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## The Spirit World Part 5 - Demons

**Topic:** Demons. This is the last lesson we'll have on the spirit world. We need to learn about our enemy so we can know how to protect ourselves. Demons are spirit beings, and we do not know the origin of demons. There are no direct references to them in the bible. They are evil beings, and there are 5 Hebrew words for them and 4 Greek words for them. The greatest bible scholars disagree on the origins of demons. Demons are individuals with unique names, they can speak, have emotions, are intelligent, have free will, can manifest themselves physically, and most importantly, demons desire to possess a body. This is what separates them from other spirit beings: they seek first and foremost to possess a human body to do their bidding and then destroy the body, but they will go after an animal body if they have to. They are called "unclean spirits" because they exercise the most basic, degenerate, and evil of all human actions and behaviors. They act according to Satan's leadership. They try to disrupt and destroy all that God builds and stands for. They go after churches and they make false cults to lead us astray. Here's a list of the bad things they can do: They can cause dumbness, blindness, deformities, an occurrence that resembles epilepsy, suicidal mania, hysteria, insanity. This is all in the bible somewhere. We will show a few examples here:

**Mark 1:23-27:** The unclean spirit cried out from the man when Jesus came up. The demon knew exactly who Christ is when he came to the man. Jesus told the unclean spirit to come out of the man and it obeyed the Lord. The demon came out with a great tearing and lots of screaming. Demons come out of humans with great torture. There is demon possession in the world today. Multiple demons can inhabit one human body at a time. Even though these demons have power and can possess humans, Jesus Christ is stronger than all of them put together. Christians don't need to worry about demon possession because when we're born, we are born with some kind of natural protection against demon possession, but probably because of our attitude and our shortcomings, we can lose this protection through tarot cards, seeking demons, anything that deals with the occult. Dealing with the occult sends out an invitation that you are interested in making contact with the evil spirit world and they will come to you, eagerly.

**Mark 1:32:** the word "devils" is wrong. It should read "demons". There is one devil – Satan. There are many demons – Satan's workers. But Jesus trumps Satan every time. Jesus has ultimate control over the demons and Satan. Temptations to commit suicide, and the other evil degraded activities we see happening in the world today is from demonic influence. They hate anything that is Christian or Jewish and will try to destroy it. Does a person know that they are possessed? Sometimes they do and sometimes they don't.

There are 8 signs of demon possession:

1. The individual's physical body is controlled by the demon spirit
2. They display unusual physical strength
3. The individual will display a conflict with the demon (Mark 5:1-17: on the other side of sea, they met a man who lives among the tombs, in the cemetery – he liked living among the dead. Society tried to bind him with chains, but he tore them off because of his inhuman strength.

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Physically, no one could restrain him. Night and day, he was crying and cutting himself with stones. He was lead to abuse himself by this demon possession. The demons will work diligently to destroy the body they have found to possess. When the man saw Jesus, he ran to Him and worshipped Him. The man ran as his own self to Jesus, even though he was possessed. Jesus told the unclean to come out of the man. Jesus asked the demons what their names are. You must command them to give up their name. This particular case answers "Legion" and that means 3000-6000. They said this because there were a whole bunch of demons possessing this poor man. The demons didn't want to be sent out of the country – they like certain areas. So Jesus let them stay there, but not in the man. The demons had to leave the man and go into the pigs that the men of Gadarenes were raising, even though pigs are unclean to eat. The Gads were disobeying God. The demons knew Jesus has the power to cast them out, no question. But the entities said, "how about we live in those there pigs instead of this man?" And Jesus said "ok". Then the herd of pigs became possessed and ran over the cliff and drowned in the sea. The pigs hated the demons so bad that they immediately committed suicide. Then the Gads came out and saw the crazy man was sane and civilized again, but they didn't care because their pigs were killed. The pigs were their livelihood, but they didn't care about the man or Jesus, just their money, and they kicked Jesus out. The demons were now bodiless and flew around looking for another body to possess. Alcohol and drugs will befuddle your mind and take away the protection of demon possession.

4. Exhibits an opposition to the things of God
5. The individual has clairvoyance – they can tell the future to a point
6. They can blurt out little secret things in public in your life that no one else knows
7. They can speak foreign languages without prior lessons
8. The possessed can be rendered clean immediately when the demon leaves. Sometimes the possession will transfer to another body nearby, like another human or animal