



satan and demons:
The Dark Side of Spirituality
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SERMON

Where Does Satan Come From?

And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. Revelation 12:7-9

- **At the Heart of the Demonic is REBELLION...**

For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. 1 Samuel 15:23

Evil is ORGANIZED...

- **There is a Presiding INTELLIGENCE...**

*...the prince of demons... Matthew 9:34
 If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? Luke 11:18*

- **There is an Infernal SYSTEM...**

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. Ephesians 6:12

- **There Are Hordes of FOOTSOLDIERS...**

Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. Luke 8:30

Evil is ACTIVE...

...in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes. 2 Corinthians 2:4

- **The Goal: OPPOSITION to Godliness**

He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. 2 Thessalonians 2:4

- **Demons Influence at the STRUCTURAL Level.**

But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. Daniel 10:13

- **Demons Attack at the PERSONAL Level**

Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, ¹¹ in order that Satan might not outwit us.

Demon-POSSESSION vs. Demonization:

A RANGE Rather than OWNERSHIP

When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. Matthew 8:16

- **Demons Planned the CROSS...**

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 1 Corinthians 2:5-8

Evil is DEFEATED!

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

Hebrews 2:14-15

I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. Revelation 1:19