

Study QUESTIONS

Ep.1357: Should Christians Be Involved in Exorcisms?

See:



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1. What is exorcism? What does it mean to “exorcize” (verb) or “adjure”? How was “adjure” used legally in the Old Testament? Why would the Jewish exorcists adjure by Jesus’ name? (Acts 19:11-13, Matthew 26:63, Leviticus 5:1)
2. During Jesus’ earthly ministry, who was given the power to cast out demons? What kind of special rituals did Jesus and the disciples use to cast out demons? After the two instances of being sent out, in what way were the followers of Jesus involved in healing before Pentecost? (Matthew 10:5-8, Mark 6:12-13, Luke 10:1-3, 17-20)
3. In view of 1 Peter 5:8, why do true Christians (and ancient Israelites) not have to worry about demon possession? Are we totally protected against Satan? Explain how 1 Corinthians 10:16-21 shows us this. Which influences of Satan’s give you the most trouble?
4. Recount the story of the man with the unclean spirit in the country of the Gergesenes (Gadarenes). What were the demons afraid Jesus would do to them? Compare their lives to Jesus’. What were the possible reasons the demons begged to enter the swine? Was there a lesson for the Jewish pig farmers in the region? Why does Jesus release the spirits instead of destroying them? (Mark 5:1-13)
5. What method did Jesus use to cast out demons? How did he handle the demon in the daughter of the Canaanite woman? Why would he even consider healing a Gentile girl? (Matthew 15:22,28)
6. Describe all the accounts of Jesus’ followers casting out demons after Pentecost. What happened at Pentecost that would have helped them to do this? What rituals were used in all these examples? What other gift of the spirit was casting out demons connected to? Who were healed by the disciples? Contrast healing practices in Christian churches now with the apostles’ time. (Acts 5:12-16, 8:5-8, 16:16-19, 19:11-12)
7. Do you feel it is a Christian responsibility to cast out demons at this time? Why do you think there are so few instances of demon possession in the New Testament?
8. What do the Scriptures tell us to be like in this day and age? Think on these points:
 - a. How do you actively pursue and show evidence of your faith every day?
 - b. Are your goals and moral stands based on the world’s or on Christ’s?
 - c. How does God’s spirit in your life guide and direct your actions?
 - d. How do you attempt to honor God in all that you do?