

Trinity Bible Church
 Lesson 10
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The Angelic Conflict

4. Angels.

- H. The Function of Godly Angels:
1. Execute Judgment. 1 Sam 16:14; Rev 14:18; Rev 16:1-20
 2. Teach until the close of the Canon. Eze 1:4-28; Dan 10:10-14
 3. Deliver messages from God. Luke 2:8-14
 4. Guard believers. Matt 18:10; Acts 12:15-16; Heb 1:14
 5. Transport. Eze 1:4-28; Luke 16:22-23
 6. Sing. Rev 5:9-12
 7. Affect weather. Rev 7:1
 8. Seal and protect. Rev 7:2-4
 9. Evangelize. Rev 14:6-7
 10. Doormen of New Jerusalem. Rev 21:12-14
 11. Observe man. 1 Peter 1:12
 12. Attend God. Eze 1:4-28; Rev 4:6-11
 13. Minister to Christ. Matt 4:5-6; Luke 22:43; Matt 26:53; Matt 28:2-6
- I. The Function of Ungodly Angels aka Demonology. Matt 12:28
1. Before the Flood, they attacked the line of the Promised Seed by cohabiting with the daughters of men. Gen 6:1-4
 - a. They are there called the "sons of God," to denote their unfallen origin. Job 1:6-7; Job 2:1
 - b. These angels were incarcerated for their action. Jude 6-7; 2 Pet 2:4
 - c. Their sin was of such a magnitude that it required immediate discipline. Gen 6:5-7
 - d. Their offspring was the basis of mythology. Gen 6:4
 - e. The reason is that they violated a rule established for the Angelic Conflict. Jude 1:6
 - f. Their incarceration was not simply for attacking humanity or the line of the Promised Seed or else all Ungodly Angels would already be incarcerated.
 2. After the Flood the attack was different in that no cohabitation was permitted. 2 Pet 2:4
 3. Terminology for Ungodly Angels:
 - a. Sons of God. Gen 6:2,4; Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7
 - b. Angels. (MAL'AK) Job 4:17-19; Matt 25:41
 - c. Evil spirits. (PON8ROS PNEUMA) Luke 7:21; 8:2; 11:26; Acts 19:12-13

- d. Unclean spirits. Matt 10:1; Mark 1:27; 3:11; 5:13; 6:7; Luke 4:36; 6:18; Acts 5:16; 8:7; Rev 16:13-14 (demons)
 - e. Deceitful spirits. 1 Tim 4:1
 - f. Demons. (DAIMWN = feminine noun 5X) (DAIMONIOV = resembling demonic activities; 1X; Jas 3:15)
4. Demon possession is most noted in the Gospels, as in the case with "Legion." Matt 8:28-34 & Mark 5:1-20 & Luke 8:26-39
5. Characteristics of Demon Possession:
- a. They recognize Christ immediately. Matt 8:29; Mark 5:5-8
 - b. Their communication system keeps them informed of strong believers. Acts 19:15
 - c. It appears that possessed individuals cannot command the demons to leave them. Luke 8:26-30
 - d. They can control bodily action and give their hosts tremendous strength. Luke 8:29
 - e. It appears that possession of animals is only done with divine permission. Luke 8:32
 - f. Those possessed were often stricken with physical maladies. Matt 9:32-34; Matt 12:22-23; Luke 11:14-21; Matt 17:14-18
6. Mechanics and Limitations of Demon Possession.
- a. It is a physical malady. Matt 8:16-17
 - b. Therefore, they gain some control over the Brain and the body.
 - c. It often comes as a result of association with idols. 1 Cor 10:19-21
 - d. By controlling the brain, they can have direct input into the soul with their doctrines. 1 Tim 4:1
 - e. Those who are possessed retain their volition and still have some control over their body. The Gerasene demoniac ran to and bowed before Jesus but the demon didn't want to be there. Mark 5:5-8
 - f. It seems reasonable that those who are possessed would actively seek possession or passively permit it due to rejection of God, otherwise all unbelievers could be possessed which is not the case.
 - g. It also seems reasonable that possession can only occur in those who have reached a state of God-Consciousness and have rejected God.
 - 1) It seems that children would be protected by their angels. Matt 18:10
 - 2) The Syrophenician woman's daughter was almost a teenager. Mark 7:24-30 cf Mark 5:23
 - 3) The son of a man from the multitude was probably also a teenager. Matt 17:14-18

- h. Believer's cannot be possessed because of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. 1 John 4:4b
 - i. Believers can be greatly influenced. 1 Tim 4:1
 - j. With divine permission, they can inflict physical problems on Believers. 2 Cor 12:7; Cf Job 1-2
 - 7. Presently they have no opportunity for salvation. Matt 8:29 & Mark 5:7 & Luke 8:28; Heb 2:16
 - 8. The "Casting Out" of demons:
 - a. Jesus Christ had the authority and used it to cast out demons. Matt 4:24; 8:16; Mark 5:8; Luke 8:2 et al
 - b. The apostles were given authority to cast them out. Matt 10:8; Luke 9:1
 - c. The Appointed "Seventy" were also given the authority. Luke 10:1,17
 - d. So could other Believers. Luke 9:49-50
 - e. The casting out is done via the Holy Spirit. Matt 12:28
 - f. Unbelievers are in physical danger when they try to cast out demons by magic formulas. Acts 19:13-16
 - g. The Gospel will cast out demons if the possessed person believes in Christ for the Holy Spirit will enter and remove it.
 - h. Not all who cast out demons are Believers, for Satan's forces work together to deceive many with lying signs and wonders. Matt 7:22
 - 9. The key to understanding the functions of Ungodly Angels is to realize that they counterfeit truth. 1 Tim 4:1
 - a. So they can control unbelievers with no overt hint of what their intent is. 2 Cor 11:14-15
 - b. They will use smooth and flattering speech. Rom 16:18
 - c. They will counterfeit the functions of Believers to present Human Good. Matt 7:22
 - d. Their doctrine has been manifested through history. Gen 11
- J. Angels are basically messengers of information from their respective leader.