

Demons Are Real!

Demons were real nineteen hundred years ago, and they are just as real today!

When Jesus said, " They shall cast out devils" (Mark 16:17). He meant exactly what He said. Christ knew that demons were real. He knew that they who believe and preach the word of God rescuing souls from the snare of the devil, would meet up with real demons, even until the end of the age!

Paul knew the reality of demons for he warned the church at Ephesus, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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 (wicked spirits) IN HIGH PLACES, Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Eph. 6:11-13.

The wrestle, or the fight, or the battle to which Paul here referred is a real battle, a real fight, a real wrestle against the powers of hell and darkness. My friend, do not be deceived! Know the truth! Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Multitudes today need to be free. They are bound, vexed, oppressed, possessed by the power of the enemy.

Paul warned Timothy, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." 1 Tim. 4:1. Here is a solemn warning that demons are real to the extent they will seduce people, leading them away from the truth of God's word, causing them to believe a lie and be damned.

There are in the world today even those who profess to be spiritual leaders, who call themselves preachers of the gospel, who are the tools of lying demons, making excuse for carelessness toward the commands of God regarding marriage and divorce. These are making shipwreck of thousands of lives. They will stand before God in the judgment responsible for men and women who have become adulterers through their pernicious advice, and are therefore shut out of heaven. For God himself declares that adultery is a work of the flesh, and that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Gal. 5:19,21. They will stand responsible for the millions of little children left to drift into the rip tides of sin through the breaking up of their homes and the debasing of their ideals as personified by their parents. But the penalties imposed upon these false teachers will in no way assuage the agony of those who have followed their teachings, for if the blind lead the blind, they shall both together fall into the ditch.

Do not be deceived by the smooth personality nor the educational standing nor theological titles and terms used by these wolves in sheep's clothing. Any teaching, from any source which fails to honor God's word as the final authority on any subject is a doctrine of devils.

The great apostle Paul felt so strongly in this regard that he warned his children in the Lord, "Though we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." Gal. 1:8.

Here again let me give you a solemn warning. We are living in days when demon spirits dare to

use the appearance and titles of angels in order to deceive, if it were possible, the very elect. Few people concern themselves with a thorough knowledge of the word of God, and few people - even Christians - live in close communion with God. Sensationalism and an exaggerated taste for the supernatural lays some people open to vile deceptions from demons transforming themselves as angels of light - supernatural beings.

Only recently, as I was in my study preparing for the (LIBERATION NIGHT) service in one of my campaigns, I received a caller. This man was a very dear friend, an evangelist who only a few short years before had been conducting some of the largest meetings in the nation. God had blessed his ministry with a harvest of souls, and with signs following. But now, there had come a change in his life. As he entered, he said to me, "Brother Allen, I want you to meet my wife. She is out here in the car."

I replied, "Brother, I know your wife. I met her years ago." "No," he answered. "This is not _____. I have a new wife. An angel came to me during one of my recent campaigns and told me that was not truly my wife and never had been. This angel said to me that I would never have the great ministry God wanted me to have so long as I continued to live with her as her husband. He said that if I would put her away and marry this younger woman, then I would truly see God's plan worked out in my ministry. He said in a short time, I would be preaching to millions."

So he had put away his wife. He explained very gallantly that he had not left her desolate, but had made financial provision for her. He had married a beautiful girl whose life until he had met her had not been marred by adultery. Now he was going forth to win the world for Christ!

That has been more than ten years. I have never heard of his having had even one revival campaign since. His life is ruined. His ministry is ruined. A young girl must face in the judgment the charge of ADULTERY. Untold thousands of souls who might have been won had this man recognized the voice of a demon rather than mistaking it for an angel of light are going down without a witness of the power of God.

If this were the only case, it would hardly be worthy of note in this small space. But the thing that happened here is typical of hundreds, yea thousands, who have listened to the devil's lie. Satan whispers to them, "You can never be happy with this companion. I am so sorry for you. You are mistreated and misunderstood. Only a very cruel being could possibly expect you to go on like this. See that beautiful girl! She has every charm. She is sympathetic and understanding. She, and she alone, will bring you happiness."

God's Word of truth declares, "Discretion shall deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth thee with her words; which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. For her house inclineth unto death." Prov. 2:11, 16-18.

How many a man or woman has proved to their own sorrow that these allurements soon vanish away when the desired one has ceased to be a stranger!

Satan's lie says "This is for your happiness." God's truth declares, "It is for your destruction."

It is almost impossible today for a speaker to address any group of people, even a church group, without facing an audience at least half of whom have been affected in one way or another by divorce. More than 100,000 children every year are orphaned by divorce, and the majority of our

juvenile delinquents are bred in this manner.

Hollywood, the idol of America, has become the prime distribution center for the devils lies. Our young boys and girls grow up idolizing men and women who have no regard whatever for the ancient institution of marriage. One Press feature writer, remarks, "The real puzzle isn't that so many film colony marriages end up in the divorce courts. The enduring wonder is that so many people in Hollywood bother to get married at all. Mae West once observed, 'Marriage is a great institution - but who wants to live in an institution?' The divorce statistics obviously prove that scores of film stars don't actually want to live in this institution. They merely want visiting privileges. They go in and out of marriage as it suits their convenience."

Yet it is to these devotees of lust that the average American looks for counsel rather than the word of the living God.

These people treat marriage as a game, to be enjoyed as "good sports" by all who come. They congratulate each other upon taking a "mature" attitude with regard to the alienation of a wife or husband. As though any resentment of sharing one's mate were a childish thing like a refusing to share a favorite toy!

The break up of marriages, and infidelity in marriage have become standard material for makers of jests. But to millions of boys and girls all over our land these matters are no joke. If you can stand by and see one little boy deprived of a father's love and guidance in his tender years, struggling to set his little world at rights, if you can see the heartbreak in his eyes, and listen to the sobs that are smothered in his pillow at night, if you can watch him turn away wide eyed and silent, as a happy little boy passes in the street hand and hand with a loving, attentive daddy, and still turn from such a scene to make jokes of this horror, surely your heart must be as cold as ice and as hard as a stone.

If you can see one sweet little girl turning to the brothels while she should be still playing with dolls, because she has watched her mother entertain a series of men one after in the room that should have been sacred to her own two parents, or driven farther into sin, because her mother still feels free to win her lovers away from her, when she has attracted them, and still feel that these things provide any material for jesting yours must be a perverted sense of humor!

Juvenile authorities report that a large percentage of delinquent girls are not "bad girls." Just girls starved for love, insecure because of broken homes and the selfishness of their parents (especially their mothers.) Many of the girls report that they had hope to find love and security in marriage, but the boy who seemed to be the one was lured away from them into illicit relations with the girl's own mother!

God has established safeguards in His word against this sort of thing. But The LYING DEMON declares that the Old Book is "outmoded". That we need new standards for a new age.

Rome was destroyed, not because of the strength of her enemies, but because of her own internal weakness, which developed out of loss of respect for the purity of the home. Communist Russia today has chosen to destroy the possibility of a religious revival within her borders by the simple means of breaking down the sanctity of the home.

The person who thinks to build happiness for himself by robbing another man's castle has been

deceived by a demon of LIES!

When Jesus was questioned in His day regarding the proper solution to the problem of marriage and divorce, He replied, "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put assunder."

His questioners pressed the matter farther. "Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?"

Jesus replied, "Moses because of the **HARDNESS OF YOUR HEARTS** suffered (i. e. , permitted you to put away your wives:) but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.' (See Matt. 19:3-9 and Mark 10:1-12.)

This, then, is the gospel which we have been taught, in regard to the sanctity of marriage. And though an apostle or an angel from heaven should attempt to make any change in it, this word of God still stands, and he who would change it must become accursed before God! Back of any attempt to persuade a person that any other way is right can be seen only the work of a lying demon - a demon specially selected and commissioned to bring about the destruction of that soul!

King Ahab listened to lying demons. See the results (I Kings 22.)

On the battlefield of Ramoth Gilead a man is being lifted from his chariot. Gently they lift him, for they know that he is dying. The chariot is filled with his own blood. The man who is dying is Ahab, the king! Just before Ahab dies ask him simply, "Ahab, are you sure the voices you heard were real?" Ahab will answer, "Yes, I actually heard them say, 'Go up, for the Lord shall deliver it into the hands of the king. (1 Kings 22:6). Go up to Ramath Gilead and prosper, for the Lord shall deliver it into the King's hand.'" (I Kings 22:12).

"Ahab, are you sure that a prophet assured you that everything would be safe, that you would live, and that you would win the battle -- that the enemy would fall into your hands, and you would prosper?"

Ahab assures me that not only one prophet, but four hundred, had positively spoken to him, in audible voices which he had heard clearly with his own ears, assuring him that they were giving to him a message from God, telling him that everything would be safe and fine and that he would return victorious.

Dear Reader, Ahab was right. The voices that directed him to his death were REAL! He heard them with his ears! But his prophets were controlled by LYING DEMONS! Lying demons had entered into the prophets who encouraged Ahab's false hopes and directed him to his death!

How do I know a demon had anything to do with these misleading prophecies ? Look with me at the words of God's true prophet, Micaiah, as he spoke by revelation. " "And the Lord said, 'Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth Gilead?'" And there came forth a SPIRIT, and stood before the Lord, and said, "I will persuade him . . . I will be a LYING SPIRIT

in the mouth of all his prophets." (I Kings 22:20-22).

God himself cannot lie, neither can his Spirit lie, nor His angels. But by his permission demon spirits can lie to the rebellious and disobedient, for the purpose always uppermost in the heart of Satan and his demon followers -- their destruction.

Plainly., according to God's word and according to present day experience, demons were -- and ARE - real!

In man's triune nature, the demon agent of Satan finds three possible approaches to the individual. He may attack through the mind, the body, or the soul, and seeks to destroy man mentally, physically and spiritually.

"And there came forth a spirit -- and he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets, I Kings 22:21,22. Note that this spirit spoke and said, " I WILL BE a lying spirit." Apparently, this spirit had in the past been discharging his duties in a different capacity. Thus it becomes apparent that one demon may at one time act as a lying spirit, causing the individual to either tell or believe a lie, while at another time the same demon may act as a demon of lust, fear or jealousy, or in some other manner.

Note that in the case of Ahab (1 Kings 22), he was influenced by a demon spirit from an OUTSIDE source. Ahab was NOT possessed by this demon. He was merely controlled by it as it worked through other individuals (his prophets). It is not necessary for a demon to possess you in order to influence your life.

Here is a solemn warning, given in God's word, not to frighten you nor to make you feel insecure, but to make you aware of danger that you may be able to avoid falling into a snare.

"When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man he walketh through dry places, seeking rest...

"And when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first." (Matthew 12:44-45).

Demons desire a human habitation. They find no rest in their disembodied state, and wander about seeking a place - a person whom they can inhabit. Being by nature very persistent beings, and even then are watchful for an opportunity to return. If they cannot, then they will enter another person. They yield reluctantly to the command of a spirit-filled believer whose command is given with the authority of the name of Jesus! But they leave with the hope that when the recognized agent of Jesus has gone, they may find it possible to return. UNLESS YOU HAVE MADE PROVISION TO KEEP THE DEMON OUT, HE WILL DOUBTLESS RETURN. And when he returns, he will find the house in so much better order than he was ever accustomed to keeping it -- not only empty but SWEEPED AND GARNISHED (decorated) -- that he determines to have a real "homecoming celebration." During his wanderings, he has found many other homeless, unhappy spirits, who have been unable to enter again where they had gone out. I can picture him as he chooses out from among their number, a group he feels can have a "lively time" and invites them to come home with him! Yielding ground to one demon throws the door open for many more to enter.

If you have never been filled with the Holy Ghost, remember, your "house" (your body which God says is "the temple of the Holy Ghost") may be "swept and garnished," but the sign on the door says "VACANCY". To the demon, this means simply, "EMPTY! NOT FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT! DEMONS ARE FREE TO ENTER!"

But when a man is FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT the sign says very plainly, "NO VACANCY!" Even demons respect that sign, for they know who is dwelling there, and there is no other whom they fear so much as they do the HOLY SPIRIT!

If you have not yet received the infilling with the Spirit, you are in a dangerous position. For those who have formerly been possessed or oppressed may again become so possessed or oppressed and those who have never been possessed lay themselves open to this danger when they fail to avail themselves of the protection which God has provided, especially in these closing days of the age, when demonic activity is increasing. If you have not been filled, THERE IS NO BETTER TIME THAN NOW! Fall on your face before God. Throw up both hands to heaven in full surrender, and ask God here and now to BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY GHOST! Believe Him. Accept Him. Receive Him, the blessed Holy Ghost.

"To help you who have not heard about the Holy Ghost, and who either do not know the promises of God's word along this line, or for some reason have failed in being able to make them your own, the author has written a booklet entitled, RECEIVE YE THE HOLY GHOST," which you will find advertised elsewhere in this book. This booklet has been written to build faith for receiving the Holy Ghost, instantly, on the spot, without long tarrying. It will teach you the promises of God in regard to the Baptism with the Holy Ghost; how you may know that you have been filled with the Spirit; what to expect in your life as a result of this experience. It will point out to you WITH SCRIPTURAL PROOF that this baptism is NOT conversion, confirmation, water baptism, and that God has established a definite pattern whereby one may KNOW BEYOND A DOUBT when he has been truly baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Then, having first been emptied and cleansed, afterward filled and occupied by the indwelling Spirit, there is yet an admonition of the word of God which MUST BE FOLLOWED. You must STAY FULL OF THE SPIRIT! "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." - A. A. Allen