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Today we want to take our Scripture text from **Matthew 8:28-34**, "**And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art that come hither to torment us before the time? And there was a good way off from them a herd of many swine feeding. So the devils (demons) besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. And he said unto them, **Go**. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep placed into the sea, and perished in the waters. As they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told everything, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils (demons). And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coast.**" I felt it was needful to address this subject matter for several reasons. I was perusing a particular Bible the other day and the theologian declared that demons were fallen angels. Seeing the theologian was profoundly misinformed I found it needful to help in understanding this subject matter. Nowhere in the Scriptures do we find the creation of demons. Demons are disembodied spirits and undoubtedly they are the spirits of the long

deceased giants. Personally, I do not believe giants ever possessed a soul. This is because Jehovah never breathed into their nostrils the breath of life. Concerning angels, they live and function in one or two states: they are either chained or unchained and those that are chained can be unchained at Jehovah's will to execute judgment against wickedness and evil men if He chooses. Let us first look at the chained found in **Jude vs.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.**" Let us now look at **2nd Peter 2:4**, "**For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment.**" The Scriptures declare in the future Christ will use a godly angel to chain the devil for 1000 years at His second coming. Throughout my nearly 40 years of Bible study I have concluded demons are disembodied spirits. Knowing they are disembodied spirits, they seek to possess a body. The next question would be; where did they come from? Demons are the spirits from the dead giants you read about in the days of Noah; found in **Genesis 6:1-4**. Giants are the product of fallen angels when they slept with the daughters of men. It was Satan's desire to corrupt humanity so as to thwart the bloodline of the coming Messiah. If Satan could genetically corrupt humanity he would then

succeed in stopping Elohim and his divine plan of redemption through the birth of Christ. We can understand this from **Genesis 6:4**, "**There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, (giants were in those days and afterwards when they were found in the promised land by the spies and the ones David fought), when the sons (fallen angels) of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men (giants) which were of old men of renown.**" Now that we have established the fact there are fallen angels chained; where do we witness unchained angels committing evil deeds? Look with me please at **Psalms 78:49**, "**He (Jehovah) cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them.**" It is my belief that God can command angels both good and evil to do His will: **Psalms 103:20**, "**Bless the Lord, ye his angels that excelled in strength, that do his commands harkening unto the voice of his word.**" Please look with me at evil angels that are unchained found here in **Daniel 10:12-13**, "**Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the prince (a fallen angel) of the kingdom of Persia withstood me (Gabriel) one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes (angels), came to help me; and**

I remained there with the kings (earthly governmental rulers) of Persia. All three angels in this passage of Scripture are described as being princes. In this passage we see three angels at work: the first prince or angel is the prince of Persia, an evil or fallen angel, the second is Gabriel an archangel, which is doing the speaking, and the third angel or prince of course is Michael, a warring angel. Having the ability to see this may now give us a better understanding of ***Ephesians 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers (fallen angels that rule in darkness) of the darkness of this world (or age), against spiritual wickedness in high places."*** These fallen angels are purveyors of spiritual wickedness in high places. Let it be clearly noted, angels are far more powerful than demons. Jesus has given us the power to cast out demons but in the book of Jude we are warned concerning confrontations with fallen angels. We witness this endowment of power found here in ***Matthew 10:1, "And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease."*** Demons are unclean spirits because they were conceived through fallen angels with human women. This was one of the greatest perversions ever manifested in God's creation. This is why demons attract or entice people into sexual perversion. Giants were the product of sexual perversion. We will now look at the Scripture that gives us warning in confronting a fallen angel, ***Jude 9, "Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee."*** As powerful as Michael

is, he rebuked the devil in Jesus name and so should we if we ever encounter a fallen Angel. This is because all power has been given to Christ in both heaven and earth. It is a theological certainty that angels possess bodies but demons are disembodied spirits. We see the manifestation of two angels which came to deliver Lot and his family found in ***Genesis 19:1-2, "And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servants house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night."*** These godly angels were manifested in human form and stature. Godly angels never manifest themselves in an evil way. However, Satan has transformed himself as an angel of light. We have no record of any angel ever possessing a human body. Now demons are disembodied spirits and that is why they seek to possess people so that they might have a form, bodily. I'm going to make a very profound statement here: angels without a doubt can fly, evidenced by ***Daniel 10:13***, but demons cannot. It is obvious to the discerning reader that angels can fly but demons, disembodied spirits evidently walk to their destinies. Look with me please at ***Matthew 12:43, "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none."*** I find it amazing in this Scripture passage that demons which are disembodied spirits not only walk to their destinies but they seek rest as well. As human beings many times we seek rest for our spirit due to the encumbrances of life. It is not coincidental that Jesus

said in ***Matthew 11:28, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*** The rest that Christ speaks of is for the triune man: body, soul, and spirit. We see the triune makeup of man found in ***1st Thessalonians 5:23, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."*** The Scriptures always present demons and fallen angels as being debased in their nature: they are also real and involved in historical events. It is my heart's desire that your understanding has been profusely enlightened concerning this matter. Again, we want to humbly thank you for your love and support for the ministry. We humbly invite you to come and be a part of our upcoming conference ***April 5-7, 2019***, entitled ***"Age of Deception."*** The location is Hickory, North Carolina at the, Hickory Metro Convention Center. It is our prayer this conference will be enlightening as well as uplifting to everyone. Some of the speakers are Steve Quayle, Irvin Baxter, Hugo de Garis, Russ Dizdar, Jimmy D. Smith, Joe and Doug Hagmann, and of course myself. We are looking for a time of repentance and of spiritual renewal. Please come and participate in this one of a kind spiritual gathering. I am confident the Lord will bless you immensely in your untiring efforts. We never know how many more times we will be afforded this great opportunity!

Serving With You All,

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