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SPIRITUAL WARFARE 3 of 3

REMINDER ON DEVILS, DEMONS AND SATAN

DD&S _____ do not always mean a literal
DDorS _____

Devil, Demon and Satan, Devil, Demon or Satan

Jesus referred to one of the Twelve as “a devil” and said to Peter “Get thee behind me Satan” which shows us how the word can be used to talk about a person or about Satan-like actions.

There are some interesting implications in this - about how "vexed by a devil" or “opposed by Satan” might be a problem with a bad person - or with our own “devil like” behavior. Also, “Satan” is a word that means “adversary” - and sometimes it can be used as an anthropomorphism for “adversity” just like Proverbs calls Wisdom a “she” and treats the abstraction like an entity for purposes of the discussion. It helps us put the following verses in a different light:

Mark 4:15 - “*And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.*”

Acts 5:3 - “*But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back [part] of the price of the land?*”

2 Corinthians 2:11 - “*Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.*”

1 Thessalonians 2:18 - “*Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.*”

WHAT THE BIBLE DOES SAY DEMONS CAN DO

_____ is not a Biblical term. The proper term is _____.

Demon Possessed, demonized

I,D,E,&D: _____

Ill, Dumb, Epileptic and Demonized

D _____ probably refers to some form of **I** _____

Demonized, Insanity

The Bible does give examples of demons who have made people ill, unable to speak, epileptic, or have “demonized” people. (Matthew 8:16, 10:1, 12:45, Mark 1:27, 3:11, 5:13, 6:7, Luke 4:36, 6:18, 7:21, 8:2, 11:26, Acts 5:16, 8:7, 19:12.)

Demonized, or “has a devil” may imply insanity. Jesus was accused of having a devil and being “mad” (John 10:20 for an example), which may be literal or an idiom. The usage in John 10:20 seems to imply a disconnect from reality.

SS,VP: _____

Supernatural Strength, Violent Power

We have the example of Legion (Mark 5, Luke 8) and the demon abjured by the Seven Sons of Sceva (Acts 19:14-16). Both had supernatural strength, breaking chains and defeating others seven against one.

WHAT THE BIBLE DOES NOT SAY DEMONS CAN DO

Where in the Bible does it give us examples or tell us the demons can...???

CYF: _____ Only Job 1, in a challenge issued by God - and Satan could do nothing until God gave him clearance. Yet, many people assume that their finances are attacked by demons.
Consume Your Finances

DYF: _____ Only Job 1, in a challenge issued by God - and Satan could do nothing until God gave him clearance. Yet, many people assume that their family is attacked by demons.
Destroy Your Family

PWA: _____ - In 1 Chronicles 21:1 it says “Satan Provoked David” - so does that mean Satan can make someone do something they would never, ever do? In 2 Samuel 24:1 it says “God Provoked David” about exactly the same thing! The answer is found in two places: Job 1 and Genesis 1:1. Who was responsible for the harm to Job?

Provoke Wrong Actions

God's Agenda: _____

To Prove Job Would Pass the Test

Satan's Agenda: _____

To Prove Job Would Fail the Test

Genesis 1:1 Principle: D: _____ - 2 Samuel 24:1 says that the Anger of the Lord burned, telling us that David was breaking God's Rules. Anger means "One of My rules has been broken." Rule Breakers Break Rules. David was breaking God's Rules already, so he continued along that path and broke this rule. It's Cause and Effect. Design

GB: _____ - There is talk in the "Spiritual Warfare Community" about Generational Bondage. The idea is "The Sins of the Father are Visited On the Children" and it just flows down the generations. Who does the BIBLE say does this? If you look at Exodus 20:5, 34:7, Numbers 14:18, and Deuteronomy 5:9, Four Times it says that GOD does it. God does not intervene supernaturally to punish generations, nor does He intervene supernaturally to force people copy the sins of their parents... BUT there IS a Genesis 1:1 Principle at work here!

Generational Bondage

CONSEQUENCES OF "DELIVERANCE"

D:CoD,DfA: _____

Deliverance: Casting Out Demons, Deliver from Addiction

The goal is to get rid of demons, get rid of addictions, or get rid of Living in Reaction behaviors. BUT, if it IS really demons, there is an additional issue to consider...

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." So if you are going to address a real demon problem, you MUST address the "Rights Issue."

DOING "DELIVERANCE"

WP:IWStWiRNMWIF: _____

James 4:7 - "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

ICSwWP: _____

Impulse Control Solved with Will Power

Will Power is Most Powerful when the Will is fully Submitted to S:GRPO, Gen1:1.

BCFoG: _____ - Stories abound of Accusation, even as simple as "he looked at me like he knew everything I had ever done wrong." If you can be made to feel Guilty, be very wary of anything that may be a real demonic encounter. Be Completely Free of Guilt

AR: _____ - Presume "Deeded Real Estate" and look for areas of Unforgiveness. Then either do Forgiveness AND Self-Forgiveness, or Lead Someone Through It.

Address Rights

ADRE: _____ - Intentional Calling on Spirits.

Alternative Deeded Real Estate

Solution: JLIG,R&SF: _____

Just Let It Go, Repent and Self Forgiveness

P&F:IP/CP: _____

Prayer and Fasting: Intercessory Prayer/Combat Prayer

Affirm your own rights as a Christian - be "cleansed by confession" and "prepared with repentance" and make sure you have the faith to deal with the encounter without fear. Cleanse the body, too, and spend the time you do not spend eating praying over the situation. **Matthew 17:21** - "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." **Mark 9:29** - "And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting." If you do not already know how to do this kind of prayer, this is not a topic to be covered in one sermon. Pray in Groups.

WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOU ENCOUNTER TRUE SUPERNATURAL POWERS?

CtC: _____ - Refer the matter to someone with knowledge and experience.

"Call the Cops"

Dangers of Amateur Play: Four Pastors onsite at a ritual place. "Poking the Dragon a Little."

Making the problem worse (1+7!). Falling into a trap. Damage to Your Faith.

*Do not pick a fight you do not know you can win!
Arrogance in this area is phenomenally dangerous!*