/Mind (through suggestion).
  3. Theologically.
  4. Externally. (today)
  5. Internally. (today)



## John 8:44

“You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father.”



## Rev. 2:9-10

“I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ‘Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”



## What are we to do?

- Don't be timid, don't shrink back (2 Tim. 1:7)  
“For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and self-discipline.”



# What are we to do?

- Stand firm...contending for the faith. (Phil. 1:27-28)

“Only live your lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear about your circumstances, that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind contending together for the faith of the gospel, in no way alarmed by your opponents—which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God.”



# What are we to do?

- **Be engaged in the spiritual battle as a warrior!** (2 Cor. 10:3-5)

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the tearing down of strongholds, as we tear down speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,”



## How do they attack?

1. Physically
2. Mentally (through suggestion)
3. Theologically
4. Externally



Turn to

Ephesians 6:10-17



“Living for Christ is not waltzing through a meadow picking daisies. It’s walking through a minefield with snipers all around you, snipers you can’t see or perceive because they belong to a supernatural realm beyond your ability to conceive. This is war and the enemy is hell bent on the destruction of every divine purpose and so the believer has to view himself in that manner. We are sons, yes, and we are servants, yes, but we are soldiers too.” JM



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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: 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)

✓ “For You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men.”

(1Kg. 8:39)



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

Answer: No!

- ✓ They can influence us, but WE are all responsible for our own sin.
- ✓ “But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.” (James 1:14).



Question: Should we be casting out demons?

Answer: No

- ✓ We should be leading people to Christ through the Gospel!



## Acts 19:11-16

“And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that cloths or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out. **But** also some of the Jewish exorcists, who went from place to place, attempted to invoke over those who had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, “I implore you by Jesus whom Paul preaches.” Now seven sons of one named Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. And the evil spirit answered and said to them, “I recognize Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you?” And the man, in whom was the evil spirit, leaped on them, subdued all of them, and utterly prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.”



## Matt. 12:43-45

“Now when the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and does not find it. “Then it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came’; and when it comes, it finds it unoccupied, swept, and put in order. “Then it goes and takes along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. That is the way it will also be with this evil generation.”



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.**”

Gal. 3:26 “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”



Ps 34:7 “The angel of Yahweh encamps around those who fear Him,  
And rescues them.”

Ps 91:11 “For He will command His angels concerning you, To guard  
you in all your ways.”

Heb 1:14 “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent to render service  
for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?”



## Words of Advice:

1. Don't willingly open yourself up to the occult.
  - ❖ Stay away from palm readers, fortune tellers, yoga, transcendental mediation, Ouija boards, seances and the like.



Lev. 19:31 “Do not turn to mediums or spiritists; do not seek them out to be defiled by them. I am Yahweh your God.”

Deut. 18:10-14 “There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices soothsaying or one who interprets omens or a sorcerer, or one who is an enchanter or a medium or a spiritist or one who inquires of the dead. “For whoever does these things is an abomination to Yahweh; and because of these abominations Yahweh your God will dispossess them from before you. “You shall be blameless before Yahweh your God. “For those nations, which you shall dispossess, listen to those who practice soothsaying and to diviners, but as for you, Yahweh your God has not allowed you to do so.”

Isaiah 8:19 “Now when they say to you, “Inquire of the mediums and the spiritists who whisper and mutter,” **should not a people inquire of their God?** Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living?”



## James 1:5

“But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”



## Words of Advice:

1. Don't willingly open yourself up to the occult.
  2. Understand the enemy but don't study his ways too closely.
- ✓ 1 Cor. 14:20 "Brothers, do not be children in your thinking; rather in evil be infants, but in your thinking be mature."

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## Remember:

God is sovereign over all.

And He is SO good, He uses the evil of the world, Satan, demons, to accomplish that which is good in the end.



“You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good...”

(Gen. 50:20)