

CGYG / LIFE Bible Study – Systematic Theology

Satan & Demons

In your exposure to popular culture, how are demons portrayed? What do you think is the result of this portrait of demons?

Read Ex 20:11; Gen 1:31, 3:1-5; Jude 6, Rev 12:4; Rev 12:7-9

1. Who (and or what) are Satan and demons?

Read Gen 3:1-6, 1 John 3:8; John 8:44; Matt 4:1-11; 2 Cor 4:34

2. What are the activities of Satan and his demons?

Read Job 1:6-12, 2:1-7; Jude 6; Luke 8:26-33; Rev 12:7-9, 20:1-3, 7-10

3. Do Satan and his demons operate freely? How do they meet their end?

Read Rom 6:23; John 11:1-4, 17-27, 38-44; Job 42:1-6, 10-17

4. Why does God allow Satan and demons to have influence in His very good creation?

Read Job 1:9-10; Eph 6:10-18, James 4:7, 1 Pet 5:7-9; 1 John 5:18; Rom 8:31-39

5. In light of what the Bible has to say about Satan and demons, how should you live?

We live in a society that typically discounts the supernatural. The spiritual world seems so irrelevant to us that we even find amusement in portraits of demons and Satan in the popular culture. However, the Bible clearly describes this spiritual world at work. Peter vividly paints the picture of Satan *prowling* around like a *roaring lion*, looking to devour you. We read about encounters by Jesus and His disciples with demon possessed persons. While the Bible describes these factually, there is no question that these would be frightful sights. Therefore, Satan and his demons' ability to do evil, their utter opposition to God, and their hatred for God's children ought to be taken seriously.

As Christians adopted by God, we can be assured that God is ultimately in control of all things. More than simply control over Satan and the demons, they even serve unwittingly to demonstrate more clearly the glory and power of God. In Christ, there is absolutely nothing that can separate us from His love. As we steer clear of the enemies of God, we can also be assured of His protection by standing firm in our faith and by taking up the Armor He provided for us.