

Talking To Demons?

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In Dr. Karl's Immanuel Opening and Closing Prayers, we speak directly to evil spiritual forces that may be in the room. We do this standing in the authority of Jesus Christ who has already defeated them making an open spectacle of them. We ask Jesus to be involved by appointing representatives and binding them. We have found that reading these prayers seems to head off any trouble during the session.

Jesus came in the form of a man-

Philippians 2:6-7 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

Filled with the Spirit and power-

Luke 4:1, 14 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness...then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.

Defeated all the powers of the enemy-

Colossians 2:15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

1 John 3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Having all authority in heaven and earth-

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

And gave us His authority upon which we stand-

Matthew 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen."

Luke 10:17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

By the power by His Spirit -

Matthew 3:11 "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Luke 3:16

Mark 1:8 "I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

To defeat the works of the devil-

Matthew 10:1 And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

Mark 3:14-15 Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons:

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

And to follow His example-

John 13:15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

John 14:12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

1 Peter 2:21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.

While we are commanded not to have fellowship with demons-

1 Corinthians 10:20-21 Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons.

We do see Jesus commanding (speaking directly to) demons-

In Matthew

Matthew 8:26 But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

Matthew 17:18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

In Mark

Mark 1:25-26 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him! And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him.

Mark 1:34 Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

Mark 4:39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

Mark 8:33 But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.

Mark 9:25-26 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more! Then *the spirit* cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead."

Mark 16:9 Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons.

In Luke

Luke 4:35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in *their* midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him.

Luke 4:39 So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.

Luke 4:41 And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!" And He, rebuking *them*, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.

Luke 8:24 And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm.

Luke 8:30 Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him.

Luke 9:42 And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed *him*. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father.

Luke 9:55 But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of.

***NOTE:** In every case except Mark 7:29-30, Jesus casts out demons by speaking directly to them. There is no lengthy discourse. Jesus isn't getting information for information sake. He is just getting rid of them quickly.*

Example: Mark 5:1-18 ¶ Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. 2 And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, 3 who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, 4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. 5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. 6 When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. 7 And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me." 8 For He said to him, **"Come out of the man, unclean spirit!"** 9 Then He asked him, **"What is your name?"** And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many." 10 Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country. 11 Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. 12 So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them." 13 And at once **Jesus gave them permission.** Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea. 14 So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. 15 Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. 16 And those who saw it told them how it happened to him who had been demon-possessed, and about the swine. 17 Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region. 18 And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him." Cp. Matthew 8:29-34; Luke 8:26-39

Paul followed Jesus' example (as did the twelve and the seventy)-

Acts 16:16-18 Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, **"I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her."** And he came out that very hour.

Now we are also to follow Paul's example-

Philippians 3:17 Brethren, join in following **my example**, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

Philippians 4:9 **The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me**, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

1 Thessalonians 4:1 Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, **just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God**;

2 Thessalonians 3:9 Not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an **example** of how you should follow us.

***NOTE:** So can we speak directly to demons? Yes, by the power of the Spirit, in Jesus' name and authority, for the purpose of deliverance. This we do in the opening and closing prayers. In the rare instance that a demon attempts to block the work of healing during the session, we simply enforce the boundaries stated in the opening prayer and cast them to the feet of Jesus for Him to deal with them directly.*

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