

# *Self Deliverance: Are Demons For Real?*



## Scripture

- **Matthew 12:22,28**

<sup>22</sup>Then a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute was brought to Jesus, and He healed him, so that the mute man spoke and saw. All the crowds were amazed

<sup>28</sup>But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

- **Job 2:4-7**

Satan answered the Lord and said, “Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. However, put forth Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh; he will curse You to Your face.” So the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, he is in your power, only spare his life.” Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

- **Matthew 8:16**

When evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word

- **Mark 6:7, 12-13**

And He summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits;

They went out and preached that men should repent. And they were casting out many demons

- **Ephesians 6:12**

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

- **I Chronicles 21:1**

Then Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel.

- **2 Cor. 10:3-5**

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.

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## **Other Scriptures**

- Ephesians 6:12
- 2 Cor. 4:18

## **Main Ideas**

- The threefold ministry of Jesus
  - Preaching the Gospel
  - Healing the sick
  - Delivering people from demons
- Jesus is still delivering those who are being harmed by the devil.
- Demons can occupy space in the mind and body.
- Sometimes physical problems and diseases have demonic origin.
- We need to transform our minds to think like the Word of God tells us to think.
- God wants us to have a supernatural mindset.
- You can drive spirits out of your life by the Word of God.
- Jesus has given us authority over the realm of darkness!
- We need to understand that our struggle is in an unseen realm.
- Much of the spiritual warfare that we are involved in is the realm of thought.
- Satan tried to inject thoughts into our minds that we believe are coming from ourselves.
- Be careful to guard your thought life.

## **Discussion Questions**

1. When Rabbi talked of there being many demons in Israel that Jesus confronted, he reminds us that there are no less demons in the world today. He also taught that the area of attack is primarily in the mind. What are some continual struggles that you face in your thought life? List them here.
2. The ministry that Jesus had the disciples do, involved dealing with demons. That ministry did not stop with the death of the disciples. What does He want us to do in this area today?
3. How does the enemy gain entrance to our thought processes? What was the example Rabbi gave of this in Chronicles? What does this teach us about our own thoughts and what should we do about them? Remember the bird example as a way to deal with them.