

The Spirit World

The Fallen Angels

Part 3

1. The *Bible* reveals that sometime in eternity past a large part of the angelic host sinned.
 - *2 Peter 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell [Tartarus], and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment.*
2. Some of these sinning angels have been placed in everlasting chains under darkness to await the Great White Throne Judgment.
 - *Jude 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.*

Note. *“Here see what the condition of fallen angels is: they are in chains, bound under the divine power and justice, bound over to the judgment of the great day; they are under darkness, though once angels of light; so horribly in the dark are they that they continue to fight against God, as if there were yet some small hope at least left them of prevailing and overcoming in the conflict” (Matthew Henry).*

Note. If God did not spare the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, if God did not spare the angels but cast them down to hell, so God will not spare the unrighteousness. The Christian must flee from *“fleshly lusts that war against the soul” (1 Peter 2:11)*. *“These lusts,”* says Matthew Henry, *“consumed the Sodomites with fire from heaven, and they are now suffering the vengeance of eternal fire; therefore take heed, imitate not their sins, lest the same plagues overtake you as did them. God is the same holy, just, pure Being now as then; and can the beastly pleasures of a Psalm 4:4 moment make amends for your suffering the vengeance of eternal fire? Stand in awe, therefore, and sin not”*.

3. Normally, when angels are in the presence of men they appear in the form of a man. However there are exceptions.
 - **Satan appeared to Eve as a serpent.** *Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*
 - **Demons were once allowed to possess swine.** *Mark 5:13 And forthwith Jesus gave them [the demons] leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.*

4. Fallen angels can do much damage to the bodies and minds of men. Some forms of physical and mental illness have an origin in demonic activity.

- **Demons can cause mental illness.** *Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. 24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.*
- **Demons can cause paralysis.** *Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness...and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.*
- **Demons can cause blindness.** *Matthew 12:22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind.*
- **Demons can cause loss of speech.** *Matthew 12:22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.*
- **Demons can cause children to be sick.** *Matthew 17:14 And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, 15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. 16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. 17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you? Bring him hither to me. 18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.*
- **Demons can cause the body to become physically deformed.** *Luke 13:11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. 12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. 13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.*

Note. Demon possession and demonic influence must not be confused with diseases. The distinction is noted in *Matthew 4:24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.*

5. Demons can possess men, children and women.

- *Luke 8:2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils.*

6. Demons delight in inflicting pain and torture.

- *Luke 9:37 And it came to pass, that on the next day, when they were come down from the hill, much people met him. 38 And, behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son: for he is mine only child. 39 And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him.*

7. Demons induce violence, screaming, public nudity, and necromancy while giving unusual strength.

- *Luke 8:26 And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee. 27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not. 29 (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.) 30 And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him. 31 And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep. 32 And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them. 33 Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked. 34 When they that fed them saw what was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.*

8. Those who disobey the commandments of Christ will find themselves taken captive by Satan at his will in the form of addictive behavior. Realizing this Christians are not to strive with individuals caught up in sin lest they be arguing with a demon of darkness. Rather, Christians are to be patient and teach and pray. Some forms of demonic activity cannot be overcome except through fasting and prayer.

- *2 Timothy 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, 25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; 26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.*
- *Matthew 17:19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?...Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.*

9. While the power of Satan is great the power of Christ is greater still. Christ has come to destroy the works of the devil.

- *1 John 3:8 For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*
10. Only by faith in the power of God and the promises of Christ can there be victory over the Evil One.
- *1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*
 - *1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*
11. In combating the devil the Christian must consider himself to be a soldier of the Cross. Like a good soldier he must put on the divine armor God has provided.
- *Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*
12. Christ has won the strategic victory over Satan at the Cross. The tactical victory also belongs to the believer provided the methods of spiritual warfare are implemented.
- **Watch.** *Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*
 - **Pray.** *Ephesians 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.*
 - **Flee.** *1 Corinthians 6:18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. 19 What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*
 - **Resist.** *James 4:7 Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*
 - **Bring every thought into captivity.** *2 Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.*

- **Fear God.** *2 Corinthians 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. Psalm 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth forever.*
 - **Believe.** *Romans 11:21 For if God spared not the natural branches [covenanted Israel], take heed lest he also spare not thee. Heb 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*
13. Those who do not win the tactical victory over Satan and the fallen angels shall one day be united with them forever in the lake of fire.
- *Revelation 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*
 - *Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*
14. Those who do win the tactical victory over Satan and the fallen angels shall judge them.
- *1 Corinthians 6:3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels?*
15. Until the Day of Judgment there is to be no seeking to have contact with the fallen angels though demons are very anxious to make their power and presence known.
- *Leviticus 20:6 And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.*
 - *Leviticus 20:27 A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them.*
 - *Deuteronomy 18:10 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, 11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.*
 - *Isaiah 8:19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? For the living to the dead?*

16. Demons are called seducing spirits in the New Testament.

- *1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.*

17. Demons have a particular worldview to articulate and a particular set of beliefs to institute in order to seduce individuals to give them power and influence in a life.

- *1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.*

- **Forbidding to marry.** Some *Bible* students believe this refers to advocating celibacy. During the twentieth century the Catholic Church paid over a billion dollars to settle lawsuits brought by individuals against priests who had violated young boys. Other students of the *Bible* believe the reference is to the abrogation of the marriage relation thereby allowing the practice of free love. In either case there is the advocacy of the breakup of the institution of marriage.

- **Giving heed to seducing spirits.** The reference is to forming affinities in spiritual séances or allowing spirit guides to come and take control of the mind.

- **Abstaining from meats.** It is a philosophy of the demons to induce people to become strict vegetarians for a vegetable diet renders the body more susceptible to spiritual forces than a meat diet. All food is to be received with thanksgiving. In fact God has commanded meat to be received with by those that believe and know the truth.

18. Demons have their own personalities. Jesus conversed with them, asked them questions, and received answers.

- *Luke 8:26 And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee. 27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not. 29 (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.) 30 And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.*

31 And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep. 32 And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them. 33 Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked.

19. However, demons can and do impersonate the personalities of others in order to seduce souls which is the greatest danger of séances and opening the mind to Spirit Guides. In his book *Think and Grow Rich*, Napoleon Hill advocates conjuring a counsel of the dead to seek advice. But those who come to the counsel table are not the dead living again but live demons that have yet to die the second death.
20. The grand objective of demons is to make men and women and young people instruments of unrighteousness.
 - *Romans 6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*
21. Under the authority of Satan, demons counterfeit legitimate spiritual realities.
 - **There is a counterfeit gospel.** *Galatians 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:*
 - ❖ The gospel of atheism is that God does not exist and so there is nothing to fear.
 - ❖ The gospel of agnosticism is that God may not exist and so life can be lived in relative freedom.
 - ❖ The gospel of deism is that God exists but He is not concerned about the affairs of His creation. He has established laws to govern the universe.
 - ❖ The gospel of the New Age is that man is god.
 - ❖ The gospel of Christian Science is that sin is an illusion.
 - ❖ The gospel of Mormonism is that man may become a god.
 - ❖ The gospel of universalism is that no matter what is said and done God will save all including the fallen angels.
 - ❖ The gospel of self-esteem theology is that there is redemption and power in positive thinking.
 - **There is a counterfeit doctrine.** *Ephesians 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*

- **There is a counterfeit ministry.** *2 Corinthians 11:15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works*
 - **There is a counterfeit communion table.** *1 Corinthians 10:20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. 21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's Table, and of the table of devils.*
 - **There is a counterfeit way of salvation and that is by good works.** *Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.*
22. The fraudulency of spiritualism is exposed in *Scripture* by Saul's encounter with the witch Endor. When Samuel did appear to Saul the witch was more shocked than anyone. Familiar or Evil Spirits may impersonate the dead but they cannot produce them.
- *1 Samuel 28:3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land. 4 And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa. 5 And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled. 6 And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams nor by Urim, nor by prophets. 7 Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor. 8 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee. 9 And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die? 10 And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing. 11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel. 12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? For thou art Saul.*

Special Note. God did not break His own law against spiritism by allowing the spirit of Samuel to come back from the other world for Samuel came to rebuke Saul and to pronounce a judgment on the king for this transgression. Saul died because he sought counsel of the witch. *1 Chronicles 10:13 So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to inquire of it.*

23. There is no reason for Christians to seek spiritism to find out about the state of the dead. A full revelation of the Christian and the non-Christian is given in *Scripture*. God has given Moses and the Prophets to guide the church. They should be heard. To expose one's heart to spiritism is to place self on Satan's ground and to invite a personal invasion of a demon or the control of an evil spirit.

- *Luke 16:29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. 30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. 31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.*
- *Isaiah 8:19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? For the living to the dead? 20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.*