

Angels, Demons & You Unclean Spirits

I. Jesus' Ministry

Mark 1:21-28 (NASB®)

²¹ They *went into Capernaum; and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and *began* to teach. ²² They were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then **there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit**; and he cried out, ²⁴ saying, "What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" ²⁵ And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" ²⁶ Throwing him into convulsions, the unclean spirit cried out with a loud voice and came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, so that they debated among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." ²⁸ Immediately the news about Him spread everywhere into all the surrounding district of Galilee.

II. 2 Primary Choices: Be An Overcomer or Be Overcome

Romans 12:21

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A. The Churches of Revelation

Rev. 2:7

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

Rev. 2:11

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.

Rev. 2:17

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.

Rev. 2:26

To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations--

B. In the Arena

2 Tim. 4:9-18

⁹ Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰ for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. ¹² I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments. ¹⁴ Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. ¹⁵ You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our



message. ¹⁶ At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

III. An Assertive Posture

Col. 4:12

Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always **wrestling in prayer** for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

Romans 15:30

I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to **join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.**

Ephes. 6:12

For **our struggle is not against flesh and blood**, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

1 Tim. 6:12

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

2 Cor. 10:4

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, **they have divine power to demolish strongholds.**

1 Cor. 9:24

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? **Run in such a way as to get the prize.**

1 Cor. 9:26-27

Therefore **I do not run like a man running aimlessly**; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

1 Cor. 9:24-27

You've all been to the stadium and seen the athletes race. Everyone runs; one wins. Run to win. [25] All good athletes train hard. They do it for a gold medal that tarnishes and fades. You're after one that's gold eternally. [26] I don't know about you, but I'm running hard for the finish line. I'm giving it everything I've got. No sloppy living for me! [27] I'm staying alert and in top condition. I'm not going to get caught napping, telling everyone else all about it and then missing out myself. (The Message®)

IV. The Forces that Determine History Fall into Two Categories: Visible and Invisible

A. Visible Forces Are Obvious

B. Invisible forces

2 Cor. 4:17-18



¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.
¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

C. Important Feature Common To Both Realms:

- 1) Their effect is seldom limited to the individual
- 2) Once they are released, they tend to continue from generation to generation until something happens to cancel their effects

D. Three Spiritual Certainties:

- 1) The Spiritual World is Real
- 2) The Spiritual World Impacts Your Life
- 3) You Have Spiritual Influence

Personal Spiritual Inventory:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Do I purposely involve myself daily in spiritual things? | Yes _____ No _____ |
| 2. How is the Holy Spirit involved in my daily life? | |
| 3. Am I aware of satanic/demonic influence in my life? | Yes _____ No _____ |