

Now Concerning Spiritual Things
an historical account of one man's walk with God

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DELIVERANCE MINISTRY
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PART THREE

Definitions:

Lucifer. Appears only one time in the bible, in Isaiah 14:12, and was Satan's name before his fall. Translated from the Hebrew word "Heylel," and by cross reference from "halal": In the sense of brightness, the morning star – to make shine, to make a show, to sing, be worthy of praise, glory, give light. (from Strong's #1966 & 1984). Note the *description* of Lucifer when God created him as recorded by Ezekiel:¹ "The anointed cherub that covers." "... perfect in your ways." "The seal of perfection." "... perfect in beauty." "The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created." It appears that Lucifer as the anointed cherub, possibly fourth in command in heaven, may have used his wings to *cover* or filter the glory of God to the rest of the heavenly hosts of angels.

Serpent. The name given to Satan in the garden of Eden, see Genesis chapter three. Translated from the Hebrew word "Nachash": a snake (from its hiss)-serpent, to hiss, i.e., whisper a (magic) spell -generally to prognosticate - divine enchanter, enchantment, learn by experience, diligently observe.(from Strong's #5175 & 5172)

Beelzebub. (Not to be confused with baalzebub, god of Edron, a Philistine idol which is referenced four times in 2 Chronicles.). From the Greek word "Beelzeboul:" dung-god - a name of Satan.(from Strong's #954).

Satan. From the Hebrew word "Schath" (Job 1:6): an opponent, the archenemy of God - adversary. From the Greek word Satanas (Matthew 12:26): an opponent, the archenemy of God - adversary - the accuser, i.e. the devil. (from Strong's #7844 & 4567).

Devil. From the Greek word "diaboles:" Strong's #1228. a traducer, false accuser, slanderer. (from Strong's #1228). Used interchangeably with "Satan" and "Beelzebub."

demon. The lowest rank of those under the authority of Satan. Usually used interchangeably with "evil spirit" in most versions of the Bible except the KJV. Usually translated devil (s) or "unclean spirit (s) in the KJV.

evil spirit:

evil. From the Greek word "peneros": hurtful, diseased, derelict, vicious, mischief, malice, guilt, grievous, harm, malicious, wicked.(Strong's #4190).

spirit. From the Greek word "pneuma": breath, ghost, superhuman, demon.(Strong's #4151)

Trouble, torment, vex, oppress, possess. Much has been said and written about the proper descriptive term to use when a demon or demons invade a body. First, if one is not a born-again believer, all of the above five terms may be used in various stages of demon activity in one's body. The reason is that "... the whole world lies under the sway [or control] of the wicked one."² For this reason a nonbeliever is at the complete mercy of and has no control or authority over demons. This was emphasized in the last paragraph of my 8/10/99 letter.³ For a child of God, however, a different method of evaluation should be made, for the Holy Spirit who is in us is greater than he [Satan] who is in the world.⁴ The most common assertion is that a born-again child of God cannot be *possessed* by demons, that is, controlled by demons. One passage of scripture used in support of this position is 1 John 5:18, "We know that whoever is born of God does not sin, but he who is born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him." As a matter of fact, in the 1960's, I remember hearing it expressed by those in a certain denomination that a demon could not indwell one who was indwelt by the Holy Spirit. That, of course, is simply not the case. Deliverance ministries are now springing up in churches whose main purpose

²Read 1 John 5:19, brackets added.

³See Acts 19:13-16 for the story of non-believers who attempted to take authority over demons. It is not a "healthy" thing to do!

⁴Read 1 John 4:4.

¹See Ezekiel 28:12-19.

is to deliver Christians of demons, some of whom are born-again, Spirit filled and gifted. Wisdom, therefore, calls for an understanding of this scripture. Note that this scripture also says that whoever is born of God *does not sin*, while the apostle John also writes what *appears* to be a contradiction in 1 John 1:9, “If we *confess our sins*, He is faithful and just to *forgive us our sins* and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” So a proper understanding of the scripture is evident in order to arrive at an accurate conclusion. My understanding of the term *possessed* is that demons cannot possess or *own* the *spirit* of a born-again believer. This is made quite clear in the first chapter of Ephesians, verses one through thirteen. But control of the *body* of a believer by demons is another matter. Thirteen times in the New Testament demons are said to *possess* an individual. When you eliminate “parallel” passages, there appear to be only five separate accounts, three of which are in the “Gospels” and two in Acts. Lets look at the three accounts in the Gospels. In each of these accounts the word *possessed* is translated from the Greek word “*daimonizomai*,” Strong’s #1139, which means *to be exercised by a demon:—have a (be vexed with, be possessed with) demons* (devils in KJV). Since a demon is a spirit, it does not want to possess *your spirit*, it does want to possess *your body*. They need your flesh to work in. To be possessed by a demon means to act under the control of a demon. Those who are so afflicted express the mind and consciousness of the demons indwelling them. Demons dwell in human bodies – manifest themselves in human bodies so as to *cause one* to walk – live – act ineffectively - *wrongly* - in his walk with the Lord. That’s what they are there to do! So do not get hung up over theology. One test (in actual deliverance) is worth a thousand expert opinions.

Origin of Demons

When one experiences the reality of the spirit world⁵ and becomes involved in a deliverance ministry, one question that usually arises is, what are demons and

⁵The first time I became aware of the reality of the spirit world was immediately after I was baptized with the Holy Spirit. Prior to that I had read in the bible of the spirit world but had no personal concept whatsoever of the **reality** of that world. If you have not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, you are missing the greatest blessing of “ministry” in the Church. I have written a book entitled, **A MINISTRY OF JESUS**, which is a first person account of my baptism with the Holy Spirit. Upon request I will send you a copy without cost.

what is their origin. In my letter of 8/10/99, **PART TWO** of my writings on the deliverance ministry, you may recall that I listed forty-five characteristics of demons,⁶ evil spirits or unclean spirits. From that list one may conclude that demons possess most, if not all, of the characteristics of a human being, including personality, except one: they have no physical body. We have biblical evidence that demons are spirits and desire to be in or inhabit a body, preferably a human body and secondarily an animal.⁷

It is interesting to observe what is said and written about theories concerning the origin of demons. I have noticed a difference of opinions among very capable servants of God who understand the deliverance ministry and have studied the subject from a biblical point of view. Here are three possible theories concerning the origin of demons:

1. Fallen angels. Those who accept this theory cite the fall of Lucifer⁸ as an anointed cherub, whose pride caused his downfall.⁹ Then in Revelation 12:4, 7-9 we find Satan and his angels were cast to the earth because of his rebellion. Hence the fallen angels are assumed to be the demonic hordes of today.

2. Disembodied spirits of a pre-Adamic race. In my letter of January 10, 1999, I wrote on the subject of a pre-Adamic race which was destroyed in a sudden calamitous, catastrophic event because of God’s fierce anger. The result of this destruction is found in Genesis 1:2. The disembodied spirits of those destroyed are assumed to be the demons we wrestle with today.

3. Disembodies spirits of those destroyed in Noah’s flood. Here is the explanation of this position from the scripture.

From Job, chapter one 6Now there was a day when the

⁶There is one additional characteristic of demons which I have discovered in the international intercessory prayer ministry the Lord has given me. All demons may be classified under three headings:(1) lusts of the eye, (2) lusts of the flesh and (3) the pride of life. Knowledge of the fact that these three classes include all demons becomes a helpful tool in doing spiritual warfare over a large geographical area. This becomes a time saver, is succinct and covers every area of demonic activity.

⁷See the story of the Gadarene demoniac in Matthew 8:28-34, Mark 5:1-20 and Luke 8:26-39.

⁸I have written about the fall of Lucifer in my letter dated January 10, 1999.

⁹See Isaiah 14:12-19, Ezekiel 28:13-19 and Jeremiah 4:23-27.

sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.

From Genesis, chapter six 1Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, 2that the **sons of God** saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. 3And the Lord said, "My spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."¹⁰ 4There were giants 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. 5Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. 7So the Lord said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

From Jude, chapter one 6And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; 7as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

The word **sons** in the phrase **sons of God** in both the above Job and Genesis references, come from the same Hebrew word *ben*, Strong's #1121. In the Job account it is believed that *ordinary men would not present themselves before the Lord with Satan*. It is presumed therefore that these *sons of God* were not ordinary men, but instead were angelic beings in both the Job and Genesis references. Based on this conclusion, in the Genesis account, it may have been angelic beings who cohabited with the daughters of men and produced a race of people whose "every intent of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually." And that was the reason God destroyed them through Noah's flood. The quotation from Jude referring to angels who did not keep their proper domain and are reserved in darkness for the judgment day because of sexual sins seem to tie in to the other two references in Job and Genesis. The conclusion, therefore is that the disembodied spirits of those destroyed in Noah's flood may have become the demons under Satan's authority.

Conclusion: It is clear from the biblical record presented in **PART ONE** and **PART TWO** of this series that

¹⁰Man's days are numbered at seventy or eighty years in Psalm 90:10. Therefore I believe the one hundred twenty years in this passage refers to one hundred twenty Jubilee years (a Jubilee year is fifty years) or six thousand years from Adam. If this is a correct assumption, the rapture of the Church could be "at hand!"

demons are spirits who desire to inhabit or indwell a human body. A logical conclusion from that observation might be that since they desire a body to live in, they are actually disembodied spirits instead of fallen angels. If that is the case, then it may be more plausible to assume that demons originated from theory number *two* or *three*. In fairness to objectivity, however, I know that there are capable servants of God who hold to theory number *one*. So I leave the choice to you. Of one thing I am sure, however: The demons that Jesus and the apostles dealt with in the first century are no different from the demons we deal with in the deliverance ministry today. They are servants of and under the control of Satan who comes to steal, kill and destroy [you and me] (the bad news): but Jesus came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly (the good news!).¹¹

Ways to Determine The Need For Deliverance:¹²

1. Emotional Problems. Disturbances in the *emotions* which persist or recur. Some of the most common disturbances are resentment, hatred, anger, fear, rejection (feeling unwanted and unloved), self-pity, jealousy, depression, worry, inferiority and insecurity.

2. Mental Problems. Disturbances in the *mind* or thought life, such as mental torment, procrastination, indecision, compromise, confusion, doubt, rationalization and loss of memory.

3. Speech Problems. Outbursts or uncontrolled use of the *tongue*. These include lying, cursing, blasphemy, criticism, mockery, railing and gossip.

4. Sex Problems. Recurring unclean thoughts and acts regarding sex. These include fantasy sex experiences, masturbation, lust, perversions, homosexuality, fornication, adultery, incest, provocativeness and harlotry.

5. Addictions. The most common addictions are to nicotine, alcohol, drugs, medicines, caffeine and food.

6. Physical Infirmities. Many diseases and physical afflictions are due to spirits of infirmity. (See:

¹¹See John 10:10.

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Luke 13:11). When a demon of infirmity is cast out there is often the need to pray for a healing of whatever damage has resulted. Thus, there is a close relationship between deliverance and healing.

7. Religious Error. Involvement to ANY DEGREE in religious error can open the door for demons. Objects and literature from sources of religious error have been known to attract demons into homes:

(1) False religions, e.g. Eastern religions, pagan religions, philosophies, and mind sciences. Note: This includes such popular interests as yoga exercises and karate which cannot be divorced from heathen worship.

(2) Christian Cults, e.g. Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, Rosicrucianism, Theosophy, Unity, New Age and many more. Such cults deny or confuse the necessity of Christ's blood as the way of atonement for sin and for salvation. Cults also include some lodges, societies and social agencies which use religion (scripture and even God) as a foundation, but omit the blood atonement of Jesus Christ. All such cults may be classified as "bloodless religions"—"having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (II Timothy 3:5).

(3) Occult and Spiritism, e.g. seances, witchcraft, magic, ouija boards, levitation, palmistry, handwriting analysis, automatic handwriting, ESP, hypnosis, horoscopes, astrology, divination, etc. Note: Any method of seeking supernatural knowledge, wisdom, guidance and power apart from God is forbidden! (See Deuteronomy 18:9-15).

(4) False doctrine. I Timothy 4:1 warns of great increase of doctrinal errors promoted by deceiving and seducing spirits in the last days. Such doctrines are designated to attack both the humanity and deity of Jesus Christ; to deny the inspiration of Scripture; to distract Christians from the move of the Spirit; to cause disunity in the Body of Christ; to cause confusion in the Church through obsession with doctrines coupled with a compulsion to propagate such doctrines; to puff up with a sense of superiority in revelation, making the one in error unteachable; and to foster emphasis on fleshly activities as a gateway to the spiritual, as in asceticism and vegetarianism.

Some Prerequisites Necessary for Deliverance

1. One must URGENTLY desire to receive relief from the torment of demons. Strange as it may seem, after one has lived with demons for many years,

the demons themselves may cause one to be reluctant, even fearful to give them up! For example, I have witnessed a demon of fear who had lived within a person for so long, he made the person fearful of giving him up!

2. Total honesty. To be delivered one must be willing to bring everything to light in his or her past so that it can be confessed openly, frankly and honestly with nothing hidden. For example the "medical procedure" known as abortion must be confessed as murder, "over eating" as gluttony, etc.

3. Forgiveness. One must be willing to forgive anyone who has hurt or harmed him or her in their past, whether that person is dead or alive. Forgiveness is a choice, not a feeling. One must be willing to forgive even though the one who hurt or harmed him is dead or has no intention of making amends. That's God's way. One MUST be willing to forgive or he will not be forgiven. (See Matthew 6:14, 15).¹³

4. Repentance. One must be willing to confess, renounce and repent of every known sin including those mentioned beginning on page three of this letter under the heading Ways to Determine the Need for Deliverance. Repent means to stop the sin and ask God for help. A cry to him for help never goes unnoticed.

5. One must be willing to accept Jesus as Lord and savior and invite Him into his heart and life.

6. One must be willing to confess, renounce and give up all contacts with occultic practices to include Item 7 (3) on this page.

7. One must be willing to renounce all soul ties, for example a parent who still seeks to control a son or daughter, or one's peers pressuring him to go back to his old ways of drugs, alcohol, homosexuality, etc.

8. Humility. There must be complete openness with the deliverance ministers.

9. Accept the need for deliverance without fear or shame. Become angry at the cause: Satan.

10. Trust the deliverance minister to keep everything revealed during ministry in complete confidence.

¹³If forgiveness is a problem to you, the Lord has given me the solution to what I call the impossible cases of forgiveness which I have written about in one of my letters. Upon request I will send you a copy without cost.