



SUPERNATURAL: THE OPPOSITION OF DEMONS

Series Text: "My fellow believers, I don't want you to be confused about spiritual realities. For you know full well that when you were unbelievers you were often led astray in one way or another by your worship of idols, which are incapable of talking with you. Therefore, I want to impart to you an understanding of the following: No one speaking by the Spirit of God would ever say, "Jesus is the accursed one." No one can say, "Jesus is the Lord Yahweh," unless the Holy Spirit is speaking through him."

1 Corinthians 12:1-3 TPT

Message Text: Ephesians 6:10-12 NLT

A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

I) Demons

A. They are fallen Angels - Revelations 12:7-9 NKJV

And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

B. Demons have a leader, order and rank

C. Satan & Demons want worship - Mathew 4:8-9

'Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." '

D. Satan & Demons have limitations - Romans 8:38-39 NIV

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

II) What Demons Do In A Person's Life

1. Keep people from coming to Christ
2. Afflict and torment people
3. They bring people into bondage through addiction
4. They compel people to do things that they feel like they can't stop
5. They deceive and create deception
6. They accuse and speak condemning words
7. They abstract and create difficulties
8. They create pain and discomfort in the body and soul

III) Jesus & The Devil -

A. Acts 10:38

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were **oppressed** by the devil, for God was with Him.

B. Definition of Oppressed

1. to exercise harsh control over one, to use one's power against one
2. to exercise dominion against

C. I John 3:8 NKJV

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might **destroy the works of the devil**.

1. Jesus came to destroy the work of the devil

D. What it means to Destroy

1. To lose any person or thing tied or fastened
2. To release from bands or set free, discharge from prison
3. To undo, dissolve, dismiss, break up, do away with, to deprive of authority, to declare unlawful

II) Jesus Defeats the Devil

A. Personal attack

1. **Luke 4:1-13** - Jesus used the Word

B. Jesus and Deliverance

1. **Luke 4:32-37 NLT** - There, too, the people were amazed at his teaching, for he spoke with authority. Once when he was in the synagogue, a man possessed by a demon—an evil spirit—cried out, shouting, “Go away! Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” But Jesus reprimanded him. “Be quiet! Come out of the man,” he ordered. At that, the demon threw the man to the floor as the crowd watched; then it came out of him without hurting him further. Amazed, the people exclaimed, “What authority and power this man’s words possess! Even evil spirits

obey him, and they flee at his command!" The news about Jesus spread through every village in the entire region.

2. Evil spirits recognize Jesus.
3. We see things as they appear but in the spirit world things are seen as they are.
4. Jesus commanded the spirits with power & authority.
5. Evil spirits obeyed Jesus.

C. Luke 13:10-12 NIV

1. "On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity."

 - a. Evil spirits want to hold you down and keep you from straightening up.

Ephesians 2:2-5 NLT

1. "You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else." But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead.
 - a. Evil spirits energize and fuel what is bad in your life.

D. Matthew 12:22-29, 43-45 NLT

1. Then a demon-possessed man, who was blind and couldn't speak, was brought to Jesus. He healed the man so that he could both speak and see. The crowd was amazed and asked, "Could it be that Jesus is the Son of David, the Messiah?" But when the Pharisees heard about the miracle, they said, "No wonder he can cast out demons. He gets his power from Satan, the prince of demons." Jesus knew their thoughts and replied, "Any kingdom divided by civil war is doomed. A town or family splintered by feuding will fall apart. And if Satan is casting out Satan, he is divided and fighting against himself. His own kingdom will not survive. And if I am empowered by Satan, what about your own exorcists? They cast out demons, too, so they will condemn you for what you have said. But if I am casting out demons by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you. For who is powerful enough to enter the house of a strong man and plunder his goods? Only someone even stronger—someone who could tie him up and then plunder his house."
2. Matthew 12: 43-45 NLT "When an evil spirit leaves a person, it goes into the desert, seeking rest but finding none. Then it says, 'I will return to the person I came from.' So it returns and finds its former home empty, swept, and in order. Then the spirit finds seven

other spirits more evil than itself, and they all enter the person and live there. And so that person is worse off than before. That will be the experience of this evil generation."

a. ***Characteristics of Demons:***

1. Demons function under authority.
2. Demons have names - many times it describes the activity that they promote.
3. Demons look for a place to rest.
4. Demons have memory.
5. Demons can return.
6. Demons look for legal rights to enter & stay.
7. Demons only understand greater authority.
8. Demons work together.
9. Demons want to hurt God by defiling His creation.
10. Demons want to defy God by expressing their will through His creation.

IV) We Have Been Given Power And Authority

A. Luke 10:17-20 NLT

1. When the seventy-two disciples returned, they joyfully reported to him, "Lord, even the demons obey us when we use your name!" "Yes," he told them, "I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning! Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you. But don't rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven."

B. Mark 16:15-18 NLT

1. And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned. These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed."
2. **Steps To Personal Deliverance:** James 4:7 NIV - "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."
 1. **Repent** - turn from sin
 2. **Renounce** - break agreement
 3. **Surrender** - yield to God
 4. **Resist** - push back with greater authority

