

Kids Column



"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge." (Psalm 19:1-2)

In the town hall in Copenhagen stands the world's most complicated clock. It took forty years to build at a cost of more than a million dollars. That clock has ten faces, fifteen thousand parts, and is accurate to two-fifths of a second every three hundred years. The clock computes the time of day, the days of the week, the months and years, and the movements of the planets for twenty-five hundred years. Some parts of that clock will not move until twenty-five centuries have passed.

What is intriguing about that clock is that it is not accurate. It loses two-fifths of a second every three hundred years. Like all clocks, that timepiece in Copenhagen must be regulated by a more precise clock, the universe itself. The universe, a mighty astronomical clock, with billions of moving parts, rolls on century after century with movements so reliable that all time on earth can be precisely measured against it. (From "Illustrations for Preaching and Teaching," p. 45)

Question of the Week

Read Genesis 37

There was a young man whose father gave him a coat/tunic of many colors, his brothers also threw him into a pit and sold him into slavery, what was his name?

Gods Plan Of Salvation

Hear, Romans 10:17, Believe, John-8:24, Repent, Luke 13:3, Confess, Romans-10:9-10, Baptism, Acts 2:38, Remain Faithful, Revelation 2:10

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Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Study 10:00AM

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:00 PM

Everyone Is Welcome To Attend!



Influence of Demons

The New Testament records a period of extraordinary demonic activity. During the ministry of Jesus, He frequently encountered people who had demons (unclean spirits, evil spirits) within them. When He did so, He cast those demons out by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This period ended after New Testament times. We know this because Zechariah 13:1-2 prophesied that God would “remove the prophets and the unclean spirit from the land” when He opened “a fountain...for sin and impurity.” This is an obvious reference to the time when Christ would offer redemption through His cross. We also know that prophecy ceased with the completion of God’s word (1Cor. 13:8-10), so that also gives us the timeframe for the removal of unclean spirits.

So then, demons are no longer roaming free to possess people by occupying their physical bodies. However, this does not mean that demons are no longer active or that they cannot occupy individuals in another way. Today, demons take hold of people by possessing their minds.

This modern-day demon occupation happens not by hostile takeover but by influence. The Bible speaks of “deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons” (1Tim. 4:1-2), which are false and evil teachings. It also speaks of the wisdom from below, which is “earthly, natural, demonic” (Jas. 3:15). By these, demons take hold of the minds of people. Those who are influenced by such things yield their minds to be possessed by demons. Some people surrender so completely that they delight in unspeakable evil and even commit unthinkable atrocities.

This is not new, for even in New Testament times, bodily possession was not the only way demons held sway over people. Those who worshiped idols unwittingly surrendered to demons. They thought their idols were living deities, but only living demons received their pagan sacrifices (1Cor. 10:19-21). This same dynamic happens today whenever people elevate anything above God, for demons possess their minds through such evil thinking.

Recognizing this, let us beware of the demonic influences that are emerging in our culture. There are popular musicians who are embracing demonic lyrics and demonic imagery in their performances. Their songs and concerts are more than just fantasy and theater. They are genuinely evil. Movies, TV shows, social media, and even some schools depict such things as well.

Let us not be deceived. Demonic influences are among us, so we must not allow them to occupy our minds. To do so is worse than being possessed in body, for it is willful and complicit. Instead, let us put on the full armor of God and resist the devil and his forces (Eph. 6:10-13). If we do, then they will flee from us (Jas. 4:7).

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