

Spiritual Powers of Darkness: Evil Spirits

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Strong's Definitions

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DEMON, DEMONIAIC

OT:8163 sa` iyr (saw-eer'); or sa` ir (saw-eer'); from **OT:8175**; shaggy; as noun, a he-goat; by analogy, a faun: KJV-devil, goat, hairy, kid, rough, satyr.

OT:8175 sa` ar (saw-ar'); a primitive root; to storm; by implication, to shiver, i.e. fear: KJV-be (horribly) afraid, fear, hurl as a storm, be tempestuous, come like (take away as with) a whirlwind.

NT:1142 daimon (dah'-ee-mown); from daio (to distribute fortunes); a daemon or supernatural spirit (of a bad nature): KJV-devil

EVIL SPIRIT

OT:7451 ra` (rah); from **OT:7489**; bad or (as noun) evil (natural or moral): KJV-adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, + displease (-ure), distress, EVIL ([f-favouredness], man, thing), + exceedingly, X great, grief (-vous), harm, heavy, hurt (-ful), ill (favoured), + mark, mischief (-vous), misery, naught (-ty), noisome, + not please, sad (-ly), sore, sorrow, trouble, vex, wicked (-ly, -ness, one), worse (-st), wretchedness, wrong. [Incl. feminine ra` ah; as adjective or noun.].

OT:7489 ra` a` (raw-ah'); a primitive root; properly, to spoil (literally, by breaking to pieces); figuratively, to make (or be) good for nothing, i.e. bad (physically, socially or morally): KJV-afflict, associate selves [by mistake for OT:7462], break (down, in pieces), + displease, (be, bring, do) evil (doer, entreat, man), showself friendly [by mistake for OT:7462], do harm, (do) hurt, (behaveself, deal) ill, X indeed, do mischief, punish, still, vex, (do) wicked (doer, -ly), be (deal, do) worse.

OT:7307 ruwach (roo'-akh); from **OT:7306**; wind; by resemblance breath, i.e. a sensible (or even violent) exhalation; figuratively, life, anger, unsubstantiality; by extension, a region of the sky; by resemblance spirit, but only of a rational being (including its expression and functions): KJV-air, anger, blast, breath, X cool, courage, mind, X quarter, X side, SPIRIT ([f-ual]), tempest, X vain, ([whirl-]) wind (-y).

OT:7306 ruwach (roo'-akh); a primitive root; properly, to blow, i.e. breathe; only (literally) to smell or (by implication, perceive (figuratively, to anticipate, enjoy): KJV-accept, smell, X touch, make of quick understanding.

FAMILIAR SPIRIT

OT:178 'owb (obe); from the same as **OT:1** (apparently through the idea of prattling a father's name); properly, a mumble, i.e. a water skin (from its hollow sound); hence a necromancer (ventriloquist, as from a jar): KJV-bottle, familiar spirit.

OT:1 'ab (awb); a primitive word; father, in a literal and immediate, or figurative and remote application): KJV-chief, (fore-) father ([f-less]), X patrimony, principal. Compare names in "Abi-".

Evil Spirits in the Old Testament

Leviticus 17:7 sacrifices to *demons*



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Leviticus 19:31 mediums and *familiar spirits*

Leviticus 20:6-7 mediums and *familiar spirits*

Leviticus 20:27 *familiar spirits*

Numbers 5:14 *the spirit of jealousy*

Numbers 5:30 *the spirit of jealousy*

Deuteronomy 32:16-17 sacrificed to *demons*

Judges 9:22 *a spirit of ill will*

1 Samuel 16:14-16 *a distressing spirit*

1 Samuel 16:23 *the distressing spirit*

1 Samuel 18:10 *the distressing spirit*

1 Kings 22:21-23 *a lying spirit*

2 Kings 19:5-7 *a spirit (of fear)*

2 Chronicles 11:14-16 *the demons*

2 Chronicles 18:20-23 *a lying spirit*

Psalms 106:36-38 sacrificed their sons And their daughters to *demons*

Proverbs 16:2 *the spirits.*

Proverbs 16:18 *a haughty spirit*

Isaiah 19:14 *a perverse spirit*

Isaiah 29:9-10 *The spirit of deep sleep*

Isaiah 37:5-7 *a spirit (of fear)*

Isaiah 61:3 *the spirit of heaviness*

Hosea 4:12 *the spirit of harlotry*

Hosea 5:4 *the spirit of harlotry*

Micah 2:11 *a false spirit (a lying spirit)*

Zechariah 13:2 *the unclean spirit*



Evil Spirits in the New Testament

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and **cast out demons** in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'" Matthew 7:21-23 ESV

That evening they brought to him many who were **oppressed by demons**, and he **cast out the spirits** with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases." Matthew 8:16-17 ESV

As they were going away, behold, **a demon-oppressed man** who was mute was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke. And the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He **casts out demons** by the **prince of demons**." Matthew 9:32-34 ESV

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, **cast out demons**. You received without paying; give without pay. Matthew 10:5-8 ESV

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, '**He has a demon**.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds." Matthew 11:18-19 ESV

Then **a demon-oppressed man** who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, "Can this be the Son of David?" But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by **Beelzebul, the prince of demons**, that this man casts out demons." Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. And **if Satan casts out Satan**, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? And **if I cast out demons by Beelzebul**, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that **I cast out demons**, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house. Matthew 12:22-29 ESV

"**When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person**, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and brings with it **seven other spirits** more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation." Matthew 12:43-45 ESV



And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and, kneeling before him, said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly. For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and **the demon came out of him**, and the boy was healed instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:14-20 ESV

And immediately there was in their synagogue **a man with an unclean spirit**. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are— the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And **the unclean spirit**, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. Mark 1:23-26 ESV

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or **oppressed by demons**. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and **cast out many demons**. And **he would not permit the demons to speak**, because they knew him. Mark 1:32-34 ESV

And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and **casting out demons**. Mark 1:38-39 ESV

And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach and have **authority to cast out demons**. Mark 3:14-15 ESV

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "**He is possessed by Beelzebul**," and "**by the prince of demons he casts out the demons**." And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "**How can Satan cast out Satan?** If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And **if Satan has risen up against himself** and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. Mark 3:22-27 ESV

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs **a man with an unclean spirit**. He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and bruising himself with stones. And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, **you unclean spirit!**" And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "**My name is Legion**, for we are many." And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now a



great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." So he gave them permission. And **the unclean spirits came out, and entered the pigs**, and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and were drowned in the sea. The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. And they came to Jesus and saw **the demon-possessed man**, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to **the demon-possessed man** and to the pigs. And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled. Mark 5:1-20 ESV

And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them **authority over the unclean spirits**. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And **they cast out many demons** and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them. Mark 6:7-13 ESV

And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. But immediately a woman whose little daughter was **possessed by an unclean spirit** heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to **cast the demon out** of her daughter. And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; **the demon has left your daughter**." And she went home and found the child lying in bed and **the demon gone**. Mark 7:24-30 ESV

And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has **a spirit that makes him mute**. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him. And **when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy**, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, **he rebuked the unclean spirit**, saying to it, "**You mute and deaf spirit**, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is



dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "**This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.**" Mark 9:17-29 ESV

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone **casting out demons** in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Mark 9:38-39 ESV

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

"And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name **they will cast out demons**; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." Mark 16:17-18 ESV

And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. And in the synagogue there was a man who had **the spirit of an unclean demon**, and he cried out with a loud voice, "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are— the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And **when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him**, having done him no harm. And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power **he commands the unclean spirits**, and they come out!" And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. Luke 4:31-37 ESV

Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. And **demons also came out of many**, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. Luke 4:40-41 ESV

And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were **troubled with unclean spirits** were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. Luke 6:17-19 ESV

In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and **evil spirits**, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." Luke 7:21-23 ESV

"For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, '**He has a demon.**' The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by all her children." Luke 7:33-35 ESV



Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, **from whom seven demons had gone out**, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means. Luke 8:1-3 ESV

Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city **who had demons**. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." For he had **commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man**. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "**Legion**," **for many demons had entered him**. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then **the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs**, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how **the demon-possessed man had been healed**. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man **from whom the demons had gone** begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him. Luke 8:26-39 ESV

And he called the twelve together and gave them **power and authority over all demons** and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. Luke 9:1-2 ESV

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. And behold, **a spirit seizes him**, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him so that he foams at the mouth; and shatters him, and will hardly leave him. And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him. But **Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit** and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. Luke 9:37-42 ESV

John answered, "Master, we saw someone **casting out demons in your name**, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us." But Jesus said to him, "Do not stop him, for the one who is not against you is for you." Luke 9:49-50 ESV



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And when His disciples James and John observed this, they said, Lord, do You wish us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, even as Elijah did? But He turned and rebuked and severely censured them. He said, You do not know of **what sort of spirit you are**. Luke 9:54-55 AMP

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, **even the demons are subject to us in your name!**" And he said to them, "I saw **Satan fall like lightning** from heaven. Behold, I have given you **authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy**, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that **the spirits are subject to you**, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:17-20 ESV

Now he was **casting out a demon that was mute**. When **the demon had gone out**, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. But some of them said, "**He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons**," while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. And **if Satan also is divided against himself**, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out **demons by Beelzebul**. And if I cast out **demons by Beelzebul**, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is **by the finger of God that I cast out demons**, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. "When **the unclean spirit has gone out of a person**, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings **seven other spirits more evil than itself**, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first." Luke 11:14-26 ESV

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had **a disabling spirit** for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability." And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God. Luke 13:10-13 ESV

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I **cast out demons** and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.'" Luke 13:31-33 ESV

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and **thought they saw a spirit**. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For **a spirit does not have flesh and bones** as you see that I have." Luke 24:36-39 ESV

Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the Twelve? And yet **one of you is a devil**." He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the Twelve, was going to betray him. John 6:70-71 ESV



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Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?" The crowd answered, "**You have a demon!** Who is seeking to kill you?" John 7:19-20 ESV

The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have **a demon?**" Jesus answered, "**I do not have a demon**, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." The Jews said to him, "Now we know that **you have a demon!** Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.'" John 8:48-52 ESV

There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. Many of them said, "**He has a demon**, and is insane; why listen to him?" Others said, "These are not the words of one who is **oppressed by a demon**. Can **a demon** open the eyes of the blind?" John 10:19-21 ESV

And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those **afflicted with unclean spirits**, and they were all healed. Acts 5:14-16 ESV

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For **unclean spirits came out of many who were possessed**, crying with a loud voice, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city. Acts 8:5-8 ESV

As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had **a spirit of divination** and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and **said to the spirit**, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. Acts 16:16-18 ESV

And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and **the evil spirits came out of them**. Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those **who had evil spirits**, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus, whom Paul proclaims." Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. But **the evil spirit answered** them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?" And the man in whom was **the evil spirit leaped on them**, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. Acts 19:11-17



For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive **the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear**, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" Romans 8:14-15 ESV

But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace. What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, as it is written, "God gave them **a spirit of stupor**, eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear, down to this very day." Romans 11:6-8 ESV

For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received **not the spirit of the world**, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. 1 Corinthians 2:11-12 ESV

What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, I imply that **what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons** and not to God. I do not want you to be **participants with demons**. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and **the cup of demons**. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and **the table of demons**. 1 Corinthians 10:19-21 ESV

To another the working of miracles, to another prophetic insight (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose); to another **the ability to discern and distinguish between [the utterances of true] spirits [and false ones]**, to another various kinds of [unknown] tongues, to another the ability to interpret [such] tongues. 1 Corinthians 12:10 AMP

But I am afraid that as **the serpent deceived Eve** by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive **a different spirit from the one you received**, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough. 2 Corinthians 11:3-4 ESV

So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, **a messenger of Satan to harass me**, to keep me from being too elated. 2 Corinthians 12:7 ESV

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to **deceitful spirits and teachings of demons**, through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. 1 Timothy 4:1-3 ESV

For God did not give us **a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear)**, but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:7 AMP

Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And **no creature is hidden** from his



sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.
Hebrews 4:11-13 ESV

You believe that God is one; you do well. **Even the demons believe**—and shudder!
James 2:19 ESV

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but **test the spirits** to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and **every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God**. This is **the spirit of the antichrist**, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and **the spirit of error**. 1 John 4:1-6 ESV

For **many deceivers** have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is **the deceiver and the antichrist**. 2 John 7
ESV

The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands **nor give up worshiping demons** and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk. Revelation 9:20 ESV

The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the east. And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, **three unclean spirits like frogs**. For they are **demonic spirits**, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. Revelation 16:12-14 ESV

After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. 2 And he called out with a mighty voice,

"Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become **a dwelling place for demons**, a haunt **for every unclean spirit**, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast. For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living."
Revelation 18:1-3 ESV

