## <u>Is There Really a Devil?</u>

If there really is a devil, does he have a kingdom? The answers to these questions can only be known by us through Jesus revealing it to us in the Bible. Let's look at some Scriptures that will give us understanding of the devil and his kingdom.

Matthew 12:22-28 KJV Then was brought unto Him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and He healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. [23] And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the Son of David? [24] But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. [25] And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: [26] And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? [27] And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. [28] But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God is come unto you.

This man that was blind and dumb was in this condition because the devil's kingdom had taken over his life. Jesus spoke these words for us to see our spiritual enemy and his actions. Then we see Jesus making the devils leave so the man could be free.

I believe that our Father God wants us to learn from Jesus how to set people free from the devil. Jesus cast the devil out of the man so that he could be healed. We see that, after the demons left him, the man could talk and see. I've asked Father God, "Does every person that is blind and can't speak have a devil?" He told me that sometimes a devil has been there but is gone, because sometimes he injures people then leaves; other times he stays and takes over parts of the person's body. So at times, all you have to do is drive him out of the person and they will be able to function normally. At other times, he is already gone; and now the person just needs his body healed from what the devil damaged.

The spiritual world really does affect this natural world! Jesus knew that and brought much deliverance to mankind when He was on the earth. Now, He wants us to see the way He did it in the Bible and do it like He did. By the way, when you start operating like Jesus on the earth, you will be running into the devil's kingdom over and over again.

Here is another account of Jesus setting a person free from demons...

Matthew 8:28-32 KJV And when He was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. [29] And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with Thee, Jesus, Thou Son of God? art Thou come hither to torment us before the time? [30] And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. [31] So the devils besought Him, saying, If Thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. [32] And He said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.

The demons cried out when Jesus came near them. The same thing will happen to us, when we read Jesus'Words in the Bible and act on them in faith. So many people today have demon spirits that need to be cast out; will you be that person that Jesus can use to cast them out?

Matthew 10:1 KJV And when He had called unto Him His twelve disciples, He gave

them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Luke 10:17 KJV And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy Name.

We have the authority of Jesus! Our Father God has people ready for us to set free. So let's all read the Bible and let the Holy Ghost lead us to those people. We can and will drive the devils out so that they can be free.

As I close, let me say this to you. If you have been thinking about ending your life, you have a devil that is following you around. Call me at the church, and I will cast that spirit out of you! Then you can go and set others free as well.

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Love you,
Pastor Paul
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## 8-16-20

\*This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday Obadiah chapter 1
Tuesday Jonah chapter 1
Wednesday Jonah chapter 2
Thursday Jonah chapter 3
Friday Jonah chapter 4
Saturday Micah chapter 1
Sunday Micah chapter 2

- \*Upcoming Events
- 1. Women's Dance Aerobics: Mon, Wed, & Thur 10-11am; Fri 9:30-10:30
- 2. Mobile Prayer: Fridays 1:30-3pm in Sam's Warehouse Parking Lot
- 3. Can drive for Food Bank: Tubs are at entrances for non-perishable food items
- 4. Baptisms: Sunday at end of Services

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LTCC to the phone number <u>59769</u>. You will receive a confirmation message shortly thereafter.

- \*\*Use this link for The Christian Center app <a href="http://bgw1.itexttoday.com/apps/2323/8833/">http://bgw1.itexttoday.com/apps/2323/8833/</a> indexm.html
- \*\* Here is a list of the many gatherings we have for you to get together and fellowship with your brothers and sisters. Please take advantage of them, and you will bless yourself and others also.

Sundays \* Prayer: <u>9am</u> Lee side entrance \* Fellowship in Café <u>9:15-9:45 am</u>. \* Services <u>10:45 am</u>

Adult, Youth, and Children classes 9:45-10:30 am

Faith Class: ------Michael Whitley Financial Class: -----Terry Boyd Foundation 1 Class: ---Pastor Paul Foundation 2 Class: ---Mike Wiggins

Healing Class: ------Lester/Monica Witherspoon Marriage Class:------Danny/Demetrius Williams

Prayer Class: -----Joe Cunningham

Children's Sunday School: 6 months - 5th grade Youth Services: -----Lucas/Cyndi Moore

Young Singles/College & Career-Eliav/Kim Nash

Daily \* Early Morning Prayer in Sanctuary: Monday-Friday6:15-7:15am

\* Noonday Bible Study: Mon-Friday in Chapel on Lee Blvd side of

Church

\* Women's Dance Aerobics: Mon-Thur 10-11am; Fri 9:30-10:30 in the

Gym

Weekly \* Adult, Youth & Children Services: Sunday 9:45 & 10:45 am; Wednesday night

<u>7pm</u>

Monthly \* Men's Meeting: 9am 1st Saturday of each month at Golden Corral

\* Crosses at the Corner: 12-1pm 1st Saturday at corner of Sheridan and

Cache Rd.

\* Women's Meeting: 9am 2nd Saturday of each month

\* Horse Ministry: <u>10am-1pm</u> 3rd Saturday of each month