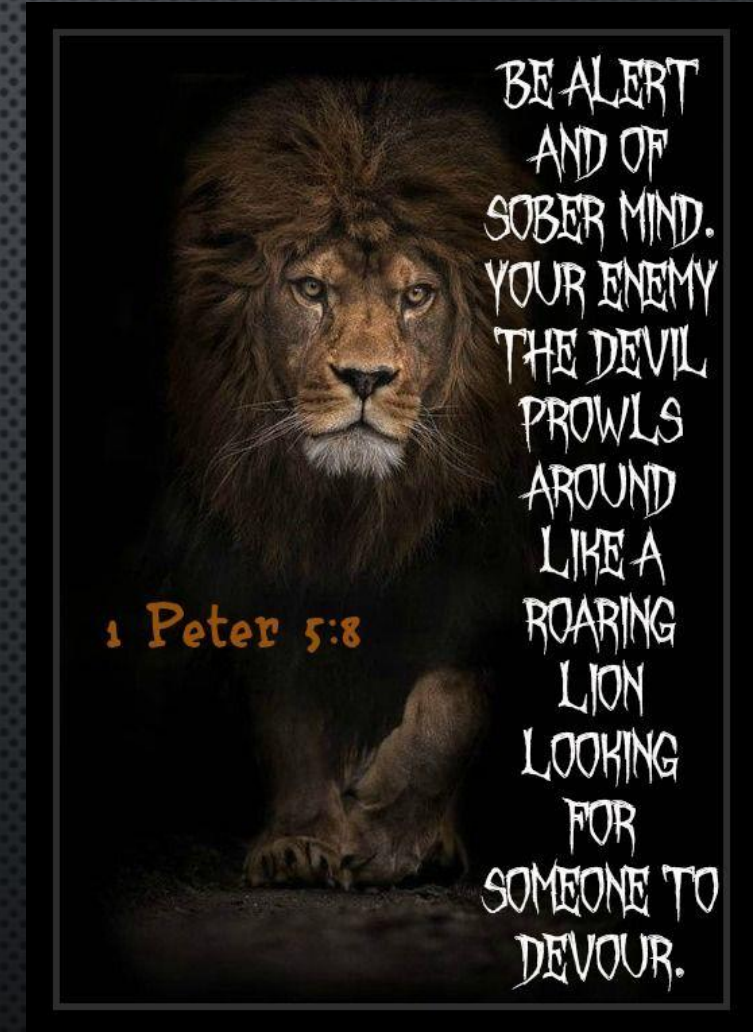




“BUT IF I CAST OUT DEMONS BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD,
SURELY THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME UPON YOU.”
— MATTHEW 12:28

INTRODUCTION

- THE ENEMY WANTS OUR DESTRUCTION
 - “BE SOBER, BE VIGILANT; BECAUSE YOUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL WALKS ABOUT LIKE A ROARING LION, SEEKING WHOM HE MAY DEVOUR.” (1 PET. 5:8)
- WE ARE IN THE BATTLE
 - “FOR WE DO NOT WRESTLE AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD, BUT AGAINST PRINCIPALITIES, AGAINST POWERS, AGAINST THE RULERS OF THE DARKNESS OF THIS AGE, AGAINST SPIRITUAL HOSTS OF WICKEDNESS IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES.” (EPH. 6:12)



CLARIFYING MISUNDERSTANDINGS

- THE LORD CHRIST DISTINGUISHES BETWEEN THREE TYPES OF SICKNESSES:
 - BODILY
 - CAUSED BY SIN
 - CAUSED BY A DEMON



CLARIFYING MISUNDERSTANDINGS

- ALL DISEASE IS NOT CAUSED BY AN EVIL SPIRIT
- NOT EVERY SICKNESS IS THE RESULT OF A PARTICULAR SIN IN ONE'S LIFE
- SICKNESS IS NOT A SIGN THAT GOD IS UPSET WITH YOU

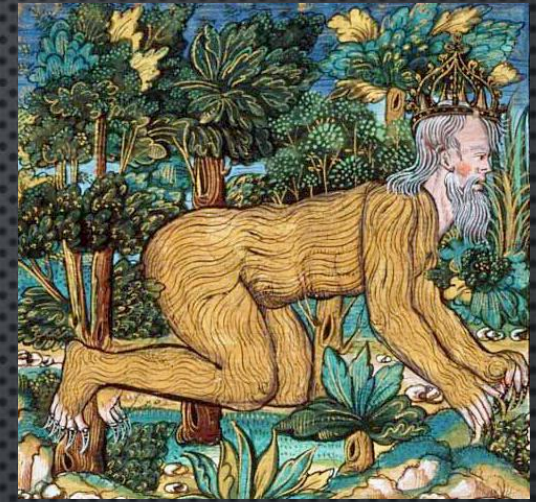


WHAT HAPPENS TO THE DEMON POSSESSED?

- POSSESS = ONE WHO IS GOVERNED BY SATAN/EVIL SPIRIT
- CAN BE MANIFEST OR HIDDEN

1. MAD

- UNABLE TO THINK CLEARLY
- NEBUCHADNEZZAR



- “AND AT THE END OF THE TIME I, NEBUCHADNEZZAR, LIFTED MY EYES TO HEAVEN, AND **MY UNDERSTANDING RETURNED TO ME**; AND I BLESSED THE MOST HIGH AND PRAISED AND HONORED HIM WHO LIVES FOREVER.”
(DAN. 4:34)
- KING HEROD
 - “THE VOICE OF A GOD AND NOT OF A MAN! THEN IMMEDIATELY AN ANGEL OF THE LORD STRUCK HIM, BECAUSE HE DID NOT GIVE GLORY TO GOD. AND HE WAS EATEN BY WORMS AND DIED.” (ACTS 12:22-23)

2. BLIND

- UNABLE TO SEE THE DANGERS OF SIN
 - Ex: SAMSON
- UNABLE TO SEE THE TRUTH
- UNABLE TO SEE THE REALITY OF THINGS



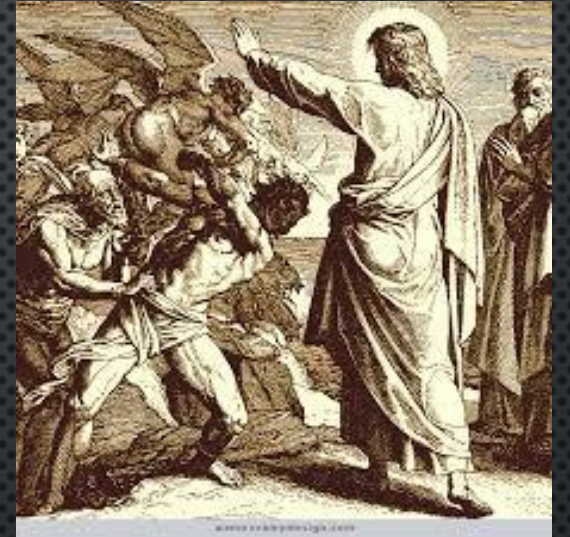
3. MUTE

- UNABLE TO DISCIPLE ONE'S TONGUE
- UNABLE TO PRAY
- UNABLE TO WITNESS TO THE LORD
 - “FOR WE CANNOT BUT SPEAK THE THINGS WHICH WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD.” (ACTS 4:20)



POWER AND AUTHORITY OF CHRIST

- DEMONS FLED BY HIS WORD
- DEMONS KNEW THAT HE WAS CHRIST
 - “AND DEMONS ALSO CAME OUT OF MANY, CRYING OUT AND SAYING, ‘YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD!’ AND HE, REBUKING THEM, DID NOT ALLOW THEM TO SPEAK, FOR THEY KNEW THAT HE WAS THE CHRIST.” (Lk. 4:41)



POWER AND AUTHORITY OF THE LORD CHRIST

- THE LORD CHRIST GAVE THIS AUTHORITY TO THE APOSTLES
 - AND HE SAID TO THEM, “I SAW SATAN FALL LIKE LIGHTNING FROM HEAVEN. **BEHOLD, I GIVE YOU THE AUTHORITY TO TRAMPLE ON SERPENTS AND SCORPIONS, AND OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY, AND NOTHING SHALL BY ANY MEANS HURT YOU.**” (LK. 10:18-19)
- EX: ST. PAUL
 - “BUT PAUL, GREATLY ANNOYED, TURNED AND SAID TO THE SPIRIT, ‘I COMMAND YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST TO COME OUT OF HER.’ AND HE CAME OUT THAT VERY HOUR.” (ACTS 16:17-18)

CONCLUSION

- DOES THE LORD CHRIST'S VICTORY OVER SATAN MEAN THAT SATAN WILL STOP PURSUING US?
- LET US BE REASONABLE PEOPLE
- BE ENLIGHTENED BY GOD
- DISCIPLINE YOUR TONGUE