

DEMONOLOGY STUDIES

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ORIGIN AND SOURCE OF DEMONS

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The Highest Purpose for Man

To be content with food and raiment,
the necessities of life

To be in a place free from the influence of
Babylon and free to exercise and grow in God

To find your place in the Kingdom of God
which is coming on the Earth

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The first study in our series laid the foundation for our study in demonology by revealing the existence of this invisible spirit kingdom made up of Lucifer, the prince of demons, and his demon spirits as revealed to us in Ephesians 6:12.

We also learned the dwelling place of the demoniac kingdom. Ephesians 6:12 says, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." We learned where the 'high' or 'heavenly' places are. They are the invisible spiritual realm that is all around us.

We learned from Ephesians 2:2 that the Bible speaks of the 'prince of the powers of the air.' There are powers in the very air around us. This is where the demoniac spirits have their dwelling place, in the spiritual realm, the very air around us. We got an idea from the evidence given in scripture of the great number of demon spirits that are in this kingdom.

We are going to go on to study the source and the origin of the demoniac kingdom. Where do demon spirits come from? Why are they demon spirits? The Bible reveals this to us very clearly. It reveals demon spirits were once holy angels.

In the Book of Revelation, the 12th chapter, we are told that when Lucifer (or Satan), who is the prince of devils was once an archangel, rebelled against God, he persuaded one-third of the angels of Heaven to rebel with him. In the Book of Jude in the Bible, the 6th verse, we read, "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." These true statements from scripture reveal to us the source and origin of demon spirits and why they are demon spirits.

In order to fully understand these scriptures, we need to first understand what constituted Lucifer's rebellion against

God. What kind of rebellion was it? When we think of the term or word 'rebellion' or 'revolution' here on earth, on a physical plane, we think in terms of one physical being gathering together an army of men (other physical beings) and marching against a physical king or physical government. If we are not careful when we think of Lucifer's rebellion against God, we will also get a mental image of the same. But, this is in error.

In the first place, we have already learned in our previous study of the heavenly places that God is not a physical being. God does not exist in a physical form. He is omnipresent spirit which fills the whole universe. Scientists tell us that there are more worlds out there than all the individual grains of sand on all the beaches in all the world. Therefore, you cannot put God in a physical form. He is too big for that. So you cannot have Lucifer marching against Him to overthrow Him in any one place with an army of physical beings.

This is not what constituted Lucifer's rebellion against God. No one can do anything against God personally. He stands in His omnipotence, His almighty wrapped in the cloak of His power. No one can personally hurt Him or do anything against His person.

This was not what constituted Lucifer's rebellion against God. He rebelled in the beginning before the world was. He rebelled against God's purpose and plan for his existence. God had created him to be an archangel in His heavenly system and to have a certain amount of authority and power over the rest of God's Heavenly system. But, Lucifer desired to have greater authority and rulership over God's creation. He began seeking to fulfill these desires by taking authority and rulership over the rest of God's creation desiring to have all authority, that place which is reserved for Jesus alone. When he sought to fulfill this desire, he was rebelling against God's plan for his purpose. It is in this sense that he rebelled against God.

The only way that any one can be in rebellion against God is by rebelling against His plan and purpose for their

existence or for their life. This is the way human beings are in rebellion against God. God has a definite plan for each of our lives. But so often, early in life, instead of waiting and seeking God's plan for our life and existence that we may walk in it, we begin to have aspirations and desires of our own. "I want to do this with my life" or "I want to do that." "I want to be a business man and marry this woman." "I want to marry that man."

As we begin seeking to fulfill these aspirations and desires (and we do), we are in direct rebellion against God's purpose and plan for our lives. This leads only to misery and frustrations until some day we turn back to Jesus and let Him begin to lead us back into God's plan for our lives.

This is what happened to Lucifer. He rebelled against God's plan for his existence. It has already been stated that this is the only way any one can rebel against God. You cannot hurt God's person. You cannot do anything to Him personally. He stands in omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence. He is all powerful, and no one could even nick His armor of protection to hurt Him personally. We just cannot hurt God personally.

We can only hurt God by hurting the rest of His creation. This is what Lucifer did. We cannot serve God personally. We cannot do anything for Him personally. He needs nothing from us. His Word says, "The Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?" Once David or Solomon thought that they would build Him a house, God spoke this to them.

Again we repeat, we cannot do anything for or against Him personally. We can only hurt Him by hurting His people, and the rest of His creation. We can only serve by serving our brothers and sisters, and the rest of His creation. It is good for Christians to know this.

Lucifer began to have aspirations and desires above and beyond God's plan for him and in seeking to fulfill these aspirations and desires, he was in rebellion against God.

Then Lucifer persuaded, the Bible says, one-third of the Holy Angels in Heaven to rebel with him against God. That is, he persuaded them also to have aspirations and desires above and beyond God's plan for their existence. God had created them to be angels but not to have rulership and authority over one another.

When Lucifer persuaded them to begin to try taking rulership and authority over the rest of the angelic creation, they too were having aspirations and desires above and beyond God's plan for their existence and so were in rebellion against God. They left their first estate, God's first plan for their existence, and they thought to have a higher estate, a higher habitation. Jude 6 says that those angels (including Lucifer) who kept not their first estate but left their own habitation, God reserved in chains of darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Because they rebelled against God, they thought to leave their first estate, their first habitation, God's plan for their existence, the Bible says, "God hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness."

Now this does not mean that God took some literal chains and tied up these angels. These angels are not physical beings, they are spirit beings. So, they could not, of course, be bound with physical chains. This means that when Lucifer and his angels began to have these aspirations and desires which were more than God planned for their existence and they begin to move to seek fulfillment of these desires, to take authority over the rest of God's creation, at the point where they began to do this, they walked out of the leadership and communion with, and guidance from the light of God's Holy Spirit. They cut their communion with the Spirit of God and walked out into darkness.

The Spirit of God was leading them into perfect peace, joy, and happiness as He enabled them to walk God's plan for their existence. When they rebelled against that plan, turned to go their own way, they turned away from the leadership, the light, and the guidance of the Spirit of God. They walked out into darkness. It is in this sense that the

Bible says, "God hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness." It is not that God looked down upon the instant that they turned from Him and said, "Now you rebelled against me, and I am going to drop a curtain of darkness over you."

The true picture is that God in His Wisdom, foreknowing all things before the creation ordained it so when a being has desires outside His plan and purpose for them, and they begin to seek fulfillment of those desires, they walk away from the leadership of His Spirit and into darkness. Since God allowed it to be so in His creation, it is in this sense God reserved them in chains of darkness. They walked out into darkness, and lost the light of God. When they lost the light of God, the holy angels began to sink into depravity. They have had hundreds of thousands of years in which they have been walking in darkness, sinking into deeper and deeper depths of depravity until they have become demoniac beings, demon spirits, evil spirits. And this is the origin and the source of demon spirits. This is why they are demon spirits. They were once holy angels who have degenerated away from the leadership, the light and the union with the Holy Spirit of God into darkness. They have degenerated unto the most evil and depraved spirits. That is why the Bible calls them unclean or evil spirits. They were not always unclean. They were not always evil. They became so as a result of their rebellion against God's plan for their existence walking away from the leadership of the Spirit of God into darkness.

We can illustrate this with the experience of human beings. All of us who have walked with God for some time have known Christians who once walked close with God, were in church every Sunday. The Spirit of God was leading them unto God's plan for their lives. Then all of a sudden they do not show up in church one Sunday. What has happened? Well, business has become good, or they began to make money. This person bought a boat. Instead of coming to church that Sunday, he felt he must go to the lake and try out his new boat.

At the point where he does so, he walks away from the leadership of the Spirit of God. He has planted that boat between him and the light of the Spirit of God. He has cut his communion with God. The Holy Spirit wanted to lead him down to the House of God on Sunday morning so that he might be fed on God's Word, get strong and be led on to God's plan for his life. But he planted that boat between him and the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Sunday found him out on the lake. At the point where he did so, he had walked out into darkness away from the leadership and light of the Spirit of God.

Now with some people, as the Spirit speaks to them and reveals what they have done, they will be wise enough and strong enough to be back in church next Sunday morning and try out the boat from then on during the week. This man does not do this. He might come back the next Sunday morning, but the following Sunday he listens to the lie of the devil, "Well, I have to work hard during the week and this is the only time I have." Instead of letting the Spirit lead him to the most important thing in his life ... being fed from God's holy Word in the House of God, he plants that boat between him and the Holy Spirit again, and he is back out on the lake Sunday. And, he is back in darkness again.

The next Sunday he has become weaker, and he is out on the lake again, and again and again and again. He has walked out into darkness. Pretty soon he stops coming to church altogether. Why? Because he has walked out from the light and the leadership of the Holy Spirit into darkness, and he has begun to sink into depravity.

When you see that person six months later in his home, the devil has slyly led him under his dominion and guidance causing friction between him and his wife. You will hear that person burst forth with a stream of curse words which he had long ago laid aside when he came to Christ. You see him a year or two later, you'd find him at the corner bar room drinking beer again from which he long since turned again from when he turned to Christ. Why? He walked down into

darkness, and he is sinking into depravity, and he is going down, down, down into degeneration and depravity in his mind and in his spirit.

If we could think in terms of hundreds and thousands of years for this person, that the once holy angels have had to sink into darkness and depravity, that person went down the road he was going, he too would wind up an evil demoniac being.

This is what happened to Lucifer and the once holy angels which rebelled against God's plan for their existence and sought to take greater authority over the rest of God's creation, leaving their first estate walking out into darkness away from the light and the leadership of God. They have sunk into the very depths of depravity and degeneration and have become the most evil beings of all God's universe so that the Bible calls or describes them as evil, unclean spirits. If you want a view of the nature that these once holy angels have attained, the evil nature to which they have attained, that they have sunken into and see just how evil they are, study the two symbols or figures that the Bible uses for Lucifer and his demons.

One symbol is the serpent, the other is the lion. The Bible uses the symbol of the serpent for the devil and the lion for the devil and his demons. "The devil as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." (I Peter 5:8)

First, we will consider the serpent. The serpent is the most deadly being of all God's creation. When he bites you in the leg, he leaves only two little pin points, fang holes, which do not seem very large or very important. But, in doing so he injects into your system and blood stream a poison which permeates every portion of our being, and we begin to die.

Secondly, if we want to see the tremendously depraved nature that demon spirits have, we study the second symbol, the lion. Now a lion goes through the forest, and he is always seeking something to kill, not particularly because he is hungry, but because he lusts to kill. He hungers to kill. It

is his very nature to kill. Therefore, his inner being is continually crying out to be killing something.

The only way he can get any satisfaction from the cravings of his inner being is either to be killing something or seeking something to kill. It is his very nature to do this. That is why the Bible uses the symbol of a lion as it has a nature that cries out to kill.

We have read in the paper often of someone who has taken a young lion and raised him from a cub to an adult lion, to the maturity of the lion. Then suddenly an accident happened. The person cut himself or something, and the lion got the smell of blood and immediately his lustful nature took over. The lion pounced on the person, and if someone did not get to them, he would have killed him. This is because his true nature takes over. He has a nature which cries out to kill, which lusts to kill, which cannot be satisfied or find peace except that he be thinking of something to hurt or be hurting or destroying,

This is the true picture given to us scripturally, beloved, of the evil nature of the beings that we have to do with as Christians, that we have to fight against as Christians. That enemy is seeking to hurt us, to ultimately destroy us. They are a great invisible kingdom of principalities and powers which are seeking continually to hurt and to kill human beings. Why? Because that is the kind of beings they are. That is the nature that they have, a nature which just lusts and cries out to hurt and ultimately to destroy. This is a nature by which they can have no satisfaction for their inner cravings except that they be seeking or searching out someone to deceive, tempt, vex, oppress, depress and ultimately destroy.

This is what Jesus meant when He said in Matthew 12:43, "When the unclean spirit is gone out, of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none." This denotes a spirit who is forced to exist in the air with no body of either HUMAN or ANIMAL in which they can be

dwelling and doing that which is their nature to do. They are miserable.

Any being that cannot be doing that which is his nature to do is miserable. If it is your nature to love, and you cannot be loving, you are miserable. If it is your nature to laugh, and you cannot be laughing, you are miserable.

The demoniac nature is to hurt, deceive, tempt, depress, vex, oppress, afflict, and ultimately destroy. If they cannot have a body to indwell (either human or animal, preferably human) in which they can be doing this, they are miserable. If they cannot be indwelling a body through which they can be manifesting their nature, they are miserable.

We can illustrate this also with human experience. We human beings have a nature that loves the fresh air and sunshine, the flowers, the birds, the trees, and fellowship with one another, particularly we who have been born again. We love fellowship in the Lord with one another. Take any one of us and put us in a cell six feet high, two feet wide, with no windows or no doors. If we were kept locked up with no means of being able to manifest our nature, we would explode, we would become insane. We, too, would become demoniac.

This is the picture of a demon spirit, as Jesus said, that had been cast out of the body where he had been dwelling. He is forced to exist in the air with no means of satisfying its lustful evil nature which cries out to be hurting and deceiving. He is miserable. "He walketh through dry places, seeking rest, but findeth none."

We are going to study that statement of Jesus a little further in our study of demon oppression. This reveals to us the evil, depraved nature of the enemy that we war against as Christians in the Christian warfare.

When they are forced to exist in the air, they can get a little bit of satisfaction for their nature out of deceiving and tempting human beings which they can do from the outside of a person. But, this is very little satisfaction for their nature. They are yet miserable when this is all they can do.

Let us again illustrate this from our experience. We who are Christians, who are born again, get supreme satisfaction and joy for our Christian nature, when we can sit down and share with someone the truth about the Lord Jesus. When that person is absorbing every word, and we lead them to Christ, and then we can share with them the Precious truth concerning the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and kneel down with them and Pray, and see them filled with the Spirit of God, just lost in Him, this is supreme satisfaction for our nature. It is supreme joy. But, if we are talking to a Person trying to Present Christ and that person is looking in every direction other than at us and is not really hearing what we say, we go away and get just a little bit of satisfaction out of knowing that we have tried. Still there is the crying out in us to see that person saved and filled with the Spirit of God.

Even so, demon spirits that are forced to exist outside of anyone that they cannot be indwelling, they do their work of tempting and deceiving. But, unless they can so tempt and deceive a person that they can indwell that person, they are miserable as they are forced to remain on the outside.

They try to present their evil ideas to a person's mind. That Person might have his mind filled with the labors of the day as a busy person and not idle minded. He continually is thinking about his business and job paying no attention to the tempting voice of the demon spirits that seek to project their evil ideas into that person's mind or particularly if they are trying to tempt a Christian and he refuses to accept their evil ideas, they get a little satisfaction out of that. They go away feeling, well they have tried. Still their nature cries out within them to so succeed in their deceiving and tempting that person that they can indwell him and truly begin to manifest their evil nature through that person. Until they can do so, they long to be so tormenting that person that they can ultimately destroy them, therefore, fully satisfying the cravings of their inner nature.

I hope we have presented to you a real picture of the nature of the demon spirits who are resisting the coming in

of the kingdom of God. They are not only resisting it but are seeking to destroy all humanity because their very nature cries out to destroy.

Contrary to what we have been taught in the past, Lucifer and his demons are not doing what they are doing and resisting Christ and His wisdom simply because they are mad at God, and they want to get revenge. Neither are they seeking to overthrow God's kingdom here on earth just to overthrow God. They do what they do simply because they can do or be nothing else. Their nature forces them to do the evil things that they do, and to be what they are. They can do nothing else, because that is the nature in which they have degenerated.

If Lucifer could have taken authority over the rest of God's creation and usurp the place of Jesus and still remained the being that he was when God first created him as an archangel, he would have been very glad. He had nothing to do with becoming the degenerated, depraved spirit that he is now. This was not his desire. He did not know things were going to end up this way. He thought he would take authority over the rest of God's creation and still remain the same wise being he was then. He did not want to be a demon, a devil. Now he does what he does because he cannot help himself. He still seeks to take complete rulership over the rest of God's creation and fights the war to do so. But now it is not just in order to rule over them but that he might destroy them. His very nature now cries out that he destroy.

This carries a great truth for human beings. We pointed out that Lucifer would have liked to satisfy his desires which were against God's plan for him and still remain the wide capable being that he was as an archangel. He did not know that the way he was going would lead to what he is now. Those human beings who think that they can depart from the plan of God for their lives and play around with the world a little bit satisfying their aspirations and desires do not believe or know that it will lead to a downward road of darkness and

hell. If they did, they would not go that way. Like Lucifer who walked out of the leadership of God's Spirit, they begin to play in darkness and the road leads to depravity. As they go that way, they sink into greater and deeper depths of depravity until they have no strength to pull themselves out of it. Then only if they come to Jesus can they pull out.

Many people of the world have gone the way of Lucifer and his demons. When they walked out into darkness and depravity long ago, out of the light of God, out of His leadership and were reserved in chains of darkness, they went further and further into that darkness. Do not think that the Spirit of God did not try to call them back when they started on their downward road. God loves His creation. Do not imagine that the Spirit of God did not try to woo Lucifer back to Him. But he had walked into darkness and continued to walk into darkness and sink into depravity until the day came when they passed the point of no return. When they became so hardened that God knew they would never turn back to Him, He had to let them go. Passing the point of no return, they became doomed to darkness and depravity, lost forever. The only end that God could provide for them was that time in the judgment day they would be separated unto their hell, there to exist separated from God and His heavens.

This is what happens to the people lost of this world. They have turned away from light and leadership of the precious Spirit of God. They seek to plan and fulfill their own lives instead of seeking God's plan for their lives. They have walked out into darkness. The Spirit of God would woo them back, but they keep going into the world and into darkness. The day comes when they pass the point of no return. Their mind and their spirit becomes so hardened that even when they hear the precious voice of Jesus and the Gospel of Jesus, they have no strength to turn back. They are doomed to eternally go down into darkness and depravity, continuing further in that depraved doomed state.

This is their hell where they will exist forever when all things have come to an end.

So we have learned the source and origin of demon spirits, where they came from and why they are with us. Once holy angels, they have fallen into deep depravity sinking into that degeneration for thousands of years to the evil depraved beings that have the nature which simply cries out to destroy.

In the closing portion of this study, we would like to reveal to you a picture of the scope and the size of this demoniac kingdom. To do this, we again study the symbol that God's Word uses for the demoniac kingdom, the serpent family.

These symbols which God uses in scripture are perfect symbols which when we study them, they reveal to us much truth.

In Romans 1:20 we read, "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead." This tells us that God in His wisdom at creation made things (visible) symbols of invisible or spiritual truths about God and His creation. This is why the Bible uses water as the symbol for the Holy Spirit, and the serpent as the symbol for the Satanic kingdom, and seed as the symbol for the Word of God. He did this not because He just decided to use these things as symbols but because the Spirit knew that God had made visible things symbols of invisible spiritual truths. When we know this truth and our spiritual eyes are opened, we can see symbols all around us which proclaim to us spiritual truths.

Sometime ago when I was in Arizona, I saw trees hanging on the mountain side stunted and gnarled. The leaves were brown, and the trees were barely struggling to remain alive because they had very little water. This proclaims to me the truth that human beings who have not the water of God's Spirit pouring through them will lead stunted, gnarled dry lives barely able to remain alive because they have very little of the water of God's Spirit.

The mountains that I saw in Arizona that are in the earth are symbols of the mountains that man had to climb over in order to get back to his perfect union with God which he had before the beginning of the fall. The valleys are symbols of the valleys that he must go through. We can go on and on.

Each one of these symbols that God has planted in creation are perfect. When we study the symbols, we can learn a lot of truth about the invisible reality that the symbols portray.

When we study the serpent family, we can learn much truth about the scope and the width of the demoniac kingdom. In the serpent family, there are the large serpents and small serpents. There are very deadly powerful serpents that can kill, and there are tiny small serpents that have no power to hurt or kill, but can only aggravate, frighten, or cause fear.

In the serpent family, there is the very powerful boa constrictor that can kill. There also is the deadly poisonous rattlesnake. Even so, in Satan's kingdom, there are giants, powerful spirits, that are much stronger than other spirits and have power to lead on to destruction.

In the serpent family, there are small green snakes which are not poisonous or deadly, and have no power to hurt at all, but can frighten one tremendously. Even so, in Satan's kingdom, there are spirits that are not real powerful, but are spirits of fear that can continually inject lies into a person's mind which causes fear. We can even consider the little worms which are part of the serpent family in the earth which eat the vegetables, which aggravate and which vex humanity.

They are types of the weaker spirits in Satan's kingdom which are not powerful but can be aggravating, vexing, irritating the human race, wearing down the individual's mind working ultimately towards being able to so wear down the mind that they can enter into that person and indwell that person. Then they can begin to work from the inside of that

person to ultimately oppress, possess, and destroy that person.

This brings us to the next study that we have to consider in our series. This is the six areas of demon influence and demon work in human experience.