



True Bible Teaching About... “Demons”

In the King James version of the Bible, a different Greek word, “daimonion” has been wrongly translated as “devils”. This has been corrected in all later versions to “demons”.

But what are the “demons” as used in the New Testament?

We find from history and Greek mythology that the pagans believed them to be human departed spirits raised to the rank of gods, and supposedly enter living people causing certain brain disorders, such as madness, hearing and speech impairment.

Medical knowledge had not progressed then as it has today, explaining many of the reasons for these ailments. We have an illustration of this in our word “lunatic”, which originated in the idea that madness was the result of the moon’s influence, but which nobody now uses to express that idea.

The descriptions given of the healings performed are complete and final:

Matt. 17:15-18 : *“Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is a lunatic, and sore vexed. And Jesus rebuked the demon, and he departed out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.”*

Matt. 12:22 : *“Then was brought unto him one possessed with a demon, blind and dumb; and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.”*

The supremacy of Christ over all kinds of afflictions and infirmities is clearly what is being taught. Christ does not say anything after the healing to warn people how to avoid being “possessed” again. He was simply showing that God was far more powerful than anything man can dream up.



He spoke to the afflicted ones in the only way they could understand, - not that he, himself believed pagan philosophy. He even, apparently recognized Beelzebub, the god of the Philistines, assuming for the sake of argument that Beelzebub was a reality. Luke 11:14-20

Ruler	Beelzebub/Devil/Satan	Sin
Servants	Demons/Evil Spirits	People Given up to the Lusts of the Flesh
Dominion	Air	Our Bodies
Result	Sickness	Death
Remedy	Healing Through Jesus	Life Through Jesus

An enacted parable, showing TRUTH versus PAGAN PHILOSOPHIES OF THE DAY.