



Deliverance and Healing

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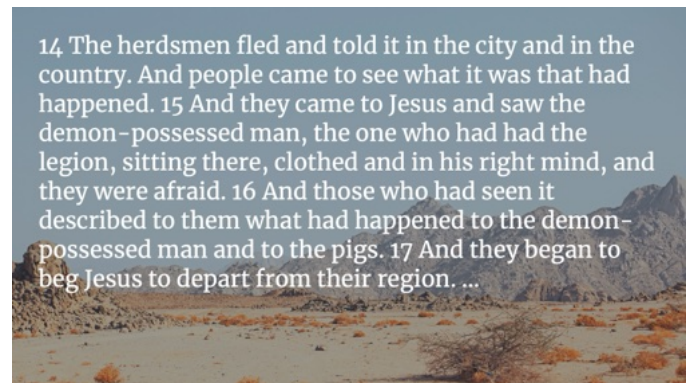
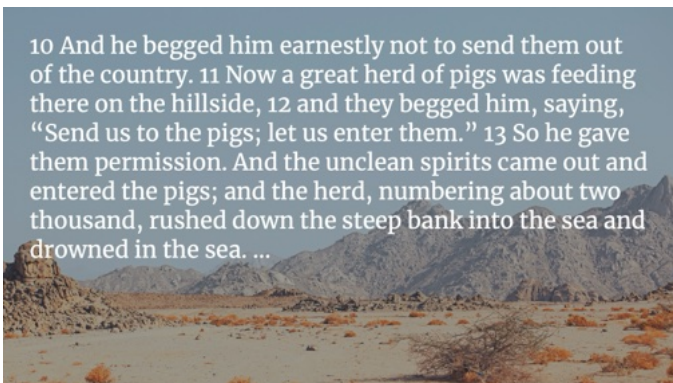


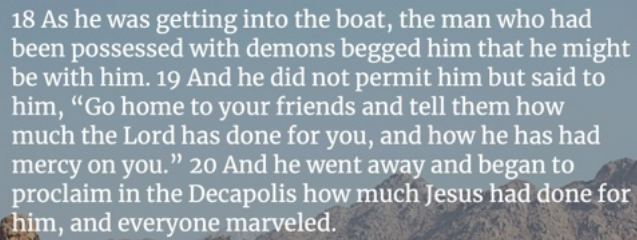
Mark 5:1-20: They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. 2 And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. 3 He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, 4 for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. ...

5 Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. 6 And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. 7 And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." 8 For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" 9 And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." ...

10 And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. 11 Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, 12 and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." 13 So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea. ...

14 The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. 15 And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. 16 And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. 17 And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. ...





18 As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. 19 And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." 20 And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

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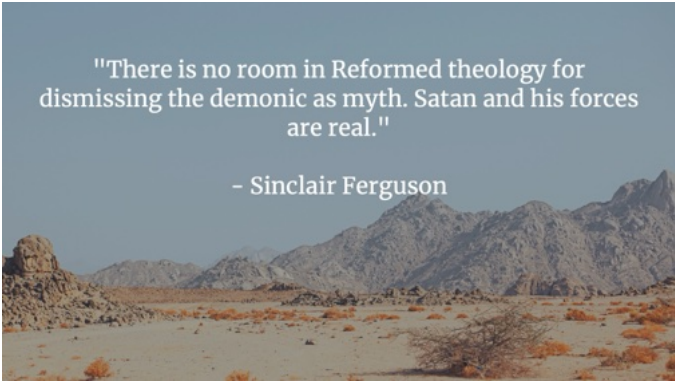
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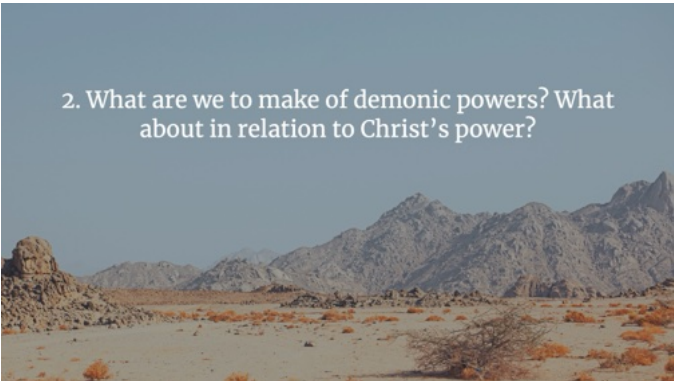


1. Are demons and demonic possession real?



"There is no room in Reformed theology for dismissing the demonic as myth. Satan and his forces are real."

- Sinclair Ferguson



2. What are we to make of demonic powers? What about in relation to Christ's power?



3. Can Christians be possessed?

“There is no dual occupancy of the soul. Where the Spirit of Christ dwells, there is no room for a demon.”

- Louis Berkhof

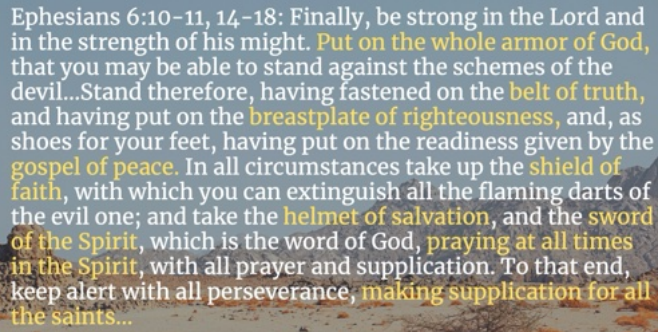
4. Can Christians be oppressed?

5. Can animals be possessed?

6. What does deliverance look like and consist of?

People are delivered from demonic possession not by human power, rituals, or techniques, but through the sovereign authority of Jesus Christ, the proclamation of the gospel, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

7. How do Christians engage in spiritual warfare and attacks?



Ephesians 6:10-11, 14-18: Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. **Put on the whole armor of God**, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil...Stand therefore, having fastened on the **belt of truth**, and having put on the **breastplate of righteousness**, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the **gospel of peace**. In all circumstances take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the **helmet of salvation**, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God, **praying at all times in the Spirit**, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, **making supplication for all the saints...**

One more thought:

“Satan is real, but not every problem is demonic. The flesh and the world are also powerful enemies.”

- RC Sproul

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Observation #1: Christ's power sets this man free from torment and affliction, turning chaos to calm.

Mark 5:15: And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind...

Application:

To those who feel bound and are experiencing affliction, how can you go from chaos to calm?

- This man (filled with demons): isolated, naked, and bleeding, living in the tombs.

- Jesus (filled with the Holy Spirit): isolated, naked and bleeding, buried in a tomb.

- Both experience torment, but for different reasons - one who needed to be saved, and the other in order to save. Isaiah 53:5: “He was pierced for our transgressions... and by his wounds we are healed.”

Observation #2: This man's freedom from deliverance transforms his torment into a testimony.

Mark 5:18-20: As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

"Our testimony is not about how bad we were, but about how good Christ is."

- Paul Tripp

Observation #3: Notice how the crowd responds to Christ's power and deliverance - with fear and rejection.

Mark 5:14-17: The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region.

Jason Meyer: "The crowd would rather have an army of evil spirits in their region than the Savior of the world. They conclude that being without Jesus would be better than being with him."

Reflection and Prayer:

1. To those who are experiencing affliction:
2. To those who need to hear Jesus' command to live in mission:
3. To those who are fearful to embrace Jesus:

