

Spiritual Interaction with Demons

Not the same

- fallen angels & demons are not the same

Demons

- Col 1:16, “For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.”
 - Did God create demons? Were they evil when he created them?
 - demons seem to be lowest in hierarchy of fallen spiritual beings
- Mt 8:16, “When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick.”
 - “demon” (Gk root, *daimonion*)
 - “spirit” (Gk, *pneuma*)
 - What relationship does this verse make between demons and spirits?
- demonic strength
 - Mk 5:2, 4, “When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an evil spirit came from the tombs to meet him. . . . For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him.”
 - “spirit” (Gk, *pneuma*)
 - What does this suggest about demons’ strength?
 - Acts 19:16, “Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.”
 - “spirit” (Gk, *pneuma*)
 - How many men did this demon-possessed man overpower?
- demonic depravity
 - Mt 12:45, “Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there.”
 - “spirit” (Gk, *pneuma*)
 - “wicked” (Gk, *poneros*): (1) wicked, evil, morally corrupt; (2) worthless; (3) guilty, full of trouble, detrimental, harmful; *et al*
 - What does this verse reveal about the wickedness of demons?
 - Mt 10:1, “He called his twelve disciples to him and gave

them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.”

- “evil” (Gk, *akathartos*): defiled (religiously or morally), impure, unclean; *et al*
- “spirit” (Gk, *pneuma*)
- “moral” (adj): something or someone conforms to a standard of what is right or just
- What does it mean to be morally corrupt or impure, and what are some evidences of it?
- demonic intelligence
 - Would you expect a demon to be intelligent?
- demonic appearance
 - Bible doesn’t describe their appearance or form
- our authority
 - Mt 8:16, “When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick.”
 - In this verse, what example did Jesus provide for responding to demons?
 - Lk 10:19, “I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.”
 - According to this verse, what are we to use against the enemy’s power?
 - What is the difference between authority and power?
 - Mk 16:15-18, “¹⁵ Go into all the world and preach the good news 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.”
 - v 17, “demons” (Gk, *daimonion*)
 - According to verse 17, who will drive out demons?
 - According to verses 15 and 16, what do the people who drive out demons believe?
 - What is our purpose in exercising spiritual authority?
- Closing comments
- Q&A

Blessing

- May the Holy Spirit fill you with faith, understanding, and peace as you learn to live in the spiritual realm.