

3 | DEMONIC INFLUENCE



What does the Bible say about demons and what to do with them?

Mat 10:7,8

As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

Luk 10:1,17

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

Mark 16:15-18

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

God's desire has always been for us to live in freedom as human being. In Christ we are delivered from demonic activities.

What is a demon?

An evil spirit or an unclean spirit.

A spiritual being without a body.

How can we respond when God shows that a demon is active?

Mark 1:23-26

Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, 24 "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

25 "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" 26 The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

Mark 1:32-34

32 That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. 33 The whole town gathered at the door, 34 and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Note: There is a big difference between demons and our own sinful nature.

Gal 5:19-24

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Mark 16:17

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What is the purpose of a demon or demons?

Their first mission is to hinder you in the knowledge of Jesus Christ as a Savior.

Their second job is to hold you back from being an effective servant of Christ.

What are the characteristic actions of demons?

- Seduce
- Compel
- Defile
- Torment
- Enslave
- Mislead and deceive
- Make you weak, sick, tired
- Kill

Where do demons reside?

Emotions, mind, tongue, lust, perverted desires, the occult, false religions and philosophies, sorcery and witchcraft.

How do demons become active in a person?

- By occult practices of ancestor. Ex 20:3-6
- By personally engaging in occult practices. Deut 18: 10-12
- Sinful influences from parents.
- Manipulation of other people; domination and emotional soul ties. Jam 3:16
- Childhood oppression. 1 Pet 3: 6
- Moments or places of weakness.
- By sin - actions or habits.

How did Jesus Christ overcome the power of demons?

- Jesus breaks the power of sin and the curse on our lives. *1 John 3: 8b*
- Servants of God are given the power to break the influence of satan, demons and curses. *Luke 10:19*

Steps towards your freedom

1. Be honest and humble.
2. Practice faith in Christ who conquered the demons.

3. Confess any sin that the Holy Spirit brings to mind about your ancestors.
4. Confess and repent of any sin the Holy Spirit shows you about yourself.
5. Break off any contact you may have had with occult practices.
6. Forgive those who harmed you.
7. Cast out the demon or demons in Jesus' name.

You remain free by submitting to God (James 4: 7) then the demon will leave you. Be regularly filled by the Holy Spirit and the word (Eph 5:18). And don't forget to worship God!

Refresh your thinking by regularly reading and memorizing the word of God.

1 Pet 2:24, 2 Cor 9:8, 2 Cor 5:17,18.



PRAYER:

Thank you Jesus that from today on I may live under the blessing of the Father. I receive everything you have prepared for me in heaven.

Go through the points outlined above and name any point that may relate to your life.

Today I confess that Christ is Lord of my life and every demon must leave my body, soul and spirit, in the name of Jesus. Every demonic power associated with me must leave me, in Jesus name.

Thank You that I am free through Jesus Christ. Thank you that the Holy Spirit keeps filling me. Where He is, there can be no more demons.

