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A biblical survey of the origin, characteristics, organisation and activities of evil spirits and how to live free from them.

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(1857 - 1982)  
Who first taught me of the  
reality of demons*

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## REALITY

“What are the greatest needs of the church Today?”

One of the greatest needs is defense from that evil which is called the Devil.....

Evil is not merely a lack of something, but an effective agent, a living, spiritual being, perverted and perverting.

A terrible reality.....

It is contrary to the teaching of the Bible and the Church to refuse to recognise the existence of such a reality.....”

Pope Paul VI  
In his General Audience on Nov. 15, 1972.

## CAUTION!

“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils.

One is to disbelieve in their existence

The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.

They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialistic or a magician with the same delight”

C.S. Lewis  
The Screwtape Letters.

## DEMONS? WHAT ARE DEMONS?

1. SATAN-created among the Cherubim-the highest class of angels Ezek. 28 verse 12-17.
  - Fell because of pride Isaiah 14 vs. 12-14.
  - Perverted other angels Rev. 12 vs. 4
  - Demons are devils angels Mtt. 25:41; 12 vs. 24-28.
2. CHARACTERISTICS OF DEMONS
  - (a) Their Being - invisible spirits but can assume visible forms (Gen. 3 vs. 1, Rev. 14 vs. 13)
    - Genuine persons with intellect, feelings, will etc. (Acts 16:16-17, Lk. 4:33-35 Lk. 8:28:31, James 2:19)
  - (b) Their Ability - have preter-natural intelligence, strength, and powers (Lk. 8:29, Acts 16:16-17, 2 Th. 2:9)
    - can affect natural elements (Mk. 4:36-39)
    - can cause sickness (Lk. 7, 21, 8:2; 13:11)
    - source of man's temptation and torment (Mtt. 4; 2-4, Acts 5:1-5)
    - not limited by normal barriers (Lk. 8:30-33, Lk. 11:24-26)
  - (c) Their Nature - morally perverted and evil Mk. 1:23,

Eph. 6:12.

- some are more wicked than others Mtt. 12:45.
- work through deception 2 Cor. 11:14, Gal. 1:8, Jh. 4:44)
- (d) Their Limitations - finite, limited in location, time knowledge and power (Jh. 3:20)
- limited by man's free moral will (Isaiah 53:6)
- restricted by the power of the Holy Spirit (2Th.2:7)
- broken at Calvary (Lk.10:12)

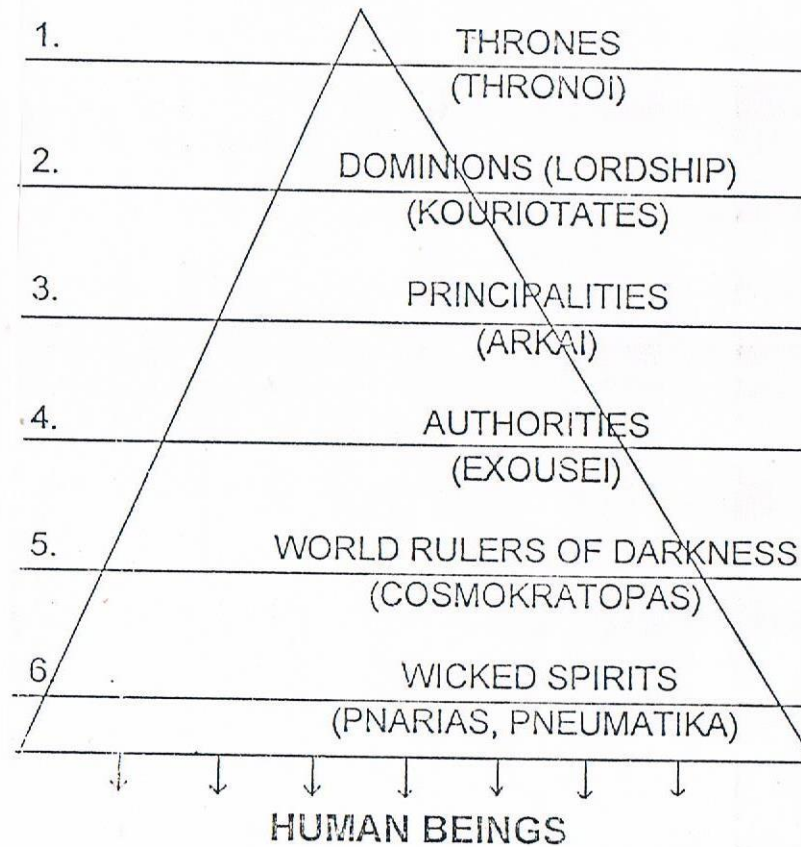
### 3. DEMONIC OBJECTIVES

- \* To gain access to man's spirit - the object of man's worship (Jh.4:24)
- \* Can start by getting man's service (Ep.2:2, Jh.8:44)

### 4. TWO ACUTE FORMS OF DOMINATION

1. INTERNAL called possession (Demonisation) Mtt. 9:32, Mtt. 12:22, Mtt.17:15)
  - \* Not possible for spirit filled christians
2. EXTERNAL called Bondage Lk. 13:12,18; Jh.9:144.

## SIX LEVELS OF SATANIC ORGANIZATION



### 5. SATANIC ORGANISATION

- Highly structured kingdom  
Satan - Commander-in-chief  
(Eph. 6:11)

Has 6 levels of authority  
(overseeing his world-wide  
programme)

- i. thrones (Thronoi)  
Cor.1:16
- ii. dominions/Lordship  
(Kouriotates) Col.1:16
- iii. principalities (arkai)  
Col.1:16; Eph.6:12
- iv. authorities (exousel)  
Col.1:16; Eph.6:12
- v. world Rulers of Darkness  
(cosmokratopas) Eph.6:12
- vi. wicked spirits (pnarias,  
pneumatika) Eph.6:12.

## 6. DEMONIC ACTIVITY ASSIGNMENTS

- promoted idolatry, witchcraft, sorcery and all false religious teaching and systems.
- cause/intensify physical ailments can cause seizures (Mk. 9:20, Lk. 9:39)
- physical creeping (Lk. 13, 11 & 16) blindness (Mtt. 12:22) deafness & dumbness (Mk. 9:17-29)
- physical injuries (Mk. 5:5; Mk. 9:22. Lk. 9:39)
- cause severe storms, control elements to aid satans plans (Job 1:12, 16, 19, Job 2:7)
- promote sexual perversions and the vilest kind of human behaviour (1 Cor. 5:1-5, Eph. 2:1-3, Rm. 1:18-32, Rev. 18:2-3)
- influence God's people to dishonour the Lord Jesus Christ (Rev. 2:12-17, 20-26, 1 Tim. 4:1-4, Acts 5:1-6)
- cause severe emotional disorders including self destruction (Lk. 8:27-35; Mk. 9:22)

- can conceal the truth from believers (2 Cor. 4:3, 13, 15, 2 Th. 3:1-3)
- masquerade as good spirits, doing good things to lead people into bondage and deception (2 Cor. 11:3-5, 13-15)

## 7. HOW TO STAY FREE

1. Bible Study  
desire it (1 Peter 2:2) meditate, Mark and memorise the words (Jh. 8:31-32)  
\* Faith and unbelief come from what we read.  
\* Your mouth will express what is in your heart (Prov. 18:21)
2. Prayer  
Yield yourself to the Lord regularly, day and night. Pray with God's words claiming His promises Eph. 6:18.
3. Praise & Worship the Lord at all times (Rm. 8:28)  
Power over the enemy is released through praise especially song (2 Chron. 20:21-22).
4. FAST - The devil doesn't like it. Fasting will humble you before God.  
Note- Fasting is useless without prayer (Mtt. 17:21)
5. Be humble: The enemy character is based on pride. Position and denominational

pride are most difficult. Depend entirely on Him (Jh. 15:5)

6. FORGIVE: those who hurt you (Mtt. 18:21-35), (Lk. 6:35), (Eph. 4:26), Tear up the I.O.U. and leave it to God. (Rm. 12:19)
7. CONFESS & REPENT of any sins (I Jh. 1:9, Mtt. 17:20, Num. 14:18).
8. Put on the whole Armour of God by faith (Eph.) 6:10-17).
9. Avoid situations that can cause you to sin.
10. BE POSITIVE always (Ps. 13:5).
11. Pay your Tithe-God promised to keep the devil from devouring your blessing (Mal. 3:10-11)
12. BE IN UNITY with other Christians (Mtt. 12:25). Don't criticise or judge others (James 4:11; 5:9).
13. Be filled with the Holy Spirit; yield your will to God (Eph. 5:18, Zech 4:6b).
14. Seek a good FELLOWSHIP Where you can grow spiritually.

#### 8. HOW DID DEMONS GET IN ME?

##### INVOLUNTARILY:

1. By origin e.g. Barren women seeking babies from the occult.
2. By inheritance (Mk. 9:21, 7:25),

family bondage, witchcraft, violence, alcoholism, curse on family line etc.

3. Ancestral sins - idolatry (Deut. 5:8-9) pagan religion (Acts 15:20, 1 Cor. 8-9)
4. By induction e.g. witches and their first daughters.
5. Someone sinned against you e.g. rape.
6. Dedicated to the Gods
  - Offering of the child to obtain healing or any other benefits.
  - Writing the Spirits name on the child's back/shirt.
  - Recording the child's name in the temple.

##### VOLUNTARILY

7. By invitation-deliberately seeking power to harm others and/or to protect yourself.
8. Your sin habits (open doors for invasion)
9. Eating food offered to idol 1 Cor. 10:20-21.
10. Wrong Teaching.
  - Wrong understanding of the Lord Acts 8:18-24, Col. 2:16-23.
  - Deceived by doctrines of demons 1 Tim. 4:1-3
  - \* Hatred, anger (Ep. 4:26) bitterness, unforgiveness, lying, self righteousness denominational/religious pride lust and rape, prostitution.

\* Rebellious deliberate ongoing sin.

9. STEPS YOU HAVE TO TAKE TO BE DELIVERED & STAY DELIVERED.

1. Use your will (Mtt. 6:24, James 1:8, Lk. 6:46)
- a. You must get rid of evil spirits.
- b. God will not cross your will neither can satan.
- c. Little if anything can be done if you do not will to be free.
2. CONFESS & REPENT of any sins 1Jh. 1:9; Mtt. 17:20, Num. 14:18
3. RENOUNCE THE OCCULT - Burn all idols, charms and all channel items etc. Jos. 7:11-12, 1 Cor. 1:18-21.
4. Exalt the Lord Jesus at all times Rm. 8:20, power over the enemy is released through praise especially song 2 Chron. 20:21-22.
5. FAST - The devil doesn't like it. Fasting will humble you before God.  
Note- Fasting is useless without prayer (Mtt. 17:21)
6. Plead the Blood of Jesus over yourself, family tools, property, pets work etc. (Ex. 12:13).
7. Take authority over satan- command him to flee (James 4:7)

## FOR YOUR REFLECTION

Illness *caused* by demonic influence affects most aspects of the human being (spiritual, mental, emotional, physical and social).

The opposite is also true: the expulsion of the demonic presence leads to the healing of all affected areas.



## FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

1. There were 41 Distinct instances of physical and mental healing in the 4 Gospels (These are only sample cases Jh. 20:30-31, 21:25)
2. These include 26 *individual* cases
3. In 6 of these (23%) Deliverance was all that was needed.
4. In another 1(3.8%) further healing was needed and became possible and effective only after Deliverance.



Lord you  
have  
freed me  
from my  
bonds  
and I will  
serve  
you  
forever.

(Ps. 116:16 Jerusalem Bible)

8. Be unimpressed with demonic power and plans. He is nothing more than a fallen angel doomed for eternal destruction (Isaiah 14:21), Rev. 20:10)
  9. Bind the demons Mtt. 16:19, Mk. 3:27
  10. Command the demons to come out Lk. 4:35.
  11. Command the demons NOT to re-enter (Mk. 9:25) claim protection over other persons, animals etc.
  12. Always be courageous Neh. 6:11. The demons may struggle and resist Lk. 8:29 There may be manifestations like colvulsion, collapse, loud cries etc. Lk. 9:42, Mark 7:30
  13. Healing may be necessary after deliverance Mtt. 9:31, 12:22
  14. Seeking a good FELLOWSHIP where you can grow spiritually.
11. WHEN DELIVERANCE IS NOT THE ANSWER
1. Frank psychiatric problem- seek medical help.
  2. Exhaustion - holiday; sleep, physical relaxation
  3. Wickedness - needs to be forsaken.
  4. Poor nutrition - high protein/ balance diet.
  5. Bondages to be broken.
  6. Education, Productive engage-

ment, medical checkups and Healing miracles may be needed.

## 12. BONDAGES:

Not a taking over of personality by an alien being but enslavement of parts that cannot be gotten free by ordinary means of grace.

- Can be a background factor in some sickness (Lk. 13)
- Can apply to christians.

*Predisposing Factors:*

- a. Past occultic involvement before conversion Act. 8:9-23.
- b. Habitual transgression in certain specific kinds of sin e.g. Unforgiveness 2 Cor. 23:10-11. deceptive spirit 1 Tim. 4:1-2; Pride 1 Tim 3:6-7 stubbornness 1 Sam 15:23; Fear Heb. 2:14-15.
- c. Result of a curse: Power of the spoken word (Prov. 18:21)
  - Curse consists of spirit laden words (Num. 22:6, 23:7; Deut. 11:26-28; Jud. 5:23).
  - Curses cannot hurt unless you deserve them (Prov. 26:2)

## BREAKING OF BONDAGES

The Christian should take the following steps:

- a. *Recognise* the demonic source of the problem (any unyielding sin or habit may be demonic)

- b. *Repent and Confess* any sin that is involved in the bondage.
- c. *Break the Bondage* by command in Jesus' name Mtt. 16:19.  
(Note Jesus words in Lk 13:12)
- d. *Restructure life-style* particularly thought life.  
self discipline. Habit of praise.

## 12. THE MINISTER OF DELIVERANCE

Like Jesus there are certain conditions to be fulfilled in us if we have to *exercise* the *authority* in Jesus' Name.

- a. Obedience (Jh. 5:30). Only one will, the Fathers will authority is conditional on obedience.
- b. Humility - James 4:7
- c. Knowledge and appropriation of our whole armour (Ep. 6:10-18)
- d. EYES that can see-John 5:19-20; Num. 24:3, 4, 16.
- e. EARS that can hear (Num. 24:4-16)
- f. Vision of the Almighty (Num. 24:4-16)
- g. Knowledge of the Most High (Num. 24:16)

## 13. PRAYER

I worship you and love you Father for being omnipotent almighty and absolute in your greatness and unequalled power. Through the blood of Jesus Christ my sins are

forgiven. The blood of Jesus has redeemed me out of satan's hand and I am justified and made righteous, I belong to you Lord Jesus Spirit, Soul and Body. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ I use the weapons of my warfare to demolish and weaken every throne, dominion princely ruler, authority, power of darkness and wicked spirits that are organised and strategised to hinder me and .....satan, I pull down all levels of your stronghold in the name of Jesus Christ and I pray the wicked work of your agents back upon themselves.

Satan I am God's property you have no power over me and no place in me, because of the blood of Jesus.

Jesus said "these signs shall follow believers ' In my name they will cast out demons so, I take authority over all enemy powers. I bind you, Satan all your angels and all your cohorts and agents and I command you leave me right now and be destroyed in Jesus Name. Amen Amen and Amen.

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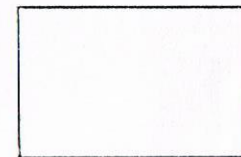
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