

SUPERNATURAL—3 SATAN AND HIS DEMONS

² When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him.³ This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. ⁴ For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones. ⁶ When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. ⁷ He shouted at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God’s name don’t torture me!” ⁸ For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you impure spirit!” ⁹ Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” “My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.” ¹⁰ And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area. – Mark 5:2-10 (NIV)

WHERE DID SATAN COME FROM?

¹² How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! ¹³ You said in your heart, “I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon.” ¹⁴ I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.” – Isaiah 14:12-14 (NIV)

⁷ Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸ But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹ 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 (NIV)

WHAT DO DEMONS DO?

- **DEMONS DESIRE TO INFLICT SUFFERING ON YOU.**

¹⁵ “Lord, have mercy on my son,” he said. “He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. ¹⁶ I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him.” ¹⁷ “You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.” ¹⁸ Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment. – Matthew 17:15-18 (NIV)

- **DEMONS SCHEME TO LURE YOU AWAY FROM GOD.**

¹ The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. – 1 Timothy 4:1 (NIV)

- **DEMONS WANT TO PARALYZE YOU WITH FEAR.**

⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. – 2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)

BATTLING THE DARKNESS

- 1) **WE DON’T TREAT OUR ENEMY LIGHTLY.**

⁹ But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, “The Lord rebuke you!” – Jude 9-10 (NIV)

- 2) **WE DON’T FLIRT WITH DARKNESS.**

¹⁰ Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, 11 or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD... – Deuteronomy 18:10-12a (NIV)

- 3) **WE DON’T FIGHT WITH OUR POWER BUT WITH GOD’S AUTHORITY.**

¹ Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. – Matthew 10:1 (NLT)

⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. – James 4:7-8 (NIV)