

3 Demons

THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK ARE SPIRIT

John 6:63

DEMONS AND WORDS

(Pg. 27) Scripture reveals that demons are our spiritual enemy. Even though we may not see them, hear them, or feel them directly, they will influence us and harm us. Demons keep us from knowing the truth. They make us their slaves and seek to turn us from God. They are true thieves and parasites. They use and destroy us. They deceive and confuse us. They hold us in bondage.

The world today is basically demonic and people are totally slaves to the will and desires of multitudes of demons inhabiting them, thus the great evil upon the earth today. It is demons living a life through people according to their free and evil self-will, apart from God's authority and laws.

To be set free and enter the KINGDOM OF GOD, we must do battle with them and overcome their power and their seemingly oneness with us.

**For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood,
But against principalities,
Against powers,
Against the rulers of the darkness of this age,
Against spiritual hosts of wickedness
In the heavenly places.**

Eph.6:12

(Pg.28)

This verse reveals that the real enemy is an unseen enemy, not our brothers and sisters. This enemy is so close that we must “wrestle” with it. It is a struggle fought within our spirit, within our heart, within our soul and body. The real enemy is in ourself. It is the

powers of darkness in ourself that we must fight against, not our own flesh, and not each other in the flesh. We must love ourself and the other person while hating the evil part of us. The evil is demonic and we must be able to separate the one from the other.

The verse above also reveals that our enemies in the spirit are organized with “rulers” and “principalities” and chain of command, like in the military. The enemy has “powers”. It has rulership over the areas of darkness in our life and in our heart. The enemy is “wicked” with harmful intent. The enemy lives in “heavenly places”, meaning the spirit world, and is an enemy to our spirit.

The enemy is thus formidable. It is not a war that can be fought by our physical and mental abilities and by our own strength. It is a war of a different nature.

**For thought we walk in the flesh,
We do not war according to the flesh.**

**For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal
But mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 2Co.10:3,4**

We may learn more about the unseen enemy from Jesus's encounters with demons. They are described in various places as "foul", "unclean", and "evil". We see that they inhabit a person as their house (*M't.12:4 "how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?"*).

Then they live through that person, executing their own nature through them, and making them a slave to do their own will.

**That they may come to their senses
And escape the snare of the devil,
Having been taken captive by him to do his will. 2Ti2:26**

There are many different kinds of demons and a single person may have many demons.

**Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?”
And he said, “Legion,”
Because many demons had entered him. Lu.8:30**

We see also in this verse that demons are named. We see elsewhere in the Scriptures many demons named according to their nature.

(Pg. 29)a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.	1Ki.22:22
and a haughty spirit before a fall.	Pr.16:18
we have received, not the spirit of the world...	1Co.2:12
a perverse spirit in her midst;	Isa.19:14
The spirit of deep sleep...	Isa.29:10
The spirit of heaviness...	Isa.61:3
The spirit of harlotry has caused them to stray...	Ho.4:12
Deaf and dumb spirit , I command you, come out...	Mk.9:25
possessed with the spirit of divination...	Ac.16:16
did not receive the spirit of bondage again...	Ro.8:15
God has given them a spirit of stupor...	Ro.11:8
God has not given us a spirit of fear...	2Ti.1:7
heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons..	1Ti.4:1
and this is the spirit of the Antichrist...	1Jo.4:3

by this we know the ... **spirit of error**.

1Jo.4:6

A woman who had a **spirit of infirmity**...

Lu.13:11

If the **spirit of jealousy** comes upon him...

Nu.5:14

From these many examples it is apparent that there is a demon for every word that describes any kind of evil. This means that every word in the dictionary that describes any evil in any of its definitions is the name of an evil spirit, and is an evil spirit (see “The Works of the Flesh” in the Appendix). This is why Jesus said:

The words that I speak to you are spirit

Jo.6:63

For every word, there is a spirit. Words correspond to spirits. Spoken words are spirits. Thus for every evil word, there is an evil spirit. And every evil word is any word that describes a sin against Jesus Christ or God's

creation. It is a word that describes something “foul”, “unclean”, or “evil”. It is any word indicative of Satan. Every word that describes destruction, deception, death, darkness, sin, hate, evil, negativity, etc. is indicative of Satan. Some examples are lying, antagonism, malice, boasting, cancer, cursing, self-defense, greed, whimpering, addiction, impatience, carelessness, and so on. These are the names of the demons. If you have any evil spirits such as these, you cannot walk as Jesus Christ, your heart is not pure, and you will not enter the Kingdom of God.

Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD?

Or who may stand in His holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol,

Ps.24:3,4⁹

(an idol is a demon – see *1Co.10:14-22:14* Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. 15 I speak as to wise men; judge for yourselves what I say. 16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? 17 For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread. 18 Observe Israel after the flesh: Are not those who eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? 19 What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything? 20 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. 21 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. 22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?

(Pg.30) An evil word and an evil spirit are one and the same thing. Therefore, in deliverance you may cast out the evil spirit, or you may cast out the evil word in yourself.

Each name that describes a demon also describes a sin and an iniquity. If, for example, we have the iniquity of lying in our heart, and we tell a lie, then we have committed the sin of lying and the demon of lying may enter us.

Not all spirits and iniquities are revealed as a single word. For example, a man asked the Holy Spirit to reveal why he was being tormented inside at times in anticipation of the future. God revealed by voice in a dream that the spirit and iniquity was specifically “a fear of the moment.” It was any moment in his life where that demon¹¹ of

fear could cause him to be uneasy, apprehensive, scared, frightened, etc. of what was coming and not yet faced. When the spirit was cast out, peace came unto the man.

Once a demon has entered, it may then speak and act through us. An example of this is given in the Scripture when Jesus rebuked Peter, saying, “Get behind me Satan.” *(Matt.16:23 Once a demon has entered, it may then speak and act through us. An example of this is given in the Scripture when Jesus rebuked Peter, saying, “Get behind me Satan.”)*

Jesus addressed Satan in Peter because He discerned the demon speaking through Peter. Thus iniquity was found in Peter’s heart. The demon could not have dwelt within him if his heart had been pure.

...having been taken captive by the devil to do his will. 2Ti.2:26C

As the above example shows, we cannot speak wrongly unless there is evil in our heart. The words we speak reveal the iniquity in our heart.

**But those things which proceed out of the mouth
come from the heart,
and they defile a man. M't.15:18**

And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity.

**The tongue is so set among our members
that it defiles the whole body,
and sets on fire the course of nature;
and it is set on fire by hell.**

Jas.3:6

Words may defile a man and his church because words are spirits.

You are snared by the words (spirits) of your own mouth;

You are taken by the words (spirits) of your mouth.

So do this, my son, and deliver yourself;

Pr.6:2,3

Could this be why a mouth is sometimes called a “trap”? (Shut your trap!)

(Pg 31) We are therefore judged by the words we speak because our words reflect our heart.

**For by your words you will be justified,
and by your words you will be condemned.**

M't.12:37

Only when our heart has been purged of all iniquity will our words be pure. And only when our words are pure will our way be perfect.

**For we all stumble in many things.
If anyone does not stumble in word,
he is a perfect man,
able also to bridle the whole body.**

Jas.3:2

And only if our way is perfect will we come into the presence of (see) God the Father.

**Be ye therefore perfect,
even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.** M't.5:48(KJV)

**Blessed are the pure (perfect) in heart,
For they shall see God.** M't.5:8

Our words steer our course through life like the rudder of a boat
*(Jas.3:4 Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven
by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the
pilot desires.)*. In our words we reap what we sow. If we speak the
word, which is the truth, we will reap blessings. But if we speak evil,
we will reap curses.

**The mouth of the righteous is a well of life,
But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.**

Pr.10:11

Therefore it is wise to consider our words very carefully, because whatever words we speak, the Lord will give life to them.

I create the fruit of the lips...Says the LORD.

Isa.57:19

And by the fruit of our lips we must eat. Sooner or later we must eat the words we speak according to the unbreakable word of *God* (*Jo.10:35*“If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken.)

**A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth,
And from the produce of his lips he shall be filled.
Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it will eat its fruit.**

Pr.18:20,21

DEMONS AND IDOLS (Pg 32)

When the Lord said, "Put away your idols." He meant stop worshipping demons. Idols are demons (Re.9:20) But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.;

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1Co.10:14-22: 14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry 15 I speak as to wise men; judge for yourselves what I say. 16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? 17 For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

18 Observe Israel after the flesh: Are not those who eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? 19 What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything? 20 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. 21 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. 22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?)

If we would rather follow the way of a demon than follow the word of God, then the demon comes before God in our life. It is our true lord because it is our master and we are its slave. It is therefore an idol god. We are devoted to it as a god in our life. Such devotion is worship. This is the meaning of idol worship.

If we hate a brother rather than love him, we have put our demonic desire to hate ahead of the word of God, which says, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” If we would rather “pop-off” to a spouse than be patient and longsuffering, we have appeased a demon. When we say ugly words because it makes us feel better to say ugly words, we have worshipped a demon. Demons are idols when we would rather serve them than serve God. Idol worship is when you please yourself before God. It is when you do anything that is not from a

Spirit of God. If it is not from a Spirit of God, then it is from a spirit of Satan. And no one can serve two masters.

**No one can serve two masters;
for either he will hate the one and love the other,
or else he will be loyal to the one
and despise the other.**

You cannot serve God and mammon.

M't.6:24

Mammon refers to materialism, self, lusts, etc. One or the other must come first.

**Jesus said to him,
“You shall love the LORD your God**

(Pg.32)

**with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind.”**

M't.22:37

If you have demons you cannot love God with all your heart, soul, and mind. You will be withholding a portion of yourself that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. You will have some “self” reserved for evil spirits. But you cannot mix evil and holiness. You cannot mix bitter and sweet water (*Ja.3:11,12 Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? 12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.*) You cannot mix the Spirit of God with the spirits of Satan.

(Pg 33)

**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.**

1Co.10.21

If you have demons you cannot partake of the cup of Jesus Christ and become of one body with Him. You cannot mix idol (demon) worship with the worship of God. However, this is exactly what the churches have tried to do. They have tried to worship God without following a path of true holiness and righteousness. They have not understood that a body of Christ cannot be formed without first being cleansed of evil spirits.

The first and great *commandment* (*M't.22:37 Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."*) says you shall love God first, before all else. But demons desire to sit on the throne in our heart and be worshiped as God themselves.

Who opposes and exalts himself

Above all that is called God or that is worshiped,

So that he sits as God in the temple of God,

Showing himself that he is God.

2Th.2:4

A demon demands that we do his will and serve him. But he does not always require that we serve and worship him continuously.

Receiving worship only now and then is sufficient to show himself that

that he is our true lord and that he still sits before God in our life and heart. After a demon has been served and appeased he may remain quiet for a while. He will then let us go to church, worship, sing, be nice, etc. Then again, at his command, we will worship and obey that foreign god (demon) according to his name, and all the while believe we are holy because we go to “church”. We are just sanctimonious hypocrites, Pharisees, Sadducees, scribes, and religious legalists.

After the quiet period the demon has his way again and we smart-off, we blaspheme, we rape, we get angry, we go into self-pity, we say something unkind about someone, we feel hate toward our marriage partner, we preach our religion, we interpret Scripture in a religious lie, etc. Afterwards we feel better because the demon has been satisfied. Then the cycle repeats. But each time the demon

returns, he comes back a little sooner and wants a little more, until he has consumed us and we live continuously in that state as part of our personality *(Ps.125:5 As for such as turn aside to their crooked ways, The LORD shall lead them away With the workers of iniquity. Peace be upon Israel! M't.12:45“Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation.”; Ro.1:24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves; Pr.1:31 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,).*

However, through the power of the name of Jesus, we may take authority over the little gods that rule our life.

**and what is the exceeding greatness of His power (Pg 34)
toward us who believe,
according to the working of His mighty power
which He worked in Christ
when He raised Him from the dead
and seated Him at His right hand
in the heavenly places,
far above all principality and power and might and dominion,
and every name that is named, Eph.1:19-21**

When Christ was resurrected from the dead, He assumed full authority over “all principality and power and might and dominion.” We know from Ephesians 6:12 that these refer to demons, evil spirits, and Satan.

But what is “every name that is named”? This verse clearly equates them with demons. This is why it is written that Jesus is the name above every name that is named. He is given full authority over Satan and every demon that is named. The name of a demon is the word that describes it. Examples have been given already such as shame, embarrassment, vulgarity, cocky, pushy, martyr, worry, fornication, evasiveness, gloating, obliviousness, etc. *(Eph 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.)*

Those who believe are given that same authority. This is the fulfillment of the prophecy given in Hosea:

**For I will take from her (Israel, the new man's) mouth
the names of the Baals,
And they shall be remembered by their name no more. Ho.2:17**

“Baal” is an idol god. The “names of the Baals” are the names of the demons. The worship of physical idols by the early Israelites was a physical model of demon worship. Today we give worship to demons in the spiritual sense when we worship “our own” way, our self, our household, our car, our wife, our children, our doctrine, our own philosophy, our habits, our morals, our standards, our customs, our food, our newspaper, our t.v., our fishing rods, our pet peeve, our desires, our mind, our personality, the intellectual systems of this world, movie stars, singing idols, or any of the lusts of men. The word of God says of the resurrected man:

**that he no longer should live the rest of time
in the flesh for the lusts of men,
but for the will of God.**

**For we have spent enough of our past lifetime
in doing the will of the Gentiles-**

**when we walked in licentiousness, (Pg 35)
lusts, drunkenness (the “old wine” is iniquity),
revelries, drinking parties,
and abominable idolatries.**

1Pe.4:2,3

The “lusts of men” listed above are equated here with idolatry. Idols are thus not just figurines, statues, and objects of admiration.³¹

. An idol is symbolic of a lust. It is what you “worship” in your heart. What you worship in your heart is what comes first in your heart (*M't.6:21 “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*)

The people of today in the “churches made by hands” may believe in Jesus with their lips, but each day and night they are worshiping demons. Though their demon worship appears only now and then on the outside it is continuous in the “intents” of their thoughts and hearts.

**Then the LORD saw
that the wickedness of man was great in the earth,
and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart
was only evil continually.**

Demon worship is continuous when it is in your motives. True motives are seen in the words off your lips. Do you lift up yourself or Christ? Do you speak in the Word or your own words? Would your words please God? Would your thoughts please God always? Would the intents of the thoughts of your heart please God always? *(Remember Matthew 22:37 Jesus said to him, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind).* Your true motives are also seen in what is really coming into your thoughts moment to moment. Are you preoccupied with wants? Dinner? Sports? Work? Sex? Worries? Fears? Revenge? Judging others? Envy? Covetousness? Jealousies? Showing off? Receiving praise? Complaining? Anger? Grievances? And the like?

Though a motive of this nature may be embedded deep in the heart, it is still idolatry. In Jesus' testimony to the churches in The Revelation of Jesus Christ, He declared that those who worship idol gods will not be coming into the Holy City.

**Blessed are those who do His commandments,
That they may have the right to the tree of life,
And may enter through the gates into the city.**

**But outside are dogs and sorcerers
And sexually immoral and murderers
And idolaters,
And whoever loves and practices a lie.**

Re.22:14,15

(Pg. 36) The easter and christmas spirits are a very prevalent form of the idol worship of “loving and practicing a lie.” They are great worldly “feast days” where Christ is re-crucified or made a “baby” in the flesh once again. This form of idolatry originated in ancient pagan religious customs that were carried over through the Roman Catholic Church into nearly all of today’s worldly churches of religion. These are very strong idols in religion today. According to Scripture, christmas and easter are lies and prohibited by God ([Jer.10:1-8](#); [Isa.1:10-16](#); [2Cor.5:16](#) below). God did not give any dates of birth, or any instructions to regard and worship Christ in the flesh—only The Word. Men established these religious customs from the past, and these pagan practices and feast days, as “fun” days within their churches long after the days of Jesus and the apostles.

Jer.10:1-8; Hear the word which the LORD speaks to you, O house of Israel. 2 Thus says the LORD: “Do not learn the way of the Gentiles; Do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, For the Gentiles are dismayed at them. 3 For the customs of the peoples are futile; For one cuts a tree from the forest, The work of the hands of the workman, with the ax. 4 They decorate it with silver and gold; They fasten it with nails and hammers So that it will not topple. 5 They are upright, like a palm tree, And they cannot speak; They must be carried, Because they cannot go by themselves. Do not be afraid of them, For they cannot do evil, Nor can they do any good.” 6 Inasmuch as there is none like You, O LORD (You are great, and Your name is great in might), 7 Who would not fear You, O King of the nations? For this is Your rightful due. For among all the wise men of the nations

And in all their kingdoms, There is none like You. 8 But they are altogether dull-hearted and foolish; A wooden idol is a worthless doctrine.

Isa.1:10-16; 10 Hear the word of the LORD, You rulers of Sodom; Give ear to the law of our God, You people of Gomorrah: 11 “To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?” Says the LORD. “I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams. And the fat of fed cattle.

I do not delight in the blood of bulls, Or of lambs or goats. 12 “When you come to appear before Me, Who has required this from your hand, To trample My courts? 13 Bring no more futile sacrifices; Incense is an abomination to Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies— I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting

14 Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates; They are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing them. 15 When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood. 16 “Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil,

2Cor.5:16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.)

WHY WE HAVE DEMONS AND HOW WE GET THEM

The answer goes all the way back to Adam.

**For as by one man's disobedience
Many were made sinners,
So also by one Man's obedience
Many will be made righteous.**

Ro.5:19

Adam, our forefather in the flesh, was sent from the Garden of Eden (a spiritual walk in heavenly places) because of disobedience to God. Outside of the Garden he had to work with his hands and till the land. And a curse was put upon the land and the works of his hands.

**Then to Adam He said,
“Because you have heeded the voice of your wife,
and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you,
saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’”**

**“Cursed is the ground for your sake;
In toil you shall eat of it
All the days of your life,**

**Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you,
And you shall eat the herb of the field,
In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread**

Till you return to the ground, (Pg 37)

For out of it you were taken;

For dust you are,

And to dust you shall return.”

Ge.3:17-19

The curse was demons: demons would henceforth have power over the carnal *mind (Ge.3:14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:)*. Thus the entire lineage of the flesh (the mind) was put out of the Garden of Eden and into the “world” under the rulership of Satan.

**For the ruler of this world is coming,
And he has nothing in Me (Jesus.)**

Jo.14:30

Whose minds the god of this age has blinded...

2Co.4:4

**That serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan,
Who deceives the whole world;**

Re.12:9

We came under the curse in Genesis and we see in Revelation that the curse has not yet been removed.

But the rest of mankind,

Who were not killed by these plagues,

Did not repent of the works of their hands,

That they should not worship demons...

Re.9:20

We came into captivity in the land of the enemy through disobedience and unfaithfulness to God. Our captivity in the land of the enemy is represented in many examples given in the Old Testament. The Israelites are often found living in bondage in the land of an alien or enemy people. A foreign land represents the rulership of Satan (Assyria, Egypt, Babylonia, etc.). The Israelites (the people of God) go in and out of captivity in accordance with their disobedience and sin with God. Their captivity in an alien land is representative of captivity in the world to demons and Satan. The physical enemy which they fight against represents a spiritual enemy. The physical battles they fight represent a spiritual battle.

Thus what is given in a physical form in the Old Testament is also a spiritual representation for a later time. But the spiritual meaning of the Old Testament is revealed only by the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit the meaning remains veiled.

But their minds were hardened.

For until this day the same veil remains unlifted

In the reading of the Old Testament, (Pg 38)

Because the veil is taken away in Christ. 2Co.3:14

The veil is taken away by the baptism in the Holy Spirit which Jesus brought, because the Holy Spirit reveals Christ and brings Christ to one's understanding. Thus the veil is taken away in the Word revealed.

Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord,

The veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit; 2Co.3:16,17

The New Testament is a revelation by Jesus Christ of the Old Testament. Thus by the revelation of the Spirit the “enemy” of the Old Testament is representative of wicked spirits, demons, and Satan.

**For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood,
But against principalities, against powers,
Against the rulers of the darkness of this age,
Against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.**

Eph.6:12

Hence for those under the new covenant of Jesus Christ, captivity in a foreign land is representative of demonic control and the rulership of Satan.

(Thus when we dream we are in a foreign country, the Lord is showing us an area of captivity and sin in our life.) From the example of the people of Israel we may understand that we go in and out of captivity with demons in accordance with our sin, disobedience, rebellion, and unfaithfulness. This is seen clearly in the following example.

And the people spoke against God and against Moses...So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. Nu.21:5,6

As Satan was represented as a serpent, so “fiery serpents” represent demons. The demons were sent upon them as a result of their rebellion. When they listened to the demons, as Eve listened to Satan, they were “bitten”. Then they died. This is revealed by the Spirit in the New Testament: “For the wages of sin is death”.

(Ro.6:23 but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.) By heeding the voice of a demon comes spiritual death. We see then that sin brings demons, and demons bring death.

We see that the Lord in His wrath allows peoples and nations to be afflicted with spirits. Other examples of this may be seen in the following verses:

**But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, (Pg 39)
And a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him. 1Sa.16:14**

**Now therefore, look!
The LORD has put a lying spirit
in the mouth of all these prophets of yours,
and the LORD has declared disaster against you. 1Ki.22:23**

The LORD has mingled a perverse spirit in her midst;

And they have caused Egypt to err in all her work...

Isa. 19:14

God has given them a spirit of stupor,

Eyes that they should not see

And ears that they should not hear,

To this very day.

Ro.11:8

Many other examples can be found in which the Lord has let affliction come upon His people and allowed them to go into captivity to the enemy because of their sin, disobedience, and unfaithfulness.

**For the LORD has afflicted her (Israel, His wife)
Because of the multitude of her transgressions.
Her children have gone into captivity before the enemy. La.1:5**

**Moreover all these curses shall come upon you
And pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed,
because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God,
to keep His commandments and His statutes
which He commanded you.**

**And they shall be upon you for a sign and a wonder,
and on your descendants forever.**

**Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy
and gladness of heart,
for the abundance of things, (Pg. 39)**

**therefore you shall serve your enemies,
whom the LORD will send against you,
in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness,
and in need of all things;**

**and He will put a yoke of iron on your neck
Until He has destroyed you.**

De.28:45-48

(Pg 40) This was the curse God put upon all physical, religious Israelites (Jews) forever, because they try to do good by the flesh and the law and not by love and obedience, through faith, by the Spirit, unto God.

The Lord allows each man to be afflicted according to his own deeds, works, and words *(Ps.9:15, The nations have sunk down in the pit which they made; In the net which they hid, their own foot is caught. 16 The LORD is known by the judgment He executes; The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Meditation. Selah Pr.24:12d And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?; Ps.18:24 Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to the cleanness of my hands in His sight.; Ps.62:12 Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy; For You render to each one according to his work).*

God will render to each one according to his deeds.

Ro.2:6

The Lord allows His people to be afflicted because He loves them. We understand this when we see ourselves as children before Him, chastened, as we must chasten our own children to teach them how to live and to keep them from hurting themselves *(Heb.12:3-11; For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. 4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. 5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.*

7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? 8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. 9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. 11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. La. 3:33 For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.

**Say to them: 'As I live,' says the LORD God,
'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked,
but that the wicked turn from his way and live.**

Turn, turn from your evil ways!

For why should you die, O house of Israel?'

Eze.33:11

God desires that we be saved, that we might partake of His holiness. Without the Lord's reproof, we could not overcome the nature of the flesh.

**Deliver such a one to Satan
For the destruction of the flesh,
That his spirit may be saved
In the day of the Lord Jesus.**

1Co.5:5

Through this affliction, we learn His word, and His word is Jesus Christ, the only way to God the Father. Only in Jesus Christ can we have life in the Spirit.

**It is good for me that I have been afflicted,
That I may learn Your statutes.**

Ps.119:71

**I am afflicted very much;
Revive me, O LORD, according to Your word.**

Ps.119:107

**I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are right,
And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.**

Ps. 119:75

(Pg 41) The Word is the way, the truth, and the life. By His mercy and lovingkindness God sent His Word that we might be delivered of our own evil.

**Those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
Bound in affliction and irons-**

**Because they rebelled against the words of God,
And despised the counsel of the Most High,**

**Therefore He brought down their heart with labor;
They fell down, and there was none to help.**

**Fools, because of their transgression,
And because of their iniquities, were afflicted.**

**Their soul abhorred all manner of food, (words of God)
And they drew near to the gates of death.**

**Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
And He saved them out of their distresses.**

**He sent His word and healed them,
and delivered them from their destructions.**

**Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!**

**Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
(which is to) declare His works with rejoicing. Ps.107:10-12,17-22**

In disobedience is affliction and death (see De.28 below), but, in God's commandments are love and life.

**For this is the love of God,
That we keep His commandments.
And His commandments are not burdensome. 1Jo.5:3**

(Deut. 28:1 - "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.)

Deu 28:2 - “And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God: 3 “Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. 4 “Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. 5 “Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

6 “Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. 7 “The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. 8 “The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

9 “The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways. 10 “Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you. 11 “And the LORD will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you. 12 “The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. 13 “And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.

“So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

15 “But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: 16 “Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country. 17 “Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. 18 “Cursed shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. 19 - “Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out.

20 “The LORD will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me. 21 “The LORD will make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from the land which you are going to possess. 22 “The LORD will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching, and with mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish. 23 “And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you shall be iron. 24 “The LORD will change the rain of your land to powder and dust; from the heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed.

25 *“The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them; and you shall become troublesome to all the kingdoms of the earth.*

26 *“Your carcasses shall be food for all the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and no one shall frighten them away.*

27 *“The LORD will strike you with the boils of Egypt, with tumors, with the scab, and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed.*

28 *“The LORD will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of heart.*

29 *“And you shall grope at noonday, as a blind man gropes in darkness; you shall not prosper in your ways; you shall be only oppressed and plundered continually, and no one shall save you.*

30 *“You shall betroth a wife, but another man shall lie with her; you shall build a house, but you shall not dwell in it; you shall plant a vineyard, but shall not gather its grapes.*

.31 - “Your ox shall be slaughtered before your eyes, but you shall not eat of it; your donkey shall be violently taken away from before you, and shall not be restored to you; your sheep shall be given to your enemies, and you shall have no one to rescue them. 32 “Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, and your eyes shall look and fail with longing for them all day long; and there shall be no strength in your hand. 33 “A nation whom you have not known shall eat the fruit of your land and the produce of your labor, and you shall be only oppressed and crushed continually. 34 “So you shall be driven mad because of the sight which your eyes see. 35 “The LORD will strike you in the knees and on the legs with severe boils which cannot be healed, and from the sole of your foot to the top of your head.

36 “The LORD will bring you and the king whom you set over you to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods—wood and stone. 37 “And you shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword among all nations where the LORD will drive you. 38 “You shall carry much seed out to the field but gather little in, for the locust shall consume it. 39 “You shall plant vineyards and tend them, but you shall neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them. 40 “You shall have olive trees throughout all your territory, but you shall not anoint yourself with the oil; for your olives shall drop off. 41 “You shall beget sons and daughters, but they shall not be yours; for they shall go into captivity. 42 “Locusts shall consume all your trees and the produce of your land.

43 *“The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower. 44 “He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail. 45 “Moreover all these curses shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you. 46 “And they shall be upon you for a sign and a wonder, and on your descendants forever. 47 “Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything, 48 “therefore you shall serve your enemies, whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything; and He will put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you.*

49 *“The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flies, a nation whose language you will not understand, 50 “a nation of fierce countenance, which does not respect the elderly nor show favor to the young. 51 “And they shall eat the increase of your livestock and the produce of your land, until you are destroyed; they shall not leave you grain or new wine or oil, or the increase of your cattle or the offspring of your flocks, until they have destroyed you. 52 “They shall besiege you at all your gates until your high and fortified walls, in which you trust, come down throughout all your land; and they shall besiege you at all your gates throughout all your land which the LORD your God has given you. 53 “You shall eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and your daughters whom the LORD your God has given you, in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you.*

54 *“The sensitive and very refined man among you will be hostile toward his brother, toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the rest of his children whom he leaves behind, 55 “so that he will not give any of them the flesh of his children whom he will eat, because he has nothing left in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates. 56 “The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground because of her delicateness and sensitivity, will refuse to the husband of her bosom, and to her son and her daughter, 57 “her placenta which comes out from between her feet and her children whom she bears; for she will eat them secretly for lack of everything in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates.*

58 *“If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, THE LORD YOUR GOD, 59 “then the LORD will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues—great and prolonged plagues—and serious and prolonged sicknesses. 60 “Moreover He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you. 61 “Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in this Book of the Law, will the LORD bring upon you until you are destroyed. 62 “You shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of heaven in multitude, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.*

.63 “And it shall be, that just as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good and multiply you, so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you and bring you to nothing; and you shall be plucked from off the land which you go to possess. 64 “Then the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known—wood and stone. 65 “And among those nations you shall find no rest, nor shall the sole of your foot have a resting place; but there the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and anguish of soul. 66“Your life shall hang in doubt before you; you shall fear day and night, and have no assurance of life.

67 *“In the morning you shall say, ‘Oh, that it were evening!’ And at evening you shall say, ‘Oh, that it were morning!’ because of the fear which terrifies your heart, and because of the sight which your eyes see.*

68 *“And the LORD will take you back to Egypt in ships, by the way of which I said to you, ‘You shall never see it again.’ And there you shall be offered for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but no one will buy you.”*