

“Biblical Truths Concerning Devils”

Mark 5:1-20

Introduction: In Mark chapters four through five, we see the mighty power of Jesus. We observe how our Lord has dominion over dangers (4:35-41), devils (5:1-20), diseases (5:21-34), and death (5:35-43). These four miracles that Mark records reveal to us our Lord’s interest for men, women, and children. We will look closer at this second miracle that Jesus performed concerning the devil possessed man. Notice:

1. The Condition of the Man Mark 5:1-5
 - a. He was Unclean Mark 5:2- “...a man with an unclean spirit,”
 - b. He was Uncivilized Mark 5:2-3- “...there met him out of the tombs a man... Who had his dwelling among the tombs...”
 - (1) “The tombs were large holes cut out of limestone. One could walk into many of them. But living in tombs meant you were in the place of the dead and the unclean.” (John Butler)
 - (2) Numbers 19:11-16
 - c. He was Unruly Mark 5:3-4- “...and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.”
 - (1) “This shows the superhuman strength of a demon-possessed person.” (John Butler)
 - (2) “The people who lived in this vicinity tried to protect themselves from this fearful man. They had chained him.” (John Phillips)
 - (3) “About all that society can do for problem people is to isolate them, put them under guard and, if necessary, bind them. With all of its wonderful scientific achievements, society still cannot cope with the problems caused by Satan and sin.” (Warren Wiersbe)
 - d. He was Unnatural Mark 5:5- “And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.”
 - (1) Notice His Cries Mark 5:5- “And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying...”
 - (a) “He howled though the surrounding hills like a wolf.” (John Phillips)
 - (b) “...his pitiful cries had reached the heart of God and touched the heart of Christ.” (John Phillips)
 - (2) Notice His Cuts Mark 5:5- “...and cutting himself with stones.”
 - (a) Leviticus 19:28- “Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the LORD.”
 - (1) “It was the custom of the Amorites, when anyone died, to cut their flesh.” (John Gill)
 - (2) A king in the royal family of the Scythians would cut off a part of their ear, shave their hair on their head off round about, cut their arms, wound their forehead and nose, and transfix their left hand with arrows. (John Gill)
 - (3) “The Carthaginians, who might receive it from the Phoenicians, being a colony of theirs, used to tear their hair and mouths in mourning, and beat their breasts.” (John Gill)

- (b) Leviticus 21:5- *“They shall not make baldness upon their head, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh.”*
- (c) 1 Kings 18:28- *“And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.”* (The prophets of Baal)
2. The Cure of the Man Mark 5:6-20
- “Jesus saw beyond the terrible wreckage of a demented and dangerous individual. He saw, way down beneath all of the conflict and confusion, a lost and desperate man.” (John Phillips)
 - The Devil came to destroy but Jesus came to deliver. (Warren Wiersbe)
- a. His Hesitation Mark 5:6-7- *“But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.”*
- (1) “What a sight he must have been. His body covered with self-inflicted wounds and old scars, his hair and beard were long and tangled, and his eyes were ablaze. He was unwashed and either naked or arrayed in a ruin of rags.” (John Phillips)
 - (2) “This was not true worship—it was deceitful worship. Demons do not truly worship Christ...This disdain for Christ proves the deceitfulness of their worship.” (John Butler)
 - (3) The devils recognize and believe in God, but they will not submit to Him.
 - (4) James 2:19- *“Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.”*
 - (5) “What a hypocritical demand. The demons were tormenting those they indwelt but they plead for mercy to not be tormented.” (John Butler)
 - (6) The devils were afraid that Jesus would cast them into hell early.
 - (7) Matthew 25:41- *“Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:”*
 - (8) Matthew 8:29- *“And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?”*
 - (9) Luke 8:31- *“And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep.”* (Parallel Passage)
- b. His Purification Mark 5:8-13
- (1) Concerning the Spirit Mark 5:8-10
 - (a) His Casting Mark 5:8- *“For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.”*
 - (b) His Company Mark 5:9- *“And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.”*
 - (1) “A legion in the Roman army consisted of 3,000 to 6,000 men.” (John Butler)
 - (2) Legion – “The chief subdivision of the Roman army, containing about 6000 infantry, with a contingent of cavalry.” (Smith Bible Dictionary)
 - (3) Legion – “In Roman antiquity, a body of infantry consisting of different numbers of men at different periods, from three to five thousand.” (Noah Webster)
 - (4) “It is frightening to think of the horrors this man experienced day and night as thousands of unclean spirits tormented him.” (Warren Wiersbe)
 - (5) Mark 5:13- *“...And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine:...(they were about two thousand;)...”*

- (6) There was at least two thousand unclean spirits inside this man.
- (c) His Country Mark 5:10- *“And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.”*
- (2) Concerning the Swine Mark 5:11-13
- (a) The Entrance into the Swine Mark 5:11-12- *“Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.”*
- (1) “The demons, fearing to be again disembodied, craved permission to enter the bodies of some swine, rather than be totally disembodied.” (John Phillips)
- (2) To Satan, swine is just as good as a man. (Warren Wiersbe)
- (b) The Extermination of the Swine Mark 5:13- *“And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.”*
- (1) “The swine preferred death to demon possession.” (John Phillips)
- (2) “In the Roman army, a legion consisted of six thousand men. That would mean that each of the ‘about two thousand’ pigs was seized upon by three evil spirits. That was more than enough for them.” (John Phillips)
- (3) They committed sewie-cide. They went wee wee wee all the way to the sea.
- c. His Regeneration Mark 5:15- *“And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.”*
- (1) He was Resting Mark 5:15- *“...sitting...”*
- (2) He was Robed Mark 5:15- *“...and clothed...”*
- (a) Luke 8:27- *“And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes...”*
- (b) “Where sin abounds, clothes do not.” (John Butler)
- (3) He was Rational Mark 5:15- *“...and in his right mind...”*
- (a) His devil possession revealed that he was not in his right mind. (John Butler)
- (b) “Many mental problems are a result of sin.” (John Butler)
- (4) 2 Corinthians 5:17- *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”*
- d. His Destination Mark 5:18-20
- (1) His Desire for Jesus Mark 5:18- *“And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.”*
- (a) True conversion will lead an individual to follow Jesus.
- (b) Luke 17:15-17- *“And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?”*
- (2) His Duty for Jesus Mark 5:19-20
- (a) His Place of Service Mark 5:19- *“Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.”*
- (1) The terror would become a testimony. (John Phillips)

- (2) “Why did Jesus not permit the healed demoniac to follow Him?” (Warren Wiersbe)
 - (3) “Jesus knew that the man’s place was in his own home, with his loved ones, where he could bear witness to the Saviour. After all, effective Christian living must begin at home where people know us the best.” (Warren Wiersbe)
 - (4) “Jesus had to leave, but the man remained and bore faithful witness to the grace and power of Jesus Christ.” (Warren Wiersbe)
 - (b) His Publication of Salvation Mark 5:20- “*And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.*”
 - (1) “Decapolis was a loose association of ten cities on the main highway that ran from Damascus to Arabia...Gadara was one of those ten cities.” (John Phillips)
 - (2) “The transformed man did not limit his testimony to his hometown but carried the evangel through the whole area.” (John Phillips)
3. The Concern of the Multitude Mark 5:14-20
- a. Their Report Mark 5:14- “*And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.*”
 - (1) “The swine herdsmen took to their heels...when the hogs took to theirs!” (John Phillips)
 - (2) “The swineherds did not want to be blamed for the loss of the pigs, so they immediately ran to tell the owners what had happened.” (Warren Wiersbe)
 - (a) Their Fear Mark 5:15- “*...and they were afraid.*”
 - (b) Their Finances Mark 5:16- “*...and also concerning the swine.*”
 - b. Their Rejection Mark 5:17- “*And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.*”
 - (1) “Why would the owners ask Jesus to leave? Why not ask Him to stay and perform similar cures for others who were also in need?” (Warren Wiersbe)
 - (2) “The owners had one main interest — business — and they were afraid that if Jesus remained any longer, He would do even more ‘damage’ to the local economy!” (Warren Wiersbe)
 - (3) “...these folks were more concerned about their wealth than the welfare of the people. They thought more of hogs than humans...” (John Butler)
 - (4) “Our Lord does not stay where He is not wanted, so He left. What an opportunity these people missed!” (Warren Wiersbe)
 - (5) “The devil may have gotten Christ out of the area but he did not succeed in getting a testimony for Christ out of the area, for this man spoke about the greatness of Jesus.” (John Butler)

Body: In this narrative we are brought to the realization that devil possession exists. We are informed that Satan is seeking to devour and destroy mankind in any way he can. Therefore, the adversary employs his devils to oppress and vex humanity in order to hinder the work of God in their lives. If we have Biblical knowledge and understanding of the wiles and snares of Satan, we can combat his purposes and ultimately abolish his end goal, which is leading mankind into hell. Let us separate many falsehoods and myths from Scriptural truths concerning the Devil and his devils. Let us look at the Director of Devils, Description of Devils, Dwelling of Devils, Departure of Devils, and Devices of Devils.

I. The Director of Devils

A. Satan's Formation

1. Isaiah 14:12-15- *"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."* (Typology of the King of Babylon)
2. Ezekiel 28:13-15- *"Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee."* (Typology of the King of Tyre)
3. Names for Satan in the Bible are: Accuser of our Brethren (Revelation 12:10), Adversary (1 Peter 5:8), Beelzebub (Matthew 12:24), Belial (2 Corinthians 6:15), Devil (Revelation 20:2), Enemy (Matthew 13:39), Great Red Dragon (Revelation 12:3), Old Serpent (Revelation 12:9), Prince of this World (John 12:31), Prince of the Power of the Air (Ephesians 2:2), Satan (1 Chronicles 21:1), Serpent (2 Corinthians 11:3), Tempter (Matthew 4:3), and the Wicked One (Matthew 13:38).

B. Satan's Followers

1. 1 John 3:8- *"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning..."*
2. Revelation 12:4- *"And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born."*
3. Revelation 12:7- *"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,"*
4. Revelation 12:9- *"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."*
5. Revelation 12:12- *"Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."*

C. Satan's Family

1. John 8:44- *"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."*
2. Acts 13:10- *"And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?"*

3. 1 John 3:10- *“In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.”*
- D. Satan’s Force
1. Job 1:12- *“And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.”*
 2. Hebrews 2:14- *“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;”*
 3. Jude 1:9- *“Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.”*
 4. Revelation 2:10- *“Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”*
- E. Satan’s Function 1 John 3:8- *“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”*
1. He is Sowing
 - a. Matthew 13:39- *“The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.”* (Them refers to the tares.)
 - b. John 13:2- *“And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;”*
 2. He is Stealing Luke 8:12- *“Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.”*
 3. He is Seducing
 - a. Matthew 4:1- *“Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.”*
 - b. 1 Corinthians 10:13- *“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”*
 4. He is Shamming
 - a. Revelation 20:10- *“And the devil that deceived them...”*
 - b. 2 Corinthians 11:14- *“And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”*
 5. He is Strategizing Ephesians 6:11- *“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”*
 6. He is Snaring
 - a. 1 Timothy 3:7- *“Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.”*
 - b. 2 Timothy 2:26- *“And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.”*

F. Satan's Future

1. Genesis 3:15- *"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."*
2. Romans 16:20- *"And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."*
3. Matthew 25:41- *"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:"*
4. Revelation 20:10- *"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."*

II. The Description of Devils

A. Their Explanation

1. Devils are fallen angels from heaven.
 - a. Revelation 12:9- *"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."*
 - b. Some of the angels were so wicked that they were confined to their own place.
 - c. Jude 1:6- *"And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."*
 - d. 2 Peter 2:4- *"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;"*
 - e. God's children will judge these fallen angels one day.
 - f. 1 Corinthians 6:3- *"Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?"*
 - g. Matthew 25:41- *"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:"*
2. A devil is a spirit.
 - a. Matthew 8:16- *"When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:"*
 - b. Luke 4:33- *"And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,"*
 - c. Revelation 16:13-14- *"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."*
 - d. Some feel that devils are the offspring of angels and women.
 - (1) Genesis 6:4- *"There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown."*

- (2) This is impossible because angels do not reproduce.
 - (3) Matthew 22:30- *“For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.”*
 - (4) God’s mode of reproduction in Genesis is always *“after his kind”* and *“after their kind”*. Genesis 1:11-12, 21, 24-25
3. Spirits do not have flesh and bones.
 - a. Luke 24:39- *“Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.”*
 - b. 1 Corinthians 15:40- *“There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.”*
 4. People saw only angels in the Bible, not devils. These were instances of special revelation, not common occurrences.
 - a. Luke 1:11-12- *“And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.”*
 - b. Judges 6:22- *“And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face.”*
 - c. Daniel 8:15-19
 - d. 2 Kings 6:17- *“And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.”*
 5. Devils can only hurt, not heal.
 - a. Example of devils not healing people:
 - (1) John 10:21- *“Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?”*
 - (2) Psalms 146:8- *“The LORD openeth the eyes of the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous:”*
 - b. Examples of devils hurting people:
 - (1) Mark 1:26- *“And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.”*
 - (2) Luke 4:35- *“And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.”*
 - (3) Luke 8:29- *“(For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.)”*
 - (4) Luke 9:42- *“And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father.”*
 - (5) Acts 19:15-16- *“And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was*

leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.”

B. Their Manifestation

1. Deaf Spirits

- a. Deaf – “Not perceiving sounds; In a metaphorical sense, not listening; not regarding; not moved, persuaded or convinced; rejecting; as deaf to reason or arguments. Men are deaf to the calls of the gospel.” (Webster)
- b. Mark 9:25- *“When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.”*
- c. Mark 8:18- *“Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?”*
- d. Matthew 13:15- *“For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.”*
- e. Hebrews 5:11- *“Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.”*

2. Dumb Spirits

- a. Dumb – “Mute; silent; not speaking.” (Webster)
- b. Mark 9:17- *“And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;”*
- c. Mark 9:25- *“When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.”*

3. Evil Spirits

- a. Evil – “Having bad qualities of a moral kind; wicked; corrupt; perverse; wrong; as evil thoughts; evil deeds; evil speaking; an evil generation.” (Webster)
- b. Luke 8:2- *“And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,”*
- c. Judges 9:23- *“Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech:”*
- d. 1 Samuel 16:14-16- *“But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him. And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.”*
- e. 1 Samuel 16:23- *“And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.”*
- f. Acts 19:15-16- *“And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.”*

4. Familiar Spirits

- a. Familiar – “A demon or evil spirit supposed to attend at a call.” (Webster)
- b. Leviticus 20:27- *“A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them.”*
- c. Deuteronomy 18:10-12- *“There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.”*
 - (1) Divination – “The act of divining; a foretelling future events...” (Webster)
 - (2) Observer of Times – “practice magic; sorcerer” (Strong’s)
 - (3) Enchanter – “whisper a magic spell” (Strong’s)
 - (4) Charmer – to fascinate by spells (Strong’s)
 - (5) Necromancer – “One who pretends to foretell future events by holding converse with departed spirits; a conjurer.” (Webster)
- d. 1 Samuel 28:7- *“Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.”*
- e. 2 Chronicles 33:6- *“And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.”*

5. Foul Spirits

- a. Foul – “Wicked; detestable; abominable; as a foul deed; a foul spirit. To make filthy; to defile; to daub; to dirty.” (Webster)
- b. Mark 9:25- *“When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.”*
- c. Revelation 18:2- *“And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.”*

6. Lying Spirits

- a. Lying – “Telling falsehood.” (Webster)
- b. 1 Kings 22:23- *“Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.”*
- c. 2 Chronicles 18:22- *“Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil against thee.”*

7. Seducing Spirits

- a. Seducing – “Enticing from the path of virtue or chastity.” (Webster)

- b. 1 Timothy 4:1- *“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;”*
8. Unclean Spirits
- a. Unclean – *“Not clean; foul; dirty; filthy. Foul with sin; lewd; unchaste.”* (Webster)
- b. The Man of the Gadarenes
- (1) Mark 5:2- *“And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,”*
- (2) Luke 8:27- *“...there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes...”*
- (3) What spirit was at work the day Moses came down from the mount?
- (4) Exodus 32:25- *“And when Moses saw that the people were naked...”*
- c. Luke 4:33- *“And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,”*
- d. Zechariah 13:2- *“And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.”*
- e. Matthew 12:43- *“When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.”*
- f. Mark 1:26- *“And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.”*
9. Spirit of Jealousy Numbers 5:14- *“And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled:”*
10. Spirit of Deep Sleep Isaiah 29:10- *“For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.”*
11. Spirit of Heaviness Isaiah 61:3- *“To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.”*
12. Spirit of Whoredoms Hosea 5:4- *“They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God: for the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of them, and they have not known the LORD.”*
13. Spirit of Infirmary Luke 13:11- *“And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.”*
14. Spirit of Divination Acts 16:16- *“And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:”*
15. Spirit of Bondage Romans 8:15- *“For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.”*

16. Spirit of Slumber Romans 11:8- *“(According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.”*
17. Spirit of the World 1 Corinthians 2:12- *“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.”*
18. Spirit of Fear 2 Timothy 1:7- *“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”*
19. Spirit of Antichrist 1 John 4:3- *“And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.”*
20. Spirit of Error 1 John 4:6- *“We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.”*

C. Their Consideration

1. 1 John 4:1-3- *“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.”*
2. There are two spirits at work in the world today:
 - a. The Spirit of Truth John 16:13- *“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”*
 - b. The Spirit of Error 1 John 4:6- *“We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.”*
3. We are not to believe every spirit because many false prophets are gone out into the world. The whole purpose of devils is to deceive people.
4. “Everything that comes under the guise of religion is not true and holy but is often Satanic, deceptive and evil.” (John Butler)
5. “The Devil does not destroy God’s wheat...So he imitates it.” (John Phillips)
6. “Wheat and tares look very much alike in the early stages of their growth, but tares are not only worthless, they are poisonous.” (John Phillips)
7. Matthew 13:25- *“But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.”*

III. The Dwelling of Devils

A. Their Potential

1. Their Potential to Vex Matthew 15:22- *“And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.”*

- a. Vex – “To irritate; to make angry by little provocations; To plague; to torment; to harass; to afflict.” (Webster)
 - b. “The greatness of the problem is stated to show the greatness of the power of Christ in solving the problem.” (John Butler)
2. Their Potential to Oppress Acts 10:38- *“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”*
 - a. Oppress – “To load or burden with unreasonable impositions; to treat with unjust severity, rigor or hardship; to overpower; to overburden.” (Webster)
 - b. Oppression can be against body and soul. (John Gill)
 - c. There are avenues that Satan uses to oppress us. Refer to *Halloween and Satanism* by Phil Phillips, pages 61-90.
 - d. Example: A Deck of Cards
 - (1) A deck of cards is used by prostitutes, gamblers, thieves, murderers, in taverns, brothels, prisons, insane asylums, gambling dens, and bars. (J.D. Carlson)
 - (2) “The first deck of cards was invented by King Charles of France in the year 1392. King Charles was an insane man, by the way.” (J.D. Carlson)
 - (3) “A deck of cards used to be called, ‘The Devil's Bible’ and in the Seventeenth Century it was called, ‘The Devil's Picture Book’. This is very important for us to know. Each card in the deck has a special meaning.” (J.D. Carlson)
 - (a) The KING card represents the Prince of Darkness - The Devil
 - (b) The 10 SPOT speaks of the spirit of lawlessness. It speaks in opposition to the moral law as found in the Ten Commandments in the Bible.
 - (c) Then the CLUB card represents violence and murder.
 - (d) The JACK speaks of the loose living man, the lustful man, the licentious individual who only lives to satisfy his lower nature.
 - (e) The QUEEN card represents Mary - the mother of our Lord. In the language of the cards, however, Mary is represented as an impure, dissolute, immoral woman.
 - (f) There is the JOKER. It represents Jesus Christ. (J.D. Carlson)
 - (4) “But, also, the climax of all that is diabolical in connection with the language of cards is this: Jesus Christ, the joker, is said to be the child, the offspring, of the licentious Jack and the Queen.” (J.D. Carlson)
3. Their Potential to Possess Matthew 8:16- *“When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:”*
 - a. Possess – “To occupy; to have power over.” (Webster)
 - b. Point: If the Holy Spirit can possess and influence people, then it stands to reason that the Devil and his devils can as well.
 - c. Matthew 12:43-45- *“When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven*

other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.”

- d. The possession of devils was permitted by God on purpose to show Christ’s power over the evil spirits. (John Gill)

(1) Jesus has Power to Send Devils

- (a) Matthew 8:31- *“So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.”*
(b) Mark 5:12- *“And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.”*

(2) Jesus has Power to Silence Devils

- (a) Mark 1:34- *“And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.”*
(b) Luke 4:41- *“And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.”*
(c) Jesus is the only one that rebuked devils in the Bible.
(d) Matthew 17:18- *“And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.”*

B. Their Possession

1. Those of Syria Matthew 4:24- *“And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.”*
2. Many of Capernaum
 - a. Matthew 8:16- *“When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:”*
 - b. Mark 1:32- *“And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.”*
 - c. Mark 1:34- *“And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.”*
 - d. Mark 1:39- *“And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.”*
 - e. Luke 4:41- *“And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.”*
3. Two Men of the Gadarenes
 - a. Matthew 8:28- *“And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way.”*
 - b. Matthew 8:33- *“And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils.”*

- c. Mark 5:15- *“And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.”*
- d. Mark 5:16- *“And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine.”*
- e. Mark 5:18- *“And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.”*
- f. Luke 8:27- *“And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.”*
- g. Luke 8:30- *“And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.”*
- 4. Man of Capernaum Matthew 9:32- *“As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil.”*
- 5. Man of Nob Matthew 12:22- *“Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.”*
- 6. The Daughter of a Greek Syrophenician Woman Mark 7:25-26- *“For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet: The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.”*
- 7. Mary Magdalene
 - a. Mark 16:9- *“Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.”*
 - b. Luke 8:2- *“And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,”*
- 8. A Unclean Man in Capernaum Luke 4:33-34- *“And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.”*
- 9. A Dumb Person in Bethany Luke 11:14- *“And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.”*
- 10. Judas Iscariot
 - a. John 6:70-71- *“Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.”*
 - b. John 13:26-27- *“Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.”*

IV. The Departure of Devils

A. By Jesus

1. His Ministry Luke 13:31-32- *“The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee. And he*

said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.”

- a. Many of Capernaum Matthew 8:16- “When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:”
 - b. The Man of Capernaum Matthew 9:33- “And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.”
 - c. The Daughter of a Greek Syrophenician Woman
 - (1) Mark 7:25-26- “For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet: The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.”
 - (2) Mark 7:29-30- “And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter. And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.”
 - d. A Unclean Man in Capernaum
 - (1) Luke 4:33-34- “And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.”
 - (2) Luke 4:35-36- “And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not. And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.”
 - e. Many in Capernaum Luke 4:41- “And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.”
 - f. A Man of the Gadarenes Luke 8:33- “Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked.”
 - g. A Dumb Person in Bethany Luke 11:14- “And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.”
2. His Misunderstanding
- a. Matthew 9:34- “But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.”
 - b. Matthew 12:24- “But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.”
 - c. Matthew 12:27-28- “And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.”
 - d. Mark 3:22- “And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.”

- e. Luke 11:15-20- *“But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils. And others, tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth. If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub. And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges. But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.”*
- B. By Disciples of Iniquity
1. Matthew 7:22- *“Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?”*
 2. Matthew 7:23- *“And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”*
- C. By the Apostles
1. Matthew 10:5-8- *“These twelve Jesus sent forth...Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.”*
 2. Mark 3:14-15- *“And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:”*
 3. Mark 6:7- *“And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;”*
 4. Mark 6:13- *“And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.”*
 5. Luke 9:1- *“Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.”*
- D. By the Seventy Disciples
1. Luke 10:1-2- *“After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.”*
 2. Luke 10:17- *“And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.”*
 3. Luke 10:20- *“Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.”*
- E. By a Disciple
1. Mark 9:38- *“And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us.”*
 2. Luke 9:49-50- *“And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbad him, because he followeth not with us. And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us.”*
 3. What is the Scriptural method for casting out devils?

4. Some feel that casting out devils depends on the words you say (Jesus is the only one in the Bible that rebuked a devil), magical formulas, holy water, and burning certain parts of animals bodies. However, what does the Bible reveal to us.
 - a. Matthew 17:19- *“Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?”*
 - b. Matthew 17:21- *“Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.”*
 - c. Matthew 8:16- *“When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:”*
 - d. Mark 16:17- *“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;”*
 - e. Luke 10:17- *“And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.”*
 - f. Acts 19:19- *“Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.”*
 - g. Fasting, prayer, God’s Word, the power of Jesus position, and destroying all ties to the devil are the only things that can cast out devils.
 - h. “Psychiatrists, psychologists, and theologians cannot overthrow Satan’s power.” (Ronnie Simpson)
 - i. Salvation is the only hope for a devil possessed person.
- F. By the Early Church
 1. Mark 16:14-18- *“Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”*
 2. “These signs belonged to the transitional period. Both Peter and Paul healed the sick and raised the dead. Tongues was common in the early church...Paul cast out evil spirits. On one occasion, he was bitten by a poisonous snake and came to no harm. Eusebius records instances when both John and Barnabas escaped unharmed after drinking poison.” (John Phillips)
 3. “As the Jewish nation at home and abroad hardened into a settled policy of rejecting the gospel, these sign gifts faded out. When that witness was rejected, the signs were withdrawn.” (John Phillips)
 4. 1 Corinthians 1:22- *“For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:”*
 5. 1 Corinthians 14:22- *“Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.”*

6. 1 Corinthians 13:8- *“Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.”*

G. By Paul

1. Acts 16:16-18- *“And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.”*
2. Acts 19:11- *“And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:”*
3. Acts 19:12- *“So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.”*

V. The Devices of Devils

A. Their Worship

1. Revelation 9:20- *“And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:”*
2. Leviticus 17:7- *“And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations.”*
3. Deuteronomy 32:17- *“They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.”*
4. Psalms 106:37- *“Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,”*
5. 1 Corinthians 10:20- *“But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.”*
6. 2 Chronicles 11:15- *“And he ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made.”*

B. Their Working

1. Ephesians 2:2- *“Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:”*
2. 1 Corinthians 10:21- *“Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.”*
3. 1 Timothy 3:6- *“Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.”*
4. 1 Timothy 4:1- *“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;”*
5. James 3:15- *“This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.”*

6. Revelation 18:2- *“And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.”*
- C. Their Withstanding
1. Ephesians 4:27- *“Neither give place to the devil.”*
 2. James 4:7- *“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”*

Conclusion: Although we recognize the reality of devils at work in our day, we must remember that our Lord is greater than any evil spirit. He will give us the power and ability to overcome the works of Satan and his influences upon our lives. May we yield our bodies as instruments of righteousness and not allow devils to manipulate us to do wickedness.