

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."(Jude 3)

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SUNDAY SERVICE

Bible Class: 9:30
AM Worship: 10:15
PM Worship: 1:00

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class: 7:00pm

LADIES CLASS

Tuesday 10:00am

A Message To Our Visitors

It is our privilege to have you visiting with us today. Please know that you are our honored guest. Please let us get to know you, and fill out an attendance card so we can have record of you being here. Please return to be with us again at your earliest opportunity. If you have questions or would like to study the Bible with us, please let us know. Thanks again for visiting with us, and may God continue to bless you according to His divine purpose.

THOSE TO SERVE

Announcements:

Kevin Smith

Lead Singing:

Mitchell Smith

Opening Prayer:

Richard Price

Scripture Reading:

Ron Hutchison

Lord's Table

Mitchell Smith
Gerald Rule
Richard Price
Kyle Hobbs

Closing Prayer:

Hyland Darnell

Greeters (East)

Richard and Rita

Greeters (West)

Bill and Maria

LESSONS

AM: I've Got A Dream

Scripture reading:

Philippians 1:21-26

PM: Song Service

Scripture reading:

DEMONS

By: Truth for the World

Many believe that evil spirits, called demons, can take over people's bodies today. This was widely accepted in Europe hundreds of years ago. It is still believed by many in African areas where the influence of Christianity is not strong. It is also a growing belief in America. A study revealed that about one third of all Americans believe that demons can take over the bodies of people. Is it true? Should we fear demon possession today? What does the Bible teach?

The Bible clearly teaches that evil spirits exist (James 2:19). They are called "devils" in the King James Version and "demons" in other translations of the Bible. These devils or demons must not be confused with the Devil, Satan, the Tempter (Matthew 4:11). There is only one Devil, but there are many demons.

In the Bible, we learn that demons entered into people and controlled them (Matthew 8:28-34). They were under the power of Satan (Beelzebub), the chief of all evil spirits (Matthew 12:24). They often caused sickness in the people they entered such as not being able to speak or see (Matthew 12:22); insanity or madness (Luke 8:26-36); personal injuries (Mark 9:14-26); and other bodily infirmities (Luke 13:11-17).

These demons also knew who Jesus was. They knew why He had come into the world (Luke 4:41). They believe in God (James 2:19). They fear the Judgment and eternal punishment (Matthew 8:29). This clearly shows that demons are not diseases as some have suggested. They are spirit beings who think, speak, and act. Jesus often cast demons out of people (Matthew 8:16). He also gave the ability to cast out demons to His apostles (Luke 10:17; Mark 16:17,18; Acts 5:16; 8:7; 16:16-18; 19:12). The apostles were able to give miraculous gifts to others by laying their hands on them (Acts 6:6-8; 8:14-21; 19:1-6). This included the power to cast out demons (Acts 8:5-8).

An account of Jesus' casting out a demon is found in Mark 5:1-20. When Jesus came to the country of the Gadarenes, a man met him. He had an "unclean spirit" (demon). This demon possessed man lived in the tombs. He wore no clothes. He was not in his right mind. He cried day and night and cut himself with stones. He also had great strength. When others had bound him with chains, he broke them and escaped. The evil spirit in the man knew who Jesus was and begged Him not to torment him. Jesus asked the evil spirit, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many." When Jesus commanded the demons to come out of

the man, they begged him to send them into pigs who were feeding nearby. Jesus did so. The pigs ran to the cliff, fell into the sea, and drowned. When the people of the area came to Jesus, they saw this man "sitting, clothed, and in his right mind." When the demon was cast out, the man was restored to health of body and mind.

Do demons still possess people even today? Zechariah, an Old Testament prophet, spoke of the time when Christ would come. He said: "In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness" (Zechariah 13:1). This fountain was opened when Jesus shed His blood on the cross for the sins of the world. Zechariah then said: "It shall be in that day, says the Lord of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall be no longer remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirits to depart from the land" (13:2). Following the time when the Lord would die for our sins, prophets (men who spoke by the Holy Spirit) and unclean spirits (demons) would no longer be in the land (earth). When did this happen?

We have learned that the apostles could give to others the ability to work miracles. The purpose of these miracles was to confirm (prove) God's Word (Mark 16:20; Hebrews 2:2-4). Paul said these gifts of the Holy Spirit would fail, cease, and vanish away (1 Corinthians 13:8-10). These miraculous gifts would cease when that which is perfect had come (v. 10). This refers to the New Testament, which is called the perfect law of liberty (James 1:25). One of these gifts was the power to cast out demons. Therefore, evil spirits possessing men, along with the power to cast them out, ceased when the New Testament was completed and confirmed. If demon possession continued today, Satan would have more power than God, for he could send his demons into people, but God's people could not cast them out.

God permitted demons to possess certain people in the time of Christ and the apostles so that His power could be seen. Not only did Christ have power over nature, disease, and death, but He also had power over the spirit world. The Devil and his demons were proved to be powerless before the Son of God (Colossians 2:15; 1 John 3:8). Demons still exist, but they do not possess people today. Today, we need to be concerned about Satan, the Devil, who tempts us to sin (James 1:14; Matthew 4:3; 1 Peter 5:8).

—Via "Truth for the World Tract"

<http://truthfortheworld.org>

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Chris Smith (30th)
- ⇒ Jill Stembridge (1st)
- ⇒ Kevin and Tammy (1st)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Zechariah
- ⇒ **Team:** No team meetings today (Remember to visit Dexter)
- ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singings, and Bible schools are coming up in our area.
- ⇒ **New Personal invitation handouts** are available . Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to our service!
- ⇒ **Ladies Bible class:** Has started back on Tuesdays at 10am
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Will be held on Tuesday Dec 01 at 6:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **5th Sunday Potluck and singing:** Today after AM service.
- ⇒ **Visit:** We will visit Dexter as a congregation tonight. They start at 5:00pm
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Tea bags

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell (had knee replacement surgery on the 28th)
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ Shirley Rule (Continuing to improve)
- ⇒ Jonnie Hutchison (Amber's father is having eye trouble)
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Larry Pea (Cousin of Judy Black, has cancer)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Jana Ward (cancer)
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister, has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill (Rachel was placed in a nursing home)
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Maria's sister-continuing to recover from heart surgery.
- ⇒ Mary Wallace (cancer)
- ⇒ Lucetria Hutchison (Ronnie's mother)
- ⇒ Continue to remember all those who have lost loved ones this year

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear the Word
(Rom 10:17)

Believe the Word
(John 8:24)

Repent
(Luke 13:3)

Confess Christ
(Rom 10:10)
(Acts 8:37)

Be Baptized
(Acts 2:38)
(Acts 22:16)

Remain Faithful
(Rev 2:10)
(Acts 8:12-24)

Heaven can be your home if you obey God!
(Heb 5:8-9)

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MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Zechariah 13:2 "It shall be in that day," says the LORD of hosts, "that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land.

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: eidōlon (εἰδῶλον)

Pronounced: i'-do-lon

Translated into the word we use today: **Idol**

Meaning: according to Strong is: an *image* (that is, for worship); by implication a heathen *god*, or (plural) the *worship* of such: - idol.

Supporting verse: Act 7:41 And they made a calf in those days, offered sacrifices to the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Idols and the worship of them is nothing new. Man has been turning from the one true and living God and following false gods. Man will crave and create images or idols to follow after and worship. This was done by Aaron and the children of Israel shortly after their exodus from Egyptian captivity. While Moses was on Mount Saini receiving the ten commandments, Aaron, by the encouragement of the people, built a golden calf. They made this false idol and worshiped it saying, "this be the god that brought us out of the land of Egypt". These types of idols were and still are being formed and worshiped. Today in our nation, we don't have hand carved idols being worshiped by the masses. Even though it is still done, it's just not prevalent today. This doesn't mean that we still don't serve idols or worship them. In Colossians 3:5, "Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and COVETOUSNESS, WHICH IS IDOLATRY." You see, anything that we put ahead of God, that is our idol. Anything we covet more than we love or depend on God, then that is our idol. Are you putting things ahead of God? Do you covet something more than you want to please God? If so, then you are serving idols, but of idolatry and serve God!



Bible question: Where is it prophesied about Jesus that not one of his bones would be broken?

Last week's question and answer: What soldier, David's oldest brother, was angry with David for coming to the battle lines?

Answer: Eliab (1Samuel 17:28)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Helen Tidwell, Peggy Newsome, Rachel Adams