



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

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Series- Even Angels Prt 3

Satan & Demons

**How should Christians think of Satan
& Demons today?**

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

James 4:7-8

1. The origin of demons

- Fallen angels? 2 Peter 2:4 & Jude 6.

“Demons then are angels created by God and thus were originally good but they sinned and thus became evil..” Erickson pg 472

2. The chief of demons: Satan the adversary

- The Satan (Hebrew: Adversary) Job 1:6.
- Devil Diablos (Greek: adversary/accuser) Matt 4:1
- Descriptors: Tempter, Beelzebub, enemy, evil one, father of lies, murderer, Belial deceiver etc.
- Isaiah 14:12-15.

3. The activities of demons

- Temptation Matt 4:3, 1 Thess. 3:5
- Deception. 2 Cor. 11:14-15.
- Physically and mentally torment/oppress. Mk 9:17, 9:25 & 1:26.
- Oppose Gods redemptive work. Ephes. 6:12.

4. Demons and the authority of Jesus.

- Jesus the one who overcomes the tempter. Mk 4:1-11
- Jesus the one who drives out demons. Mk 1:21-28
- Jesus the one who gives authority over demons. Matt 17:14-21
- Jesus the one who is victorious over the demonic. Col 1:13-15, Rev 20:10.

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read 2 Peter 2:4 & Jude 6. What does reveal about the origins of demons?
2. Read Job 1:6 and Matt 4:1. These passages use the descriptive Hebrew word adversary and the Greek word diabolos to describe Satan- how does he live up to his name in these contexts?
3. Read Isaiah 14:12-15. Do you think that this passage could refer to Satan and not just a Babylonian king? If so- what does it reveal about him?
4. Read Matt 4:3, 2 Cor. 11:14-15, Mk 9:17, 9:25 and Ephesians 6:12? What do these passages reveal about the work of Satan & demons?
5. Read Mk 4:1-11, Mark 1:28-28 say about how Jesus relates to Satan and demons?
6. Read Matthew 17:14-21. What does this passage reveal about Jesus' authority over demons and how he shares it?
7. Read Col 1:13-15 and Rev 20:10. How do these passages speak to the ultimate victory of Christ over Satan and demons?

B. Meditation & application

8. Have you ever had an encounter with what you thought might be demonic or observed something that you thought spoke to the reality of a personal spiritual evil?
9. How did this talk contribute to your understanding of Satan and demons and how does the ministry of Jesus comfort you as you consider this?
10. How do you think we can exercise Jesus' authority in dealing with Satan and demons in our lives?

A Prayer: Heavenly Father- Thankyou that Jesus triumphed over the powers of darkness. Deliver us from the evil one and help us use your authority to do your work in the world. In Jesus Name Amen.