

CONTENTS

1. The Existence of Devils	Pages 3-4
2. The Identity of Devils	Pages 5-6
3. The Panic of the Satanic	Pages 7-9
4. The Prevention of Devils	Pages 10-12

No part of this book may be reproduced in any form without permission in writing by the author. All materials printed by the Bluestone Baptist Printing Ministry are free of charge. Absolutely, no materials are to be sold!

BLUESTONE INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH
BLUESTONE BAPTIST PRINTING MINISTRY

PASTOR – DR. RYAN MCGUIRE
PO Box 987 CLARKSVILLE, VA 23927
CHURCH PHONE: 434 374 8232

“The Existence of Devils”

- I. Proof in the Scriptures
 - A. Old Testament Proofs
 - B. New Testament Proofs
 - 1. Their Description
 - a. They are Existing James 2:19, Revelation 9:20
 - b. They are Evil Luke 4:33, 6:18
 - c. They are Effective I Timothy 4:1, Revelation 16:14
 - d. They are Expelled Luke 9:42
 - e. They are Extinguished Matthew 25:41
 - 2. Their Defeat
 - a. By Casting Matthew 15:22, 28
 - b. By Controlling Matthew 12:29
 - c. By Conquering Luke 10:17-18
- II. Proof in the Scenery
 - A. Pests
 - B. Parasites
 - C. Plagues
- III. Proof in the Society
 - A. The Doctrines of Man
 - B. The Developments of Man
 - C. The Deceitfulness of Man
- IV. Proof in the Sinfulness

Although many deny the doctrine of devils, there are still many proofs of their existence. Despite the skepticism, something must explain all of the evil influences on humanity and the world. One final proposal is the subsistence of Satanic working, devils.

First, the Scriptures prove the existence of devils. One can turn through the infallible Word of God and see the mentioning of devils. It is apparent in the Old Testament and especially in the New Testament. Not only are they described, but also their eternal doom is revealed.

The functioning of nature provides evidence of a diabolical force at work. God created all things and He declared that it was good. Satan opposes anything that is of God and good. We see his attack on the things in which God made. Plants face pests, animals are confronted with parasites, and humanity is encountered with plagues. All of these attacks are explained as aggressions of Satan.

Society also plays a role in the actuality of demons. The doctrines of man, which oppose Scriptures, reveal the fact that he is under the influence of another source. The wicked devices that man invents and his deceptive mind are also evidence of a diabolical force.

Finally, the sinfulness of man is a proof of devils. They motivate people to perform wicked practices that go contrary to God's commandments. Sins such as sodomy, drunkenness, and adultery are the working of Satan in rebellion to God.

“The Identity of Devils”

- I. The Explanations of Science
 - A. Demons are simply superstitious designations for certain natural diseases
 - B. Demons are the spirits of wicked men deceased
- II. The Explanations of Spiritualists
 - A. Demons are the disembodied spirits of inhabitants of a Pre-Adamic earth
 - B. Demons are the Monstrous offspring of angels and Antediluvian women
- III. The Enlightenment of the Scriptures
 - A. Roaming Devils
 - 1. Their Head- Satan Matthew 12:24; 25:41; Revelation 12:7
 - 2. Their Home Ephesians 2:2; Revelation 12:7-12
 - 3. Their Hierarchy Ephesians 6:11-12
 - B. Restrained Devils (Tartarus) II Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6
 - C. Reserved Devils (Abyss) Luke 8:31; Revelation 9:1-2, 10

Although many have attacked the existence of demons, others accept their subsistence. Now the problem is interpreting what they really are. There are a few erroneous views but the correct examination is that they are fallen angels.

One false view is that of a scientific perspective. The idea that devils are diseases is contrary to the teachings of the Word of God. This suggestion accepts that diseases are personified. The problem with this is that diseases do not cry out (Mark 5:7). Another proposal of science is that demons are the spirits of deceased wicked men. The problem with this thought is it rejects Scriptural teachings and relies on Greek superstitions of explanation.

A second false view is that of people that try to draw out too much from the Scriptures. They explain devils to be the disembodied spirits of a Pre-Adamic earth. This teaching is not

clearly interpreted in the Bible. Another concept of the spiritualists is that demons are the offspring of angels from the Antediluvian women. A simple explanation to this is that the “sons of God” are the Sethites and the “daughters of men” are the Canaanitish women.

The true concept about devils is that they are fallen angels. They may be divided into three categories: Roaming, Restrained, and Reserved Devils. The roaming devils are free to wander the first and second heavens. They have their own rank and are under the authority of Satan working in the world. The restrained devils are in Tartarus while the reserved devils are in the Abyss.

“The Panic of the Satanic”

- I. The Prayer of Saul I Samuel 28:5-6
- II. The Pursuit of Saul I Samuel 28:7-10
 - A. His Disobedience I Samuel 28:7
 - B. His Disguise I Samuel 28:8
 - C. His Defense I Samuel 28:10
 - D. His Demand I Samuel 28:11
- III. The Panic of the Satanic
 - A. Over A Death I Samuel 28:9
 - B. Over A Display I Samuel 28:12-14
 - 1. It Was Shocking I Samuel 28:12
 - 2. It Was Substantial I Samuel 28:13; Psalm 82:6; John 10:35; II Corinthians 12:2-3
 - 3. It Was Samuel I Samuel 28:14
- IV. The Punishment of Saul I Samuel 28:15-19
 - A. A Distress I Samuel 28:15
 - B. A Departure I Samuel 28:16
 - C. A Disowning I Samuel 28:17
 - D. A Denial I Samuel 28:18
 - E. A Deliverance I Samuel 28:19; I Chronicles 10:13; I John 5:16; I Corinthians 5:5
- V. The Peril of Saul I Samuel 28:20-25
 - A. It Lead To Fear I Samuel 28:20
 - B. It Lead To Fasting I Samuel 28:21-23
 - C. It Lead To Feasting I Samuel 28:24-25

A classic Biblical example revealing the fraudulency of necromancy (The art of revealing future events by means of a pretended communication with the dead. Webster 1828) is that of Saul and the woman at Endor. Although God in Deuteronomy 18 forbade this practice, Saul resorted to such methods to learn the future. God used this event to reveal the wickedness and deception of necromancy.

It all started when Saul “enquired of the LORD” and the LORD did not hearken to his prayer. Instead of seeking the Lord, Saul

resorted to other means to fulfill his desire. He called together his servants and asked them to seek a woman that “hath a familiar spirit”. Strong’s concordance defined “familiar spirit” as “one who evokes the dead”. Although this practice is prohibited, Saul rebelled against the Word of God and pursued his own lust.

Saul decided to disguise himself and approach the woman in person. He did so by changing his clothes and searching for the woman at night. One thing is certain, and that is that God sees all of our practices. No one is able to hide his or her evil performances from the all-seeing eyes of God. Even though Saul comforted the woman that she would not die, this would not hold back the wrath of God. He still demanded for Samuel to be brought up from the dead.

The woman at Endor heeded the request of Saul. As she fell into her trance, something really began to happen. A divine intervention took place that had never happened. The shock of the woman proved the fact that she never had any encounters with the dead before. It supported the fact that she gave herself over to seducing and lying spirits. These spirits would try to tell the future, but to no avail. When she saw Samuel, it revealed who the man was that came to her at night. Evidently, she had seen or heard of this great prophet before.

She described to Saul what she saw after he asked her. Two things are noticed about her account. First, she recognized that Samuel was a true prophet of God. According to Psalm 82: 6 and John 10:35, prophets were referred to as “gods” explaining their work as judge and prophet. When she said that she saw “gods”, she was alluding to a prophet. Second, her explanation of “ascending out of the earth” was pointing to Samuel coming up from paradise. According to II Corinthians 12:2-3, there are three heavens. The Old Testament saints were confined to paradise, the first heaven, until the blood of Jesus Christ was offered in heaven. Paradise is located in the heart of the earth. Samuel came up from the heart of the earth, or as the woman put it “ascending out of the earth”. This

was substantial proof that the woman had actually encountered the resurrected spirit of the prophet Samuel.

The judgment of God was placed upon Saul. We see this in verse 15 where Saul was in distress. The Lord had departed from Saul and now was his enemy. The Lord had “rent the kingdom” out of the hand of Saul and given it to David. Because of Saul’s repeated rebellion to the words of God, God had finally rejected him. This encounter with the female necromancer sealed the doom of Saul. The Bible refers to this account in I Chronicles 10:13 “So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire of it;”. Saul had committed his sin unto death and God gave him over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh.

We find in verse 19 how Saul was to die. Saul and his sons would be slain while Israel was delivered into the hands of the Philistines. This reveals the tragic consequences of rebelling against “thus saith the LORD”.

Although Saul feared and tried to fast, he could not reverse the decision of God. Once the punishment has been pronounced, it would be fulfilled. This event disclosed the deception of necromancy and the judgment on such practices.

“The Prevention of Devils”

Introduction:

1. The Wiles of Satan Ephesians 6:11
 2. The Warfare of Satan Ephesians 6:12
 3. The Walking of Satan I Peter 5:8
 4. The Works of Satan I John 3:8
-
- I. A Fervency In Supplication Ephesians 6:18
 - A. In The Spirit
 - B. In Supplication
 - II. A Feasting On The Scriptures Matthew 4:4
 - III. A Filling Of The Spirit Ephesians 5:18
 - IV. A Faith In The Saviour I John 5:4
 - V. A Faithfulness In Our Stand Ephesians 6:10; 13-14

It is possible for sinners to be purified from devil possession and saints to prevent devil oppression. Spiritual illnesses can be prohibited, as physical illnesses can. A believer possesses victory over the world, flesh, and the devil, if only he utilizes it. He is able to overcome the attacks of Satan and is able to live a holy, happy, and helpful life for the Lord. All of this may be performed through our new life in our Lord Jesus Christ. We have been resurrected from the dead and commanded to walk in newness of life.

Satan desires to resist and oppose anything that God has set up. He has set many wiles for believers to fall into and become entrapped. Satan rages warfare against the Lord's saints. He desires to ruin every one of them. He is constantly walking around seeking to devour the saint that is trying to live for the Lord. Because of this wicked desire, he is at work with his devils to defeat the Christian. The Lord understands the strategy of the Devil and He has provided some defenses for the saint.

Our first defense against Satanic attack is our prayer life. Paul reveals that our praying should be “always”. This is to be done in the Spirit. A Christian should pray for their own needs as well as the needs of others. Even Samuel displayed the importance in praying for others as he stated “God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you”. Our prayer life gives us spiritual strength to assist us in the warfare of the believer.

It is also important that we feast on the Word of God daily. Jesus used the Scriptures to combat the Satanic assaults He received. He simply said, “It is written”. The Word of the Lord is right and it is forever settled in heaven. It will act as a lamp and a light to the child of God. The Word is pure and true from the beginning. It will act as milk and meat making the believer grow.

Another important factor in combating the Devil is being filled with the Spirit. We must be controlled and directed by the Spirit of God. It is almost impossible to have the right home and church without this filling. The filling of the Spirit will be evidenced in our singing and our service. In order to be Spirit-filled one must be Scripture-filled.

A fourth element involved in our victory is our faith in the Saviour. Our faith will help us to overcome the world. If we do not overcome this world, this world will overcome us. God has given to every believer the power to be an overcomer. We are seated above our enemies (Ephesians 2:6). Where we sit determines our position and our authority. Because of our faith, we possess a God-given ability to keep a continuous victory. One sign of a true believer is he being an overcomer. To be born of God means that we will have and live in victory.

A final key to our victory over devil oppression is our stand in the Lord. The Lord admonishes us to “be strong in the Lord” in Ephesians 6:10. This strength lies “in the Lord”. One cannot be strong “from the Lord”. This strength will enable the believer to stand as found in Ephesians 6:11, 13, and 14. The only way a saint will be able to stand is to “take...the whole armour of God” as

found in Ephesians 6:13. We must learn to “take” and not try to “make” our armour.