

## DEMONS

### I. Scriptural references to demons.

#### A. Greek words based on *daimon*.

1. *daimon* - Matt. 8:31
2. *daimonion* - (63 usages in New Testament)
3. *daimoniodes* - James 3:15
4. *daimonizomai* - "possessed by a demon" - Matt. 4:24; 8:16,28,33; 9:32; 12:22; 15:22; Mk. 1:32; 5:15,18; Lk. 8:36
5. *deisidaimon* - *deido* = to fear - Acts 25:19
6. *deisidaimonia* - Acts 17:22

#### B. Greek phrases using *pneuma*.

1. *pneuma* - Matt. 8:16; 9:33; Lk. 9:39; 10:20; Acts 16:18; I Cor. 12:3; I John 4:1-3
2. unclean spirits -
3. evil spirits - Matt. 12:45; Lk. 7:21; 8:2; 11:26; Acts 19:12
4. deceitful spirits - I Tim. 4:1
5. sickness caused by a spirit - Lk. 13:11
6. spirit which makes mute - Mk. 9:17
7. spirits of demons - Lk. 4:33; Rev. 16:14

### II. Demons are

- A. spirit beings which can possess men
- B. subject to Satan - Mk. 3:22
- C. destined for judgment - Matt. 8:29

### III. Expressions of demonic activity

#### A. Particular expressions in New Testament accounts

1. screaming - Mk. 5:5; Lk. 9:39
2. violent behavior - Matt. 8:28
3. self-destructive behavior - Matt. 17:15; Mk. 5:5,13; 9:18; Lk. 8:33
4. social nudity - Lk. 8:27,35
5. seizures - Matt. 17:15; Mk. 1:26; 9:18,20,26; Lk. 9:39
6. mute - Mk. 9:25,32; 12:22; Lk. 11:14
7. deafness - Mk. 9:25
7. blindness - Matt. 12:22
8. involuntary speaking - Matt. 8:29; Mk. 1:24; 5:7; Lk. 4:33; 8:28; Acts 16:16-18

#### B. Connection to physical illness

1. Stated connection - Lk. 13:10-17
2. Demonic and physical illness separated - Matt. 4:24; 8:16; Mk. 1:32-34,39; 3:10; Lk. 4:40; 6:17; 13:32; Acts 5:16; 10:38

#### C. Connected to idolatry - Acts 17:18; I Cor. 10:20; Rev. 9:20

#### IV. Exorcising of demons

##### A. Examples of

###### 1. Jesus.

- a. demoniac in synagogue - Mk. 1:23; Lk. 4:33-36
  - b. Gerasene demoniac - Matt. 8:28-34; Mk. 5:1-20; Lk. 8:26-39
  - c. daughter of Syrophenician woman - Matt. 15:21-28; Mk. 7:24-30
  - d. epileptic young man - Matt. 17:14-21; Mk. 9:14-29; Lk. 9:37-43
  - e. mute demoniac - Matt. 9:32-34
  - f. blind and mute demoniac - Matt. 12:22; Lk. 11:15
  - g. Mary Magdalene - Mk. 16:9; Lk. 8:2
2. Jesus' disciples - Matt. 10:1; 17:16,19; Mk. 3:14; 6:7; 9:18,28; 16:17; Lk. 9:1,40; 10:17-20
  3. Paul - Acts 16:16-18

##### B. Procedure of

1. Command to "come out" - Mk. 1:25; 5:8; 9:25
2. Done "in Jesus' name" - Lk. 10:17; Acts 16:18

#### V. Questions about demonic activity

- A. Are fallen angels and demons the same? Matt. 25:41; II Peter 2:4; Jude 6
- B. Were demons only the primitive thinking of early peoples, used to explain mental and physical illness? Matt. 12:15; John 10:20
- C. Was demonic activity limited to the first century, in order to introduce the kingdom of God and Christ's conquest over Satan? Matt. 12:28; Lk. 10:18; 11:20; John 12:31; I John 3:8.
- D. Are demons active today? Eph. 6:12
- E. Are demons associated with witchcraft, magic, spiritism and the occult?
- F. Is there a difference between demon possession, oppression, influence, etc.?
- G. Are all unregenerate peoples possessed by demons? Gal. 4:3,9
- H. Can Christians be possessed by demons? - Col. 1:13
- I. Is there a danger in
  - an inordinate fear of demons and their activity?
  - an over-emphasis, fascination or preoccupation with demons?
  - identifying addictions, psychological problems, or physical ailments with demons?