

# What About Demons?

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Back on January 16th, we did a program about angels and the roles they have played and do play in our world. That discussion led us to the edge of another related topic that we did not get into: demons.

Demons are REAL - they have an agenda and have been working that agenda in our world for a long time. Where do demons come from? Are they able to communicate with us? Are we able to communicate with them? What kinds of things do demons do? Is demon possession real? Should we be afraid of them? Stay with us as we look into this very difficult and somewhat scary topic.

# **Questions for Consideration:**

- 1. Where do demons come from?
- 2. What is the agenda of the demons?
- 3. How do demons influence us?
- 4. What happens when someone is possessed?
- 5. How do we follow only that which is Godly?

A quick review from our program on January 16<sup>th</sup>:

To understand demons, we need to understand their counterparts, good angels:

# WHEN DID ANGELIC INTERVENTION OCCUR?

At key points when God's plan would be impossible to understand; (Abraham, Mary, Zacharias)

At key points when God's plan required specific prophecies to be written; (Daniel, Zechariah)

At key points when God's human messengers needed extra assistance; (Elijah, Hagar, Gideon)

At key points when God's plan was in danger of being thwarted; (Apostles in prison)

At key points when God's plan was to be expanded; (Peter and Cornelius)



• Sarah wanted power over her life and an identity.



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# Good angels are never at the call or service of men, not even Jesus!

Matthew 4:5-7: (KJV) <sup>5</sup>Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Notice, it says don't tempt God - it doesn't say don't tempt the angels. God alone has the power of calling up the angels.

<u>Matthew 26:53</u>: (KJV) Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

# Jesus himself could not command the angels!

)) It's a challenging world to be in, Reverend Nina, angelsteach.com

- "Angel People" are sensitive souls that's why you are the "Earth Angels."
- This world is challenging to be in.

# Whenever we claim insight into any spiritual realm, we need to be absolutely sure which realm we are tapped into!

<u>2 Corinthians 11:13-14</u>: (NASB) <sup>13</sup>For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. <sup>14</sup>No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

#### 1. Where do demons come from?

# Satan's fall - actually it's more like Satan's leap:

<u>Isaiah 14:12-14</u>: (NASB) <sup>12</sup>How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations! <sup>13</sup>But you said in your heart, <u>I will ascend</u> to heaven; <u>I will raise my throne</u> above the stars of God, and <u>I will sit on the mount of assembly</u> in the recesses of the north. <sup>14</sup>I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; <u>I will make myself</u> like the Most High.

Satan's desire was to take power that was not his, usurping God.



- It's about understanding how to invite the angels into your life.
- What it looks, feels and smells like, what that's all about to understand how your life can be touched when you open your heart and your mind to angel communication.

# Satan's followers' fall (leap)...

Genesis 6:2-4: (NASB) <sup>2</sup>that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. <sup>3</sup>Then the LORD said, My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years. <sup>4</sup>The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

Why I (Sarah Sampalic) became a Witch, From Witchcraft to Christianity, docu-story on youtube

- It began with things I had an interest in and dabbled with;
- I felt like this was what I was supposed to do;
- You are actually inviting spirits into your life;

# There are those who say that the previous Genesis text does NOT refer to angels and women mating. Consider the following:

<u>2 Peter 2:4</u>: (RVIC) For if God spared not angels when they sinned, but cast them down to Tartarus, and committed them to chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

These angels were "demoted" and cast into spiritual darkness, away from the light of God and His presence. These angels are not following God's principles and way of dealing with mankind. They are following after Satan.

# These who sinned were cast down and out of the light:

<u>Jude 1:6-7</u>: (NASB) <sup>6</sup>And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day, <sup>7</sup>just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

They abandoned their proper abode and now God keeps them in bondage under darkness. It compares the sin of these angels to the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah, a very vile and immoral place. Angels came to visit Lot and the men of Sodom wanted those angels. It compares that immoral desire to that which happened before the flood. (Strange flesh = angels and men, their natures are supposed to stay distinct.)

God gives us freedom of choice and apparently gave that to the angels as well.

#### This settles it!

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<u>1 Peter 3:18-20</u>: (NRSV) <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

The spirits in prison are the fallen angels. They are engulfed in darkness but have an effect on us. All of these texts give us the beginnings of those who fell from light into darkness.

#### 2. What is the agenda of the demons?

#### Satan's current position, his "Mission Statement":

<u>2 Corinthians 4:4</u>: (KJV) In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Satan is the god of this world; he is in the darkness; therefore, he is a god of darkness. How does he get away with it?



# Satan's followers' current position:

<u>2 Corinthians 11:14-15</u>: (KJV) <sup>14</sup>And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. <sup>15</sup>Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

He is transformed to look like an angel of light; plus he has blinded the minds of people that see not. This makes a web of deception run by Satan and demons!

The "angel's" opening statement from a recording of the channeling of the Archangel Michael, January 2011, Reverend Nina, angelsteach.com

- Dear Earth Angels I bring good tidings of great joy;
- I am here to shift what you think your life purpose to be...

# Once there was an "angel" who sought to shift another "life purpose":

Matthew 4:2-4: (NASB) <sup>2</sup>And after he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he then became hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread. <sup>4</sup>But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

Satan tried to convince Jesus that if he was hungry, he should eat.

# Satan and his followers tempt!

<u>Matthew 4:5-7</u>: (NASB) <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>and said to him, If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, He will command his angels concerning you; and On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. (He uses scripture!) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, On the other hand, it is written, You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.

#### Satan and his followers mislead!

Matthew 4:8-11: (NASB) <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, All these things I will give you, if you fall down and worship me. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, Go, Satan! For it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only. <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to him.

They mislead and misquote Scripture as Satan and his followers usurp that which is not theirs.

Sarah Sampalic, I believed I had to die to live, From Witchcraft to Christianity, docu-story on youtube

- Sarah's "spirit guide" was telling her there was only one way to truly experience change;
- To live, you must die sacrifice your actual physical life then you will get a new start.

But isn't that what Christianity says? Sacrifice your life?

<u>1 Peter 5:8</u>: (NASB) Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Satan and his followers seek to destroy any who will follow after God!



#### 3. How do demons influence us?

You keep reaching, just let go, from a recording of the channeling of the Archangel Michael, January 2011, Reverend Nina, angelsteach.com

- You continue to reach for that which is without your grasp;
- Life's purpose is in this moment;
- The energies are shifting and changing and evolving;
- You must not try, you must simply surrender;
- You are in the water fighting the current...if you just let go, it is so much easier.

However, righteousness IS fighting against the current, so we know that this distorted "message" is contrary to Scripture.

Galatians 1:6-8: (NASB) <sup>6</sup>I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; <sup>7</sup>which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup>But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!

Demons counterfeit goodness and righteousness. Mixing truth and error, they will go to any length to subvert the truth!

- ()) I became a Satanist, From Satanist to Jesus Christ, the Story of Jeff Harchbarger, youtube.com
  - It was a rush I had this sensation of being an empty cup and then being filled with darkness.

Ephesians 6:12: (KJV) For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

There is one observation to carry forward through the balance of the program: Most of what demons do is a dark attempt at counterfeiting the will and work of God to the end of controlling and manipulating our world.

# Now we will look at demon possession:

<u>Luke 8:26-31</u>: (NRSV) <sup>26</sup>Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me-- <sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, What is your name? He said, Legion; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

The demon recognized Jesus, and knew Jesus was superior. Although this subject is scary, we also know that Jesus is superior and will be victorious.

When looking at these kinds of examples, many questions must be answered for the sake of understanding:

Who is talking - the man or the demon?



- Where is the demon *in* the person or elsewhere? (The influence of the demon is controlling the man.)
- Do demons "need permission" to possess?
- What happens when a demon is "cast out?"
  - 4. What happens when someone is possessed?
- Energy is pouring down on your planet, from a recording of the channeling of the Archangel Michael, January 2011, Reverend Nina, angelsteach.com
  - The energies pouring down on your planet are like none that have been here before and like none that will be here again this is a divine opportunity for each and every one of you.

# Demons (their influence) "enter."

<u>Luke 22:3-4</u>: (NRSV) <sup>3</sup>Then Satan entered <Strongs #1525> into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; <sup>4</sup>he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them.

An example of entering <Strongs #1525> that is not physical but mental:

<u>Matthew 26:41</u>: Watch and pray, that ye <u>enter <1525</u>> not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

The actual demon is not in the individual, but the power and influence of that demon is.

- It was a rush until they turned on me, From Satanist to Jesus Christ, the Story of Jeff Harchbarger, youtube.com
  - It was the very thing that I wanted to give my life over to, until they turned on me as a person.

#### Demons are not satisfied unless they are able to control:

<u>Matthew 12:43-45</u>: (NASB) <sup>43</sup>Now when the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and does not find it. <sup>44</sup>Then it says, I will return to my house from which I came; and when it comes, it finds it unoccupied, swept, and put in order. <sup>45</sup>Then it goes and takes along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. That is the way it will also be with this evil generation.

The demon looks back to where it was. If "unoccupied," it can walk right back in. Once that influence is but away, it must be replaced with something of value and righteousness.

Remember "permission to enter" is possible when we do not have righteousness occupying our minds. Satan and his demons are looking for places to plant and flourish their influence.

5. How do we follow only that which is Godly?



- Observations about the objective of demon possession:
  - To control;
  - To manipulate;



- To seize and drive that which it possesses;
- To act solely for its own purposes;
- Never for the benefit of the one possessed;
- Only capable of producing evil results.

<u>James 3:16</u>: (NAS) For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

Satan's demons are jealous of the love God has for us - a love they rejected - and they want to drag us down with them. We need not fear because we are promised protection if we turn to Christ.

# How can one escape all of this?

Philippians 2:9-11: (NASB) <sup>9</sup>For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at **the name of Jesus** every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- Let go of the notion of Life Purpose, from a recording of the channeling of the Archangel Michael, January 2011, Reverend Nina, angelsteach.com
  - Life purpose is a notion and an idea and what I would like to suggest is you let go and simply set the intention of being happy and following your angel's guidance.

Realize the source of what we pay attention to: Is our source our own thoughts, feelings, and experiences of others OR is it the Holy Bible - a book of history, science prophecy, direction and God's will?

<u>Philippians 4:6-8</u>: (NASB) <sup>6</sup>Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

The counteraction to this darkness is the peace of God. It will guard our hearts and minds in the name of Christ Jesus. Dwell on "these things," something worthy of praise.

- )) Shut that door for Good! From Witchcraft to Christianity, docu-story on youtube
  - I had a big bonfire and burned everything because that to me was the only way I knew to demonstrate to God...that I was shutting that door for good!

<u>Matthew 4:10</u>: (NAS) Then Jesus said to him, Go Satan! For it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.

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- Lay down my life not suicide! From Witchcraft to Christianity, docu-story on youtube
  - Satan confused and deceived me into believing I had to die for a new life whereas Christ was asking me to lay down the old flesh person so I could be made new here.

That's the profound difference between the way God works and the way demons work.



We are dealing with a world full of darkness in a lot of ways. Demons are real - they possess and manipulate. They want you to walk away from that which is good and righteous.

Romans 8:38-39: (NASB) <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

<u>James 2:19</u>: (ASV) Thou believest that God is one; thou doest well: the demons also believe, and shudder.

They know their time is limited. They will fight harder, so we should have stronger faith and be more fully determined to know nothing except Jesus Christ. That keeps us safe and happy, by God's grace.

What about demons?
For Jonathan and Rick (and Vicki!) and Christian Questions..
Think about it...!

# And now <u>even more</u> to think about... only in the Full Edition of CQ Rewind!

# How demons operate:

# They enter:

"Entered:" Strongs #1525 eisercomai eiserchomai ice-er'-khom-ahee 1) to go out or come in: to enter 1a) of men or animals, as into a house or a city 1b) of Satan taking possession of the body of a person 2) metaph. 2a) of entrance into any condition, state of things, society, employment 2a1) to arise, come into existence, begin to be 2a2) of men, to come before the public 2a3) to come into life 2b) of thoughts that come into the mind AV-enter 107, go 22, come in 19, go in 18, enter in 17, come 14, arise 1; 198

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Hebrews 4:1: Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering <1525> into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

# They possess/control:

**Demon**: Strongs #1139 daimonizomai (dahee-mon-id'-zom-ahee); to be exercised by a daemon:

1) to be under the power of a demon.

The phrase "possessed with devils" is from this word.

<u>Matthew 4:24</u>: 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 <1139>,



<u>Matthew 15:22</u>: 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 <1139>.

# Demonic power is not satisfied unless it is able to control:

<u>Matthew 12:43-45</u>: (NRSV) <sup>43</sup>When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting place, but it finds none. <sup>44</sup>Then it says, I will return to my house from which I came When it comes, it finds it empty, swept, and put in order. <sup>45</sup>Then it goes and brings along seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So will it be also with this evil generation.

Satan and his demons are looking for places to plant and flourish their influence.

They are only capable of evil:

<u>Jude 1:6</u>: (NRSV) And the angels who did not keep their own position, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains in deepest darkness for the judgment of the great Day.

<u>2 Peter 2:4</u>: (NRSV) For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of deepest darkness to be kept until the judgment;

<u>1 Peter 3:19-20</u>: (NRSV) <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the **spirits in prison**, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

Spirits in prison - demonic powers (of darkness) under guard.

The fact that these demons are restrained in chains of darkness and their power and influence is under constant guard indicates that they have absolutely no power for good, for they are locked out of the source of all good.

<u>James 1:17</u>: (NRSV) Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

The great contrast - God's Holy Spirit and its influence in the lives of men:

The same principle <u>in an opposite fashion</u>, applies with the Holy Spirit - God is not in you, but His power and influence are able to be in you and <u>at your disposal</u>, <u>rather than you being at the disposal of the evil power and influence of a demon</u>.

God's power and influence manifest themselves in the lives of men primarily in two ways:

- 1. The miraculous gifts and miracles of the Spirit;
- 2. The begettal of the Holy Spirit.
- 1. The miraculous gifts and miracles of the Spirit: These gifts were used in both the Old and New Testaments, for the purpose of showing God's power over all things even death. In the Old Testament, the Spirit "comes upon" or "rests upon", but never begets:



<u>Judges 6:34</u>: (KJV) But the spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered after him.

<u>Judges 14:6</u>: (KJV) And the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

Numbers 11:25: (KJV) And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

These manifestations never possessed, hurt or manipulated the person used by God.

The New Testament has similar examples of the Spirit - influencing but not necessarily begetting:

<u>Luke 1:35</u>: And the angel answered and said unto her, The <u>Holy Ghost <4151</u>> shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

<u>Luke 2:25</u>: And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the **Holy Ghost** <4151> was upon him.

<u>Luke 1:41</u>: And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost <4151>:

Acts 2:1-4: (KJV) <sup>1</sup>And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost <4151>, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.



#### **Observations:**

- The miracles (healing, speaking in tongues, prophecy etc.,) all seem to be associated with being filled with the Spirit, or the Spirit coming upon someone.
- Once again, the Holy Spirit never possessed, hurt, or manipulated the person used by God.

What about the begettal of the spirit? That is a Christian Question for another day!