

SATAN, DEMONS AND FALLEN ANGELS

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"For though we are continually walking in the flesh, we do not ever war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but powerful in God for the tearing down of strongholds, ever throwing down reasonings and every high thing ever lifting itself up against the knowledge of God, and ever leading captive every thought into the obedience of Christ" (II Cor. 10: 3-5, Expanded Greek Translation - EGT).

First, Satan is Coming Against the Saints With A Spiritual War of Words

Paul declares that our warfare is not to be done in and with our own flesh (II Cor. 10:3). The weapons of our warfare come from God as our source. The weapons from God, generate the required power to demolish and tear down the strongholds of Satan, which are being built on his lying deceptions and words (II Cor. 10:4-5). Every temporal, deceptive and lying word must be lead away into captivity through the truth of Jesus Christ and Him Crucified (I Cor. 2:2). Satan uses a war of deceptive words to attempt **inroads** into our mind. Satan is called the serpent of old, the Devil, who deceives the whole world (Rev. 12:9). Satan is also called the accuser of the brethren (Rev. 12:10). It tells us that the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood (Rev. 12:15). This is a flood of **deceiving words** spoken by Satan and his spokesmen to build up a fortress against the Word and knowledge of God. Satan is coming against the saints with a **spiritual war of words** to build up deceptive **strongholds** in the mind.

Second, Jesus Christ and Him Crucified is the Power of God Against Satan

Jesus spoke a parable about a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. When the flood of Satan's words came streaming violently against that house, it was not shaken, for it was founded upon the rock (Luke 6:48). That rock is the rock of revelation of Jesus Christ and Him Crucified (Matt. 16:18; I Cor. 2:2). The lying and deceptive words of the enemy cannot come against Christ. Christ is **the power of God** (I Cor. 1:24). Every part of life is built on Christ, from the Spirit rebirthing and forward, with and by the finished work of the cross. Some think that the message of the cross is foolishness, but we know it is **the power of God** (I Cor. 1:18). These are a powerful foundation and the weapons that we stand in against Satan and his war of lying words. Without the foundation of Christ, the other man's house was destroyed (Lk. 6:49).

Third, The Difference Between Fallen Angels and the Creation of Demons

When Lucifer (Satan) was cast out of heaven, a third of the angels were cast out with him (Rev. 12:9). These are known as the fallen angels. They are still in existence and have spiritual bodies. As a result, they do not and cannot possess the bodies of men to do things in this earth. Also, there are demons who do not have bodies. Demons need and often possess bodies of others to do their ungodly work. Who are these demons and how did they get here? There is a **gap theory**, between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2, where there is a pre-Adamic creation. Fallen angels were allowed to procreate with man. God destroyed the bodies of these half-breed creatures called demons and the earth to a point without form.

Fourth, Demon Entrance, Possession, and Casting Out From Unsaved Men

There is clearly demon possession of men, for I have both seen and had to deal with it. Spiritually rebirthed sons **cannot** be demon-possessed. They can certainly be demonized or demon oppressed. However, unsaved men may be demon-possessed, but certainly not all are possessed. Satan, demons and fallen angels are all eternal, but they are not omni-present. I dealt with an unregenerate man who was demon-possessed. He wanted to be a Christian, but never was Holy Spirit convicted to honestly choose Christ to be his Lord and Savior. He was possessed by multiple demons who got into him from childhood. There was a mind-binding devil, who would take over his mind and then these demons would operate and speak through him in another voice. I commanded them in the Name of Jesus, to tell me their names – and how and when they got into him. I found out a demon of lust would get into him as he watched lustful TV shows and then would bring other demons in. There were demons of confusion, doubt, and unbelief that got into him as he watched Christian TV. I asked them how? When he viewed different Christian TV preaching programs, the demons pointed out differences of doctrine and confused him to gain entrance through his confusion, doubt, and unbelief. I had to cast them all out in the Name of Jesus.

Fifth, Satan's Levels of Authority and Operation in This Earth

Paul declares Satan's levels of authority in Ephesians 6:12, in which he operates in this earth. He places the Fallen Angels as principalities over cities to govern for him. He has powers or authorities over communities in the earth. There are rulers of the darkness of this age over areas and pockets of sin in this earth. Certainly Satan has a whole spiritual host of fallen angels in the heavenly places to do his bidding. Also, the demons are bound to this heaven and earth without bodies. Demons need to inhabit a body to be able operate their wickedness.

Sixth, Satan's Words, Works, Inroads and Strongholds Broken By Prayer

Satan uses his lying **words** and **works** to get **inroads** into the mind of either the regenerate or the unregenerate man. We need to have the mind renewed by the Holy Spirit to Christ being our life, our only life (I John 5:11,12). Christ lives in us as us (Gal. 2:20). If Satan convinces man to believe his lying **words** and **works**, he gets **inroads** into the mind. Then, Satan builds upon these **inroads** in the mind until they become **strongholds**. Paul warns us by the Spirit, that we need to not depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons (I Tim. 4:1; II Cor. 11:4; Gal. 1-6-9). Even though we may know who we are in Christ, there are many others round about us who may not know Christ and can be easily used by Satan against us. You can pray, "I **renounce** you Satan, and **break down** all your **works, inroads, and strongholds** and your abilities to work through those around me **in Jesus Name.**"

Seventh, We Have Christ Living In Us As Us Who is Greater than Any Devil

Satan comes to steal, kill, and destroy. Christ comes that we might have His abundant life (John 10:10). Our adversary the devil walks around like a roaring lion with his deceptive words (I Pet. 5:9). We are told to resist him. We are told to stand against the wiles or methods of the devil (Eph. 6:11). The Son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil (I Jn. 3:8). We now have the greater one – Christ living in us as us, who is greater than any devil in the world (I Jn. 4:4). Christ and His finished work on the cross defeated the devil.