

Remnant Life Church  
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**Angels – pt. 7**  
**The One-Third: Demons**  
Acts 19:13-20

2 weeks ago:

- Looked at names and why they are important in the Bible
- Lucifer became satan when his pride produced a desire to be like God
- His nature – father of lies, a murderer, in opposition to God
- How he attacks – faith, finances, family, flesh, friends (Job)

This morning we will look at those who do the bidding of satan – the fallen angels or demons

- Remember: It is not a question of IF we will come under attack from satan, but WHEN and HOW
  - **I Peter 5:8** – Be alert and of sober mind; your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.
  - This is why we want to know his schemes and plans – to stand against them and always be victorious over the temptation
- The demons are those angels who were cast out of heaven with Lucifer (**Rev 12:4,9**)
  - They are active today
  - They have assignments
  - We are the targets
  - But we live, not in fear, but in the power and strength of the Holy Spirit to do battle whenever necessary and to live victoriously – all glory and honor to God!

### Characteristics

1. They are distinct creations of God
  - a. One-time angels who followed Lucifer and his quest to be like God
  - b. **Mark 16:9** - *When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons.*
  - c. Demons, like angels, are not metaphors or representations of evil and good
2. They are able to speak
  - a. The first three Gospels include accounts of demons speaking (**Math 8:29; Mark 1:24; Luke 8:30**)
  - b. In **Acts 19** we read of the sons of a Jewish priest attempting to cast out demons
  - c. **READ** – **Acts 19:13-20**
  - d. Not only do they speak but they recognize the true from the false
    - i. Use of magic or occult practices mixed with the name of Jesus
    - ii. The name of Jesus is never combined with anything else
    - iii. Peter spoke that it is Jesus alone!
    - iv. **Acts 4:12** - *Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.*

3. They have a self-awareness
  - a. **Mark 5** is the account of Jesus encountering a demon-possessed man who could not be contained by the towns-people
  - b. **Mark 5:9** - *Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many."*
  - c. They are thinking and reasoning as they carry out their assignments
  
4. They have doctrines
  - a. Paul provides a warning to Timothy for his time as well as for us in this time and the future
  - b. **I Tim 4:1** - *The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.*
  - c. Taught by demons refers to their doctrine
    - i. What is their doctrine?
    - ii. Whatever opposes the truth of God's Word
  
5. They have miraculous powers
  - a. **Rev 16:13-14** - *Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty*
  - b. Deception is at the heart of what demons do – their leader is the father of lies
    - i. Too many Christians and churches get caught up in the miraculous believing that it must be of God
    - ii. Demons have powers too
    - iii. That is why all this being done must be in accordance with and line up with Scripture
    - iv. If something supernatural is happening it must be either directly from the Bible or have a precedent established from the Word

Where are they attacking us today? (Two prominent areas of infiltration that are ongoing)

### **1. They are attacking our homes**

- a. We spoke last week about satan's desire to destroy the family
  - i. Especially the Christian family
  - ii. To do that is to tear apart the very fabric of God's first interpersonal relational structure
- b. Our homes remain under constant attack and we must be sure to close off their points of entry
  - i. The electronic baby-sitter
    1. With the non-stop lifestyles we have created for ourselves children must be occupied
    2. The television, the phone, and the computer have become the vehicles that have captured their attention

3. This has come at the detriment of developing their minds and a healthy imagination
- ii. Pediatric studies have, for years, been cautioning parents against excessive exposure to TV
  1. 2011 study – no or very limited TV for children under the age of 3
  2. The “fast-paced” and frenetic images quickly over-stimulate the minds of young children
  3. 1997 Japanese children’s cartoon causing seizures
  4. In addition, fantasy-based themes create reality challenges
  5. As they grow older the need for stimulation increases
    - a. The blurring of reality and fantasy (ARS)
    - b. *Prov 23:7 - for as he (or a person) thinks within himself, so he is;*
- iii. If the concern is no imagination, then give them things that will allow that to happen
  1. Barbie – founded in 1959
    - a. Unicorn goddess
    - b. An entire magic line
    - c. Line of celestial spiritual being guides
    - d. Career line – yoga instructor
    - e. Ibitihaj Muhammad – US Olympic fencer; muslim; wearing a hajib
    - f. Are Barbie dolls bad? No – but you must be aware and on guard
    - g. *Prov 22:6 – raise up a child...*
  2. What about reading?
    - a. Harry Potter series – 500 million total copies sold (best-selling of all time)
      - i. The content is pure witchcraft
      - ii. It dulls their minds to the dangers
      - iii. Divination (seeking hidden knowledge through the supernatural)
        1. 2 dozen times in the Bible
        2. Associated with sorcery
        3. Warned every time to avoid
    - b. Twilight series – 120 million total sales
      - i. Vampires, werewolves, violence, drinking of animal and human blood
        1. The drinking of blood is a ritualistic part of satanic worship
        2. The Bible expressly forbids it (*Lev 17*)
      - ii. 2008 Britain’s Children’s Book of the Year
      - iii. 2009 – Favorite Book on the Kids Choice Awards
- iv. Our children are being indoctrinated to believe that the ways of the occult are acceptable

- v. What about adults?
  1. Just a few of the supernatural themed TV shows on today or the recent past
  2. Angel; Constantine; Dracula; Charmed; Ghost Whisperer; Legion; Moonlight; Salem; Lucifer; Supernatural; The Secret Circle; True Blood; Vampire Diaries – many, many more
- vi. **I Sam 28** - King Saul calling up the spirit of Samuel
- vii. When we allow these things into our homes we are putting out a huge welcome mat for demonic activity to walk right in

## 2. They are attacking our churches

- a. One of the most powerful means is through their efforts to get us compromise and water down Scripture
    - i. What the Bible says is sin is sin
    - ii. **Duet 4** – *do not add or subtract from the law (the Word)*
  - b. **Heb 11:12** - *For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*
  - c. **2 Tim 3:16-17** - *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*
    - i. Today Bibles are being printed that are gender-neutral
    - ii. Commentaries are being written that exclude verses condemning sexual behavior that is accepted today
    - iii. Many churches will not preach on topics that may be offensive
  - d. The Bible is offensive
    - i. NOTE - it is offensive to sin, NOT people
      1. If someone insists on walking in sin – they will be offended
      2. If someone refuses to embrace the truth of the word of God – they will be offended
      3. Where many in the church get off track is forgetting the two great commands given by Jesus – love God, love your neighbor (**Matt 22:37-39**)
    - ii. *For God so loved the (entire) world... (John 3:16)*
- What do I want you to take with you this morning?
    - satan, demons, and evil are very real
    - They are very active today and are being aided by the culture we live in
    - You must guard your children, your home, your minds, and your hearts

**Next Week:** How do I guard myself and my family from the attacks?

- What tools have we been given in order to not only fight but be victorious over the demonic attacks that are coming?
- How can tell what is true and what is false?
- **I John 4:1-6**