

VICTORIOUS SPIRITUAL WARFARE

"Satan's Army"

Luke 8, Luke 9

INTRODUCTION:

1. ***Ephesians 6:10-12***

- a) Satan has an Army!!
- b) Satan has an army of spirit beings called demons.

2. ***Revelation 12:4-6***

3. The Bible's teaching about the true nature and purpose of demons for the most part has been rejected by the world.

- a) The reason why is due to Satan's camouflaging himself.

4. 1 ***John 4:4***

5. ***Ephesians 6:11***

- a) "*schemes of the devil*"

6. ***Hebrews 12:22***

- a) "*innumerable*"

7. ***Matthew 12:24-26***

- a) According to Jesus, demons are part of Satan's Kingdom.
 - 1) And Jesus says there is no division in their ranks.
 - 2) And Satan doesn't cast out his own.
- b) One reason that Satan's demonic regime is so successful is because it is unified.

I. REAL DEAL ON DEMONS

1. **Luke 8:26-39**

- a) Vs 27-28

2. This man was demon possessed, or "***demonized***".

3. When Jesus showed up this demon possessed man begged Jesus not to torment him.

- a) **Why?** Because Jesus and demons don't get along!!

4. 1 ***John 5:18***

5. **VERY IMPORTANT:** That's why True Believers cannot be demon possessed!!!

- a) The question then arises regarding what level of influence and power a demon can have over a Christian.
 - 1) **1 Peter 5:8** - "seeking whom he may devour!"
 - 2) **Ephesians 6:11** - "schemes"
- b) The same way Satan tempted Jesus, demonic forces tempt us to sin and oppose our efforts to obey Christ and bring Him glory.
- c) **Demonic oppression** is when a demon is temporarily victorious over a Christian, successfully tempting them to sin and destroying the believers testimony.
- d) **If this demonic oppression continues**, the oppression can increase to the point that the demon has a very strong influence over the Christians behavior, thoughts and spirituality.
- e) **Confession and repentance** of sin are necessary to restore fellowship with God, who can break the power of demonic influence.

6. **WOW!!!** No demon, not even Satan himself, can prevent a Christian from surrendering to the Holy Spirit and thereby overcoming demonic oppression.

A. DEMONS ARE PERSONAL

- 1. They have a personality.
 - a) Meaning they possess **Intellect, Emotion and Will.**
- 2. **FIRST THEY HAVE INTELLECT**
 - a) **Vs 28**
- 3. **THEY HAVE EMOTION**
 - a) **Vs 28**
 - 1) They begged Jesus not to torment them.
- 4. **THEY HAVE A WILL**
 - a) **Vs 32-33**
 - 1) As evidenced when they made the choice to rebel with Satan.
 - 2) **"Let us enter the pigs"** - That's a choice.
- 5. **NOTICE** - They needed Christ's permission!!!
 - a) The demoniac of Luke 8 certainly appeared to be insane.
 - b) **But in reality** this man was possessed, not just insane.

6. Part of Satan's deception is to cause people not to take his associates too seriously.

B. DEMONS ARE NON-MATERIAL

1. *Ephesians 6:12*

a) *"we wrestle not against flesh and blood."*

2. *Luke 11:24-26*

3. *Vs 27*

a) *"waterless places"* - places where there is no life.

4. *Vs 24*

a) *"my house"*

C. DEMONS ARE VIOLENT

1. *Cf. Luke 8:28-29*

a) This demonized man had superhuman strength.

2. *Revelation 9:1-6*

a) *Vs 1*

1) *" will want to die!!*

3. *Galatians 5:18-19*

a) *"sorcery"* - Pharmacia

D. DEMONS ARE TWISTED

1. When these angels rejected God and aligned themselves with Satan they were given a special name.

a) *Luke 11:24*

1) *"unclean spirits"* - and "unclean spirits" pervert everything they touch.

b) *1 Timothy 4:1*

1) Demons twist *the truth of the Word of God.*

2) They want us to believe a lie because Satan is the father of all lies.

c) *1 John 4:1*

1) *"test the spirits"*

2) **QUESTION:** Which ones exalt Jesus?

a. That's the test.

2. Demons can't handle the presence of Christ.
3. Demons also pervert human sexuality!!!!
 - a) ***Revelation 18:2-3***
4. Demons are twisted, but don't always appear so.
 - a) They make their perversion as attractive as possible and even twist God's Word.
 - 1) **To the extent that they are the victims.**
 - b) I was reading an article in support of transgender people and boy how scripture is twisted.
5. Satan and his demons are "***Truth Twisters***" and that's why you must always measure what you hear by the Word of God and not by how someone waxes elegant.

II. THE DESTINATION OF DEMONS

A. INDIVIDUAL BELIEVERS

1. Satan actively deploys demons to destroy individual lives.

2. ***1 Peter 5:8***

B. THE FAMILY

1. Satan and his army will do anything he can to destroy families.

C. THE CHURCH

1. He will go after the Church externally through persecution.
2. And internally through strife and disunity.

D. SOCIETY

1. Satan will destroy churches by demonizing their leaders and soon there will be no justice.
2. Satan's influence in world affairs is huge.