

## Our Afflicting Spirit

*The afflicting spirit threw the man into spasms, protesting loudly—and got out. Mark 1:26*



We read the Gospel stories where  
Our Savior mends the broken.  
No doubt of Christ's devoted care  
When healing words are spoken.  
We tend to think these incidents  
Involve past situations,  
In present times have little sense  
And have no applications.

But we, too, have our evil spirit  
That plagues us every day,  
We cannot contradict or jeer it,  
Or we the truth betray.  
Our selfishness, desires, and greed  
Possess us just the same;  
These demons haunt us, yes, indeed;  
We have ourselves to blame.

Oh, let us seek Christ's healing power  
To rid us of our sins,  
And may his mercy on us shower  
And cure us from within.  
Repent, be humble, and contrite.  
Christ's voice calls. Can you hear it?  
Let's set our hearts on all that's right -  
Goodbye, afflicting spirit! Patti Miller