

"Do demons, devils, or evil spirits really exist? You bet your *eternal life* they do!"  
– Peter Kreeft

### Two Extremes We Must Avoid

1. Underestimating the Work and Power of Demonic Forces in Our World Today
2. Overestimating the Work and Power of Demonic Forces in Our World Today

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6: 10-12

### QUESTION #1 WHAT ARE DEMONS?

- a. Some believe they are spirits of a Pre-Adamic race that became evil and turned against God.
- b. Some believe they are the evil spirits of evil men and women.
- c. Some believe they are the product of angels who cohabited with women (Gen 6: 1-4)
- d. Some believe they are fallen angels.

Demons are spirit beings who are evil, unclean, and immoral in nature and actions. They are fallen angels who at one time were good angels, but who followed Satan in his rebellion. Thus, think of them as "*malicious minions of the evil one.*"

**2 Peter 2:4-** "For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment..."

**Jude 6-** "And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day."

### QUESTION #2 HOW MANY DEMONS ARE THERE?

The Bible does not tell us exactly, but Revelation 5:11 says there are "countless thousands, plus thousands of thousands" of angels. Many students of Scripture, based on Revelation 12:4, believe that one-third of the angels chose to follow Lucifer (Is 14:12-15) when he rebelled against God. Therefore, there are many demons roaming the earth carrying out Satan's evil plans.

### QUESTION #3 ARE DEMONS ACTIVE TODAY? \_\_\_\_\_!

- Some are free to roam the earth now (Mark 1:21-24)

- Others are c\_\_\_\_\_ now and forever though we are never told why (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6)
- Still others will be released to do evil and destruction during “The Great Tribulation.” (Rev. 9:13-19)
- Some Bible scholars believe demons were especially active during the earthly ministry of Jesus and that their activity will increase as we move towards the end of history just prior to the Second Coming of Jesus.

#### QUESTION #4 WHAT KIND OF POWERS DO DEMONS HAVE?

Like angels and Satan, demons are very p\_\_\_\_\_ but they are not omni-anything! They do, however, possess the following:

- Supernatural \_\_\_\_\_**
  1. They possess great intelligence in league with Satan. (Ezekiel 28:12)
  2. They have supernatural i\_\_\_\_\_ into the identity of Jesus Christ as the Son of God (Mk 1: 14, 34) and know of his great power (Mk 5: 6-7)
  3. They know of their confinement and future judgment (Mt 8: 28-29; Lk 8:31)
  4. They deceive men by withholding necessary information for salvation. (1 Jn 4:1-4)
  5. They know how to corrupt sound doctrine. (1 Tim. 4:1-3)
  6. They have some k\_\_\_\_\_ of the future. (Acts 6:16)
- Supernatural \_\_\_\_\_**
  1. The demoniac of Gersenes was controlled by many unclean spirits or demons (Mk 5:1-4). They even had the name “*Legion*,” meaning 6,000.
  2. Demons can produce deceptive “miracles.” (2 Thess 2:9)
  3. The Antichrist and false prophet will perform great signs and deceptive miracles with satanic/demonic enablement. (Revelation 13: 1-18)
- Supernatural \_\_\_\_\_**
  1. Demons are able to move swiftly, though limited in time and space. (Dan. 9: 21-22)
  2. Normal physical barriers or confines of space do not limit or block their presence.

#### QUESTION #5 WHAT DO DEMONS DO?

Demons \_\_\_\_\_ Satan by promoting his programs of evil and extending his power and kingdom.

- a. They never cease promoting satanic deception and wickedness (1 Peter 5:8).
- b. Demons extend Satan’s power by pooling their resources, and multiplying their effects in individuals, nations, and the world system (Matt. 12: 26; Luke 8:30).

