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# THE RAGING WAR

EPHESIANS 6

# **the personal battle**

mark 7

# possessed?

- *Luke 8:35–36: Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed.*
- There are five ancient Greek words for “ownership” or possession.
  - None of them are used in this passage.

# possessed?

- The word that is translated “possession” in your bibles is actually the word, *daimonizomai*, is best translated “demonized.”
- Outside of a mutual agreement, no one is fully owned or possessed by a demon. They are “demonized.”
- This means that a Christian cannot be possessed by a demon, but there is *nothing* in scripture that says that a Christian cannot be demonized.

# christians and demons

- The argument that people make is “Well, if the Holy Spirit, the very presence of God, is in us it is impossible for God to share His space with a demon.”
- This disregards sin. You have a “new heart” and you are a “new creation” and yet you probably still have sin in you.
  - How can sin live in a new creation and new heart?
- Both of those statements are *logic* based. We need a scriptural basis for this.

# old testament

- 2 Chronicles 33:4–7: *And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, “In Jerusalem shall my name be forever.” And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. And he burned his sons as an offering in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, and used fortune-telling and omens and sorcery, and dealt with mediums and with necromancers. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger. And the carved image of the idol that he had made he set in the house of God,*

# old testament

- Ezekiel 8:3–4: *He put out the form of a hand and took me by a lock of my head, and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven and brought me in visions of God to Jerusalem, to the entrance of the gateway of the inner court that faces north, where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provokes to jealousy. And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, like the vision that I saw in the valley.*

# paul and idols

- 1 Corinthians 10:19–20: *What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons.*
- Paul says every idol (carved image of a spiritual being) is empowered by a demon.
- And if Christians fall into idolatry then they become participants with demons.

# nt “believers”

- Peter (Mark 8)
- James and John (Luke 9)
- Daughter of Abraham (Luke 13)
- Judas (Luke 22)
- Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5)
- The Immoral Man in Corinth (1 Corinthians 5)
- Paul (1 Thessalonians 2:18, 2 Corinthians 12)
- Hymenaeus and Alexander (1 Timothy 1)

# good news

- *Mark 7:24–30: And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician by birth.*

# good news

*And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.*

# the woman

*But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet.*

- This woman knew that Jesus had power over the forces of Satan.
- She goes where the power is.

# the woman

*Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth.*

- She is not a Jew. Jesus has stated that He came for the house of Israel.
  - Jews wanted nothing to do with Gentiles and called them “dogs.”
- Jesus sees past the cultural divisions of Jew/Gentile, man/woman, and sees the person standing in front of Him as someone who is deeply loved.

# the woman

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- Jesus "insults" her but she sees past that and presses into the power she knows He has.
- She displays tremendous faith with tremendous humility.

# the children's bread

- “The children” are Jews that actively live submitted by faith to Yahweh.
- The “children’s bread” is what they get by virtue of their union with Yahweh.
- The bread Jesus is speaking of in this passage is deliverance from demons and healing.

# the children's bread

- It is the right of the children of Jesus to be free from demonization and healed either bodily or spiritually from the havoc that demons wreak on mankind.
- That is your bread child of God.
- True freedom is found when we go to the power source, we eat of the bread of life, and humbly submit to Him.