

January 17, 2006

The Existence, Fall, and Activities of Demons

The existence of demons.

People who take the Bible seriously must accept the existence of demons.

There are many references to demon existence, Matt 4:24; 8:16; Mark 1:39; Luke 4:41; Acts 8:7; 1 Cor 10:20,21; Jas 2:19; Rev 9:20.

Demons are persons.

They have intellect, Mark 1:24; 5:7.

They have emotions, Jas 2:19.

They have will, Matt 8:3.

The identity of demons.

Incorrect theories

Disembodied spirits of evil dead, Luke 16:27.- 31.

Disembodied spirits of pre-adamic race, Exod 20:11; Gen 3:20; Rom 5:12; 1 Cor 15:45.

Disembodied spirits of nephilim in Gen 6, Matt 22:30.

Correct theology

Demons are fallen angels, Matt 12:24, cf. 25:41 and **Rev 12:9**; Rev 9:1-11.

The creation and fall of demons.

The origin of Satan and demons

Demons are angels, Matt 12:24; 25:41; Rev 12:7, cf. Heb 1:4; 2:9.

Angels are created beings, Psalm 148:2,5; Col 1:16; John 1:3; Rev 4:11

They were created day one, step one

Genesis 1:1, heaven...

Not atmosphere, Gen 1:6-8

Not stars, Gen 1:14-19

Exodus 20:11

Their moral condition at creation was one of unconfirmed creature holiness, Gen 1:31; Job 38:7

Accounts of their fall assume they existed in a holy state, 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6

All angels created holy, therefore, all demons were created holy.

Satan fell sometime between Gen 1:1 and Gen 3:1 (no gap between 1:1 and 1:2).

Did demons fall at the same time, Rev 12:4; one time all fell, or several "falls?" Luke 10:18.

The activities of demons.

They extend Satan's power, Rev 12:9; Matt 25:41, cf. Eph 6:11,12.

They can promote idolatry, 1 Cor 10:20; Rev 9:20.

They can contribute to some mental and physical disorders, Mark 5:15; Luke 9:39; Matt 9:32,33.

They can promote false doctrine, 1 Tim 4:1.

They can perform signs and miracles, Rev 16:14; 13:12-15.

They can instigate jealousy, faction and pride in believers, Jas 3:13-16.

They can influence government, Dan 10:13.

So what?

Take them seriously.

Don't make fun of them.

Do live a life that keeps you connected to your Savior