

~DEMON POSSESSION (337)

- The **captive control and influence of a person by an invisible wicked spirit**. In Bible times demonized persons were afflicted in various ways, some were **unable to speak, some were blind, some acted insane, and some possessed superhuman strength**. All were woefully mistreated by these invisible bullies.
- Now when they were leaving, look! People brought him a **dumb man possessed of a demon**. (**Matthew 9:32**)
- Then they brought him a **demon-possessed** man, blind and dumb, and he cured him, so that the **dumb man spoke and saw**. (**Matthew 12:22**)
- Lord, have mercy on my son, because he is an **epileptic** and is ill, for he falls often into the fire and often into the water. (**Matthew 17:15**)
- He had his haunt among the tombs, and up to that time absolutely nobody was able to bind him fast even with a chain. (**Mark 5:3**)
- Because he had oftentimes been bound with fetters and chains, but the chains were snapped apart by him and the fetters were actually smashed, and **nobody had the strength to subdue him**. (**Mark 5:4**)
- And continually, night and day, he was crying out in the tombs and in the mountains and slashing himself with stones. (**Mark 5:5**)
- For he had been ordering the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For over a long time it had held him fast, and he was repeatedly bound with chains and fetters under guard, but he would burst the bonds and be driven by the **demon** into the lonely places (**Luke 8:29**)
- But even as he was approaching, the **demon dashed him to the ground and violently convulsed him**. However, Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy and delivered him to his father. (**Luke 9:42**)

- Later he was expelling a **dumb demon**. After the **demon** came out, the **dumb man spoke**. And the crowds marveled. (**Luke 11:14**)
- With that the **man in whom the wicked spirit was leaped upon them, got the mastery of one after the other**, and prevailed against them, so that they fled naked and wounded out of that house. (**Acts of Apostles 19:16**)
- **Men, women, and children were their victims.**
- And, look! A Phoenician woman from those regions came out and cried aloud, saying; Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David. My daughter is **badly demonized**. (**Matthew 15:22**)
- And immediately after he got out of the boat a man under the power of an **unclean spirit met him from among the memorial tombs**. (**Mark 5:2**)
- **Sometimes the agony was compounded when many demons gained possession of a person at the same time.**
- And certain women that had been cured of wicked spirits and sicknesses, Mary the so-called Magdalene, from whom seven **demons** had come out. (**Luke 8:2**)
- Jesus asked him; What is your name? He said; Legion, because many **demons** had entered into him. (**Luke 8:30**)
- When the **demon** was expelled, the person returned to a normal, sane state of mind. There is a difference between **demon possession** and **ordinary physical sickness and disease**, for Jesus cured both types of disorder.
- But after it became evening, people brought him many **demon-possessed** persons, and he **expelled the spirits** with a word, and he cured all who were faring badly. (**Matthew 8:16**)
- Then Jesus rebuked it, and the **demon** came out of him, and the boy was cured from that hour. (**Matthew 17:18**)
- After evening had fallen, when the sun had set, the people began bringing him all those who were ill and those **demon-possessed**.

(Mark 1:32)

- So he cured many that were ill with various sicknesses, and he expelled many **demons**, but he would not let the **demons** speak, because they knew him to be Christ. **(Mark 1:34)**
- Some of Jesus greatest miracles involved the setting of possessed persons free from captivity to the **demons**. They were powerless against him. But not everyone was happy with his **demon-expelling** work.
- The Pharisees accused him of being in league with the ruler of the **demons**, Beelzebub, whereas in reality, as Jesus pointed out, **they themselves were the offspring of the Devil**.
- But the Pharisees began to say; It is by the ruler of the **demons** that he expels the **demons**. **(Matthew 9:34)**
- At hearing this, the Pharisees said; This fellow does not expel the **demons** except by means of Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons. **(Matthew 12:24)**
- Also, the scribes that came down from Jerusalem were saying; He has **Beelzebub**, and he expels the **demons** by means of the **ruler of the demons**. **(Mark 3:22)**
- But certain ones of them said; He expels the **demons** by means of **Beelzebub** the ruler of the **demons**. **(Luke 11:15)**
- The crowd answered; You have a **demon**. Who is seeking to kill you? **(John 7:20)**
- You are from your father the Devil, and you wish to do the desires of your father. That one was a manslayer when he began, and he did not stand fast in the truth, because truth is not in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks according to his own disposition, because he is a liar and the father of the lie. **(John 8:44)**
- In answer the Jews said to him; Do we not rightly say; You are a Samaritan and have a **demon**? **(John 8:48)**
- Jesus answered; I do not have a **demon**, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. **(John 8:49)**

- **But I am not seeking glory for myself. There is One that is seeking and judging. (John 8:50)**
- **Most truly I say to you, if anyone observes my word, he will never see death at all. (John 8:51)**
- **The Jews said to him; Now we do know you have a **demon**. Abraham died, also the prophets, but you say; If anyone observes my word, he will never taste death at all. (John 8:52)**
- **Jesus knew the source of the power that gave him mastery over the **demons**, and he openly confessed that it was Yehowah's spirit.**
- **But if it is by means of God's spirit that I expel the **demons**, the kingdom of God has really overtaken you. (Matthew 12:28)**
- **Be on your way back home, and keep on relating what things God did for you. Accordingly he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city what things Jesus did for him. (Luke 8:39)**
- **But if it is by means of God's finger I expel the **demons**, the kingdom of God has really overtaken you. (Luke 11:20)**
- **The **demons** themselves recognized Jesus identity and addressed him as the **Son of God, the Holy One of God, and Jesus, Son of the Most High God.****
- **And, look! They **screamed**, saying; What have we to do with you, Son of God? **Did you come here to torment us before the appointed time?** (Matthew 8:29)**
- **Saying; What have we to do with you, Jesus you Nazarene? Did you come to destroy us? I know exactly who you are, the **Holy One of God.** (Mark 1:24)**
- **Even the unclean spirits, whenever they would behold him, would prostrate themselves before him and cry out, saying; **You are the Son of God.** (Mark 3:11)**
- **And, when he had cried out with a loud voice, he said; What have I to do with you, Jesus, **Son of the Most High God?** I put you under oath by God not to torment me. (Mark 5:7)**

- Ah! What have we to do with you, Jesus you Nazarene? Did you come to destroy us? I know exactly who you are, the Holy One of God. (**Luke 4:34**)
- **Demons** also would come out of many, crying out and saying; You **are the Son of God**. But, rebuking them, he would not permit them to speak, because they knew him to be the Christ. (**Luke 4:41**)
- But in answer the wicked spirit said to them; I know Jesus and I am acquainted with Paul, **but who are you?** (**Acts of Apostles 19:15**)
- You believe there is one God, do you? You are doing quite well. And yet the **demons** believe and shudder. (**James 2:19**)
- However, at no time would Jesus allow them to witness in his behalf.
- But many times he sternly charged them not to make him known. (**Mark 3:12**)
- On the other hand, a man who was set free from the power of the **demons** was encouraged to publish to his relatives all the things Yehowah had done for him.
- Now as he was boarding the boat, the man that had been **demon-possessed** began entreating him that he might continue with him. (**Mark 5:18**)
- However, he did not let him, but said to him; Go home to your relatives, and report to them all the things Yehowah has done for you and the mercy he had on you. (**Mark 5:19**)
- And he went away and started to proclaim in the Decapolis all the things Jesus did for him, and all the people began to wonder. (**Mark 5:20**)
- Jesus also gave authority over the **demons** to his 12 apostles, and later to the 70 that he sent out, so that in the name of Jesus they too were able to cure the **demon-possessed**.
- Cure sick people, raise up dead persons, make lepers clean, expel **demons**. You received free, give free. (**Matthew 10:8**)

- And to have authority to expel the **demons**. (**Mark 3:15**)
- And they would expel many **demons** and grease many sickly people with oil and cure them. (**Mark 6:13**)
- Then he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all the **demons** and to cure sicknesses. (**Luke 9:1**)
- Then the seventy returned with joy, saying; Lord, even the **demons** are made subject to us by the use of your name. (**Luke 10:17**)
- Even one not an immediate associate of Jesus or his apostles was able to exorcise a **demon** on the basis of Jesus name.
- John said to him; Teacher, we saw a certain man expelling **demons** by the use of your name and we tried to prevent him, because he was not accompanying us. (**Mark 9:38**)
- But Jesus said; Do not try to prevent him, for there is no one that will do a powerful work on the basis of my name that will quickly be able to revile me. (**Mark 9:39**)
- For he that is not against us is for us. (**Mark 9:40**)
- In response John said; Instructor, we saw a certain man expelling **demons** by the use of your name and we tried to prevent him, because he is not following with us. (**Luke 9:49**)
- But Jesus said to him; Do not you men try to prevent him, for he that is not against you is for you. (**Luke 9:50**)
- After the death of Jesus, the apostles continued to have this power. Paul ordered a **demon of divination** out of a slave girl, much to the anger of her money-loving owners.
- And it happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a certain servant girl with a spirit, a **demon of divination**, met us. She used to furnish her masters with much gain by practicing the art of prediction. (**Acts of Apostles 16:16**)
- This girl kept following Paul and us and crying out with the words; These men are slaves of the Most High God, who are

publishing to you the way of salvation. ([Acts of Apostles 16:17](#))

- This she kept doing for many days. Finally Paul got tired of it and turned and said to the spirit; I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And it came out that very hour. ([Acts of Apostles 16:18](#))
- Well, when her masters saw that their hope of gain had left, they laid hold of Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the rulers. ([Acts of Apostles 16:19](#))
- But when certain impostors, the seven sons of priest Sceva, attempted to cast out a **demon** in the name of Jesus whom Paul preaches, the **demon-possessed** man seized and severely mauled the seven of them and stripped them naked.
- But certain ones of the roving Jews who practiced the casting out of **demons** also undertook to name the name of the Lord Jesus over those having the wicked spirits, saying; I solemnly charge you by Jesus whom Paul preaches. ([Acts of Apostles 19:13](#))
- Now there were seven sons of a certain Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, doing this. ([Acts of Apostles 19:14](#))
- But in answer the wicked spirit said to them; I know Jesus and I am acquainted with Paul, but who are you? ([Acts of Apostles 19:15](#))
- With that the man in whom the wicked spirit was leaped upon them, got the mastery of one after the other, and prevailed against them, so that they fled naked and wounded out of that house. ([Acts of Apostles 19:16](#))
- Often the wild and uncontrolled conduct of mentally unbalanced persons is due to possession by these invisible minions of Satan. Sometimes it is reported that spirit mediums have cast these **demons** out, this calls to mind what Jesus said; Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not expel **demons** in your name? And yet then I will confess to them; I never knew you!
- Many will say to me in that day; Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and expel **demons** in your name, and perform many powerful works in your name? ([Matthew 7:22](#))

- **And yet then I will confess to them; I never knew you! Get away from me, you workers of lawlessness. (Matthew 7:23)**
- **Compelling reasons, then, for heeding the counsel, Be watchful, and, Put on the complete suit of armor from God that you may be able to stand firm against the machinations of the Devil and his demons.**
- **Keep your senses, be watchful. Your adversary, the Devil, walks about like a roaring lion, seeking to devour someone. (1 Peter 5:8)**
- **Put on the complete suit of armor from God that you may be able to stand firm against the machinations of the Devil. (Ephesians 6:11)**