

Dealing With Demonic Spirits

Mark 1: 23-28

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C. S. Lewis – “Screwtape Letters”

“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is disbelieving their existence. The other is to believe and feel an unhealthy interest in them. Demons are equally pleased by both errors.”

Verse 23 - 24

**Demonic spirits are disturbed by the
Word preached**

Evil spirits and demons have an aversion to the Word of God

Your offensive weapon is the spoken Word of God, the Rhema of God – Ephesians 6: 17

Satan cannot read your mind, but can put thoughts into your mind

Be careful believing every strange thought that comes into your mind!

Your filter:

The Word of God!

Verse 25 - 28

Jesus rebuked the spirit

Jesus takes control with two commands:

“Be quiet, and come out of him!”

Three things resulted:

- (1) *“They were all amazed”*
- (2) *They all justifiably wondered*
- (3) *The news spread fast*

Closing Thoughts

The demonic realm and the believer

The first order of business in war is to know your enemy, know his tactics, know his schemes

Know your defense: “*Put on the whole armor of God*”

Belt = defensive; Breastplate = defensive; Shoes = defensive

Shield = defensive; Helmet = defensive

SWORD = OFFENSIVE!

WORD = “*Rhema*” = the spoken Word of God, out loud to thwart the enemy’s attack

Memorize the Word and use the spoken Word of God

James tells us how to handle demonic attacks – James 4: 7-8

“Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and He will come near to you.”

John tells us how to handle demonic attacks – 1 John 5: 18

“We know that whoever is born of God does not sin, but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.”

Paul tells us to handle demonic attacks – 2 Corinthians 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 carnal, but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”

Strongholds = *long established ways of thinking, rationalizing one's actions or behaviors*

Arguments = *“logismos” = logical arguments, thoughts, reasonings against God*

What are we to do with demonic strongholds and arguments?

PULL THEM DOWN!!

How?

With the TRUTH OF GOD!

How do I protect myself from false arguments?

“Bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”

How are we to present ourselves in these mind arguments?

2 Timothy 2: 24-25

Be ready, be measured, be gentle; you can win the argument and lose the war!

Jude tells us how to handle demonic attacks:

Caution with slander against celestial attacks – Jude 8-9

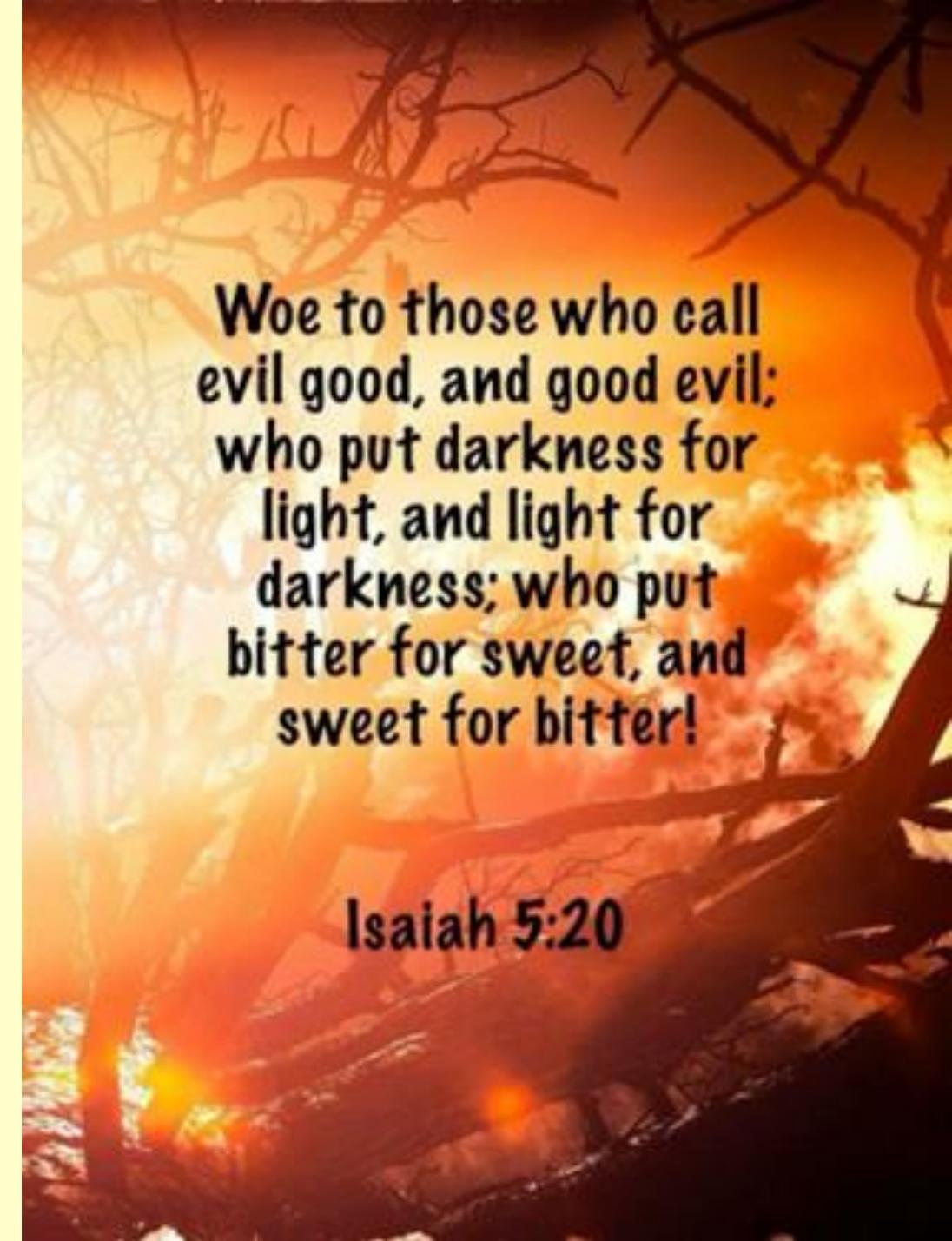
What about a believer being demon possessed?

I believe the Scripture says when we belong to Christ; we are the Temple of the Holy Spirit, owned, sealed, and protected by God

I do not believe a demon can inhabit what God owns!



Now the Spirit expressly
says that in latter times
some will depart from the
faith, giving heed to
deceiving spirits and
doctrines of demons,
speaking lies in hypocrisy,
having their own conscience
seared with a hot iron,
(I Timothy 4:1-2 NKJV)



**Woe to those who call
evil good, and good evil;
who put darkness for
light, and light for
darkness; who put
bitter for sweet, and
sweet for bitter!**

Isaiah 5:20

WHAT IS OUR HOPE?

Jude 3b

Contend = fight for the faith; fight for the Truth

HOW DO WE DO THIS?

Maintain your life with God

All in with God

Be a follower, not a fan!

Restful Moment with God

Kept in His Love

“But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.”

Jude 1:20–21 NIV

Lord, tonight we pause to draw near to You—the source of all strength and love. Teach us to build our lives upon faith that endures and to pray with hearts tuned to Your Spirit. When doubts whisper and hope feels faint, remind us that Your love is our anchor. Keep us steadfast in trust, patient in waiting, and tender in mercy toward others.

As we rest, wrap us in the assurance of Your unfailing love. Let Your peace quiet our minds and Your presence prepare us for the new mercies of tomorrow.

**THIS NEW YEAR
SEASON**

**GIVE THANKS,
REST IN YOUR
GOD,**

***FOR HE IS
WITH YOU!!***