

## SATAN AND HIS HELPERS

### Luke 8:27-36 - Key Text

**Background Scripture:** Luke 11:14-26; Matthew 10:1; 12:43-45; Mark 1:23-27; 7; Acts 5:16; 8:7  
2 Kings 6

**Introduction:** For many, demon belief is part of childhood nursery stories. To ask the question "are there demons today?" would seem foolish to so many "enlightened" people, even Christians.

- A 1910 edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica stated: "It may be confidently affirmed that belief in Satan and his cohorts is not now generally recognized as an essential article of the Christian faith nor is it found to be a critical element of Christian experience."

That article continued by stating that science has explained about everything, that there is no room left for Satan.

Obviously Jesus accepted the reality of Demons. This same encyclopedia stated that either Jesus accommodated Himself to the primitive views or was limited in His knowledge.

It seemed that in the strong, clear light of reason and common sense, this superstition of Satan and Demons faded out forever, until just recently.

Anton Lavey was head of a San Francisco group known then as the Church of Satan, was quoted as saying, "The Satanic Age" started in 1966 when God was proclaimed dead and the hippies developed free sex.

- Germany was known as a brilliant country with great achievements in science, philosophy, culture. They had largely rejected the idea of Satan and his helpers, but Hitler shocked the Germans and all humanity out of their rationalistic slumber into a realization of the depth of demonic power.

YES, there is Satan, demons, evil spirits, fallen angels, helpers of Satan.

1. They are in "ranks" - similar to military ranks with some type of graduation of power, etc.
2. Some of each rank and power apparently have fallen when Satan did.
3. It appears that the invisible war is being carried on by both sides, all ranks involved. Victory is gained by the application of power and the inferior force withdraws. Man is used by both forces.
4. Reading Jesus' experiences with Satan and demons will reveal some of their appearances, forms and how they are NOT all knowing, omnipresent, omnipotent.
5. **Daniel 10:5-14**
6. An angel of low rank (**vII, 14**) hindered by an evil angel of higher rank had to call for an even higher ranking angel to come and overpower the evil angel.
7. **Jude 8, 9.** Satan interfered with Michael (angel) as he went about burying Moses. God had to intervene.
8. **Ephesians 6:12.** "...we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places..."

9. The quantity Satan has is not a small number. *Mark 5:9* speaks of a legion, that is 6,100 foot soldiers, 726 horsemen, some 6,826 in a single legion.
10. Satan and the New Testament: "*unclean spirits, ""demons""* caused many human imperfections. There are 23 references to unclean spirits, 6 references to evil spirits in the New Testament.
11. Today, Satan's cleverest trick is to make us believe that he doesn't exist.
  - He has had himself created as a comical figure with a red suit, horns on his head, long tail, carrying a pitchfork with a sly grin on his face. Who is going to fear something like that?
  - He hides behind religion, intellectualism, poetry, art, music, psychology, human understanding, superstitions, and so on.

## CONCLUSION:

1. Our modern thinking rejects the ancient idea that Satan is the origin of evil and has the world in his control.
2. Man has so many explanations for evil: poverty, pollution, politicians, employees, unions, racial minorities, racial majorities, etc....
3. Man says, put the blame anywhere, but not on some mythical figure called "Satan."
4. Satan is not the one below heaping coals. He is alive and doing very well on our earth. He is *"...walking about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour..."*
5. Beware Christian! You are his target!