

Demoniac Activity

“When the even was come, they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick” (Matthew 8:16).

Some years ago in one of the meetings, a man came up to my book and tape table with a wild look in his eye. He wanted to know if I had a series of recorded sermons on the subject of demons. I said to him, “No, I don’t have a series on demons, but I do have a series here on the names of Jesus.” Unfortunately, that didn’t seem to interest him, and as he continued to scan the table, he said, “You ought to have a series on demons.”

I thought the conversation was over, but before he walked away, he had another question. “Do you have one sermon on demons?” I responded, “No, I don’t have one sermon on demons. However, I do have several individual sermons here that involve the Person and work of Christ.” He gave me that wild look one more time and instructed me, “You ought to have some sermons on demons.”

While some folks become absorbed with only one subject and theme, only those who live in a shell would deny that demoniac activity has increased in the world. We are constantly hearing of terrible happenings that could only be attributed to these evil spirits. Yet, as believers, we do not have to live in a state of fear or worry. The same Christ Who triumphantly dealt with devils (demons) in His day is alive and well in our day.

The symptoms of demoniac activity should be referred to Jesus! Knowing they could not humanly help those possessed with demons, the people of Jesus’ day brought them to Him. They trusted and besought Him to come to their aid, to deliver them. Similarly, as we sense the oppression and activity of demons, we must take it to Jesus in prayer. Yes, we are limited in so many ways, but there are no limitations with Christ!

The shackles of demoniac activity can be released by Jesus! Although many were “possessed with devils,” the Lord Jesus set them free. The text reads, “And He cast out the spirits with His word.” Oh, dear friends, the works of Satan are brought to naught by the word of Christ! The chains of the enemy are broken by the commands of the King! The tyranny of the devil is no match for the truth of our God!

The sickness of demoniac activity will be replaced by Jesus! After the strong man had been bound by His word, Jesus proceeded to “spoil his house” (Matt. 12:29). Not only were those possessed with demons delivered by His word, but the healing power of Christ was also experienced in their lives. Oh, may we trust the Lord Jesus afresh to replace Satan’s darkness and destruction with His light and blessing.