

What Jesus Said About...

Expelling demons

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- 3 times when Jesus commissioned the disciples he sent them to preach the good news of the kingdom, to heal the sick and to set free the spiritually oppressed. (Matt. 10:5, Luke 10:17, Mark 16:15-18)
- This is not just for the spiritual elite – it's for all of us. "As the Father sent me so I send you"
- Paul writing later said that there is a battle

Ephesians 6:12 "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

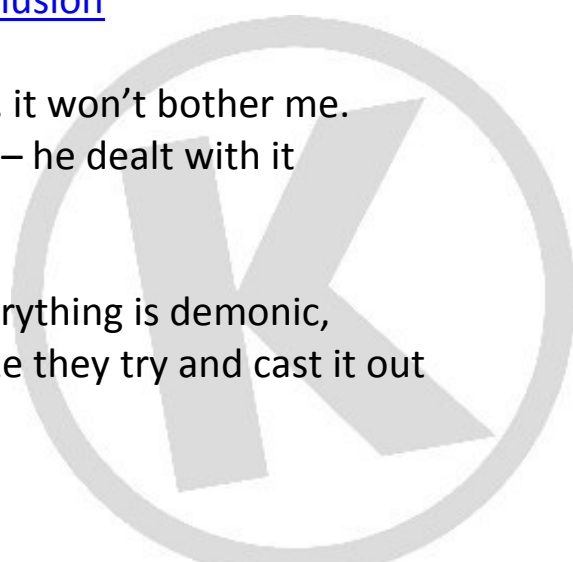
The biblical worldview is a physical world (which we can see) co-existing with a spiritual world (which we usually can't).

3 opposing worldviews

Materialistic rationalism – The belief all knowledge must be restricted to what the senses can perceive. If this is you then read David Robertsons 'Challenging atheist myths' and listen to his talk on our website www.kingsarms.org/goddelusion

Christian headinthelandism – if I ignore it, it won't bother me. Solution – wake up! Jesus did not ignore it – he dealt with it whenever it got in the way of his mission.

Christian annoyingsuperspiritualism – everything is demonic, demon behind every bush etc. If you sneeze they try and cast it out of you. Solution – stop it.



1. We must start with Jesus (Mark 9:14-15)

Mark 9:15 “As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.”

At the cross

...God’s power was released (1 Cor 1:18)

...salvation (completeness, wholeness) was won (1 Cor 1:18)

...we were crucified to the world – all addictions, habitual sins beaten (Gal 6:14)

...our old self was crucified so that we would not longer be enslaved to sin (Rom 6:6)

...we were reconciled to each other– hatred defeated (Eph 2:16)

...we were reconciled to God – barriers removed (Eph 2:16)

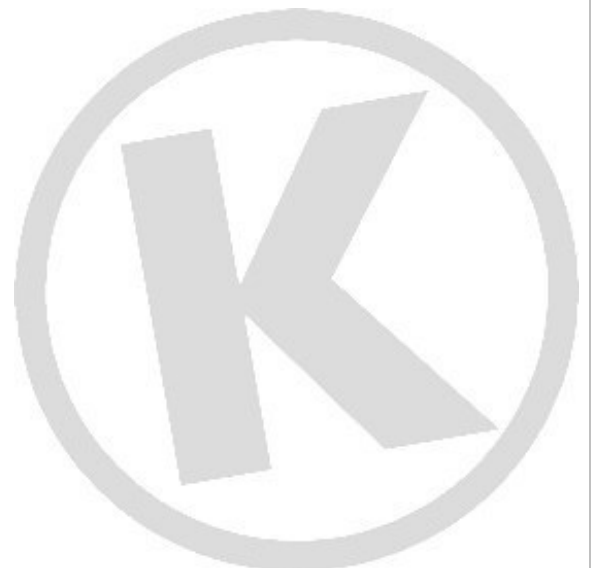
...the record of debt against us was cancelled (Col 2:14)

...the enemy was disarmed and defeated (Col 2:15)

...physical, spiritual and emotional healing came (1 Pet 2:24)

When Jesus died on the cross his last words were not “I’ve done my best”, or “It’s all over” he said **IT IS FINISHED**

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2. Recognise demonic symptoms (Mark 9:16-18)

Mark 9:18 Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid.

(all of these symptoms can have other causes)

Minor symptoms:

Sin that we 'can't seem to break'

Repeated thoughts of fear/shame/anger/hatred/self pity/death/jealousy/adultery/....endless list!

Thoughts - 'lies like flies' that speaking out God's word (renewing the mind) doesn't shift

Major Symptoms:

Black outs, violent rages, self harm, suicide attempts

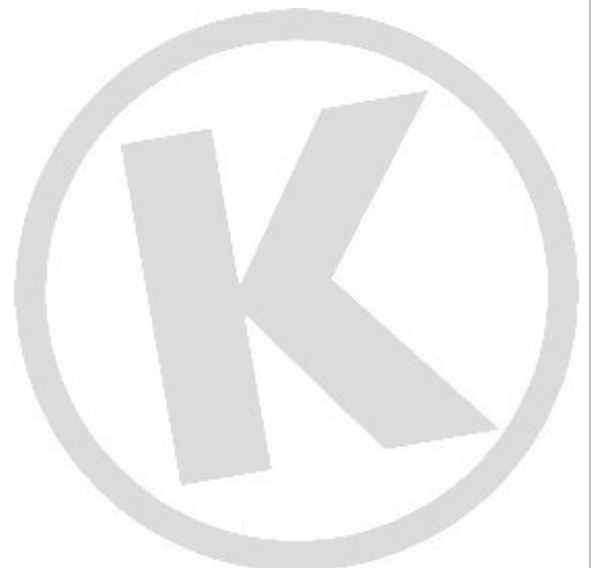
Life controlling addictions (stealing, drugs, alcohol, sex, porn, gambling)

Religious error and confusion

Mental instability (can also be chemical/emotional)

Never tell someone they have a demon. Offer to pray and see what happens 'Father I ask for freedom now from any spiritual oppression'

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3. Clash of the Kingdoms (Mark 9:19-24)

a. Demonic often manifests in the presence of God

Mark 9:20 "So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth."

DO NOT GIVE IN TO FEAR!

Some manifestations (again, could be caused by other things)

Minor: Shaking – not always a sign of the Holy Spirit.

Body rigid/part of body rigid

Pain/pressure/cramps

Thoughts ('shut up', I'm not coming out, you don't know what you're doing, get out of here, run, there's too many of us etc)

Nausea

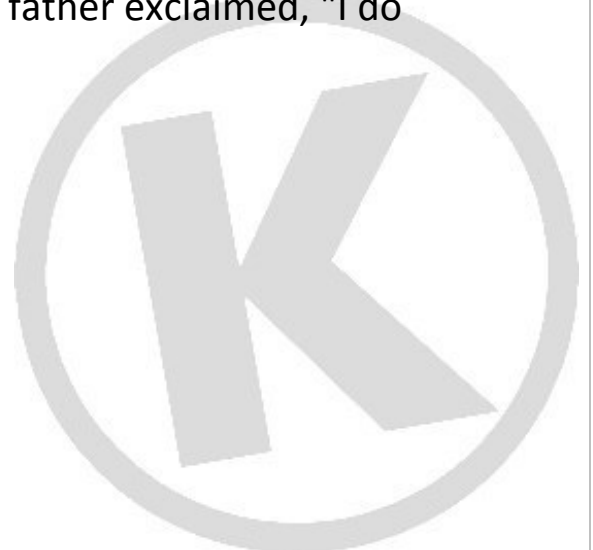
Crying (esp. severe weeping)

Major: Thrashing around on the floor, choking, hitting themselves or walls/furniture

Shouting or screaming

b. Jesus is looking for faith

Mark 9:23-24 "'If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"



4. Demons have to go (Mark 9:25-29)

Mark 9:25 When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out.

a. How demons leave

Spirit = breath (John 20:22) – usually come out through the mouth or nose for some reason

Coughing (most common)

Vomiting (rarely food – usually phlegm – nasty I know!)

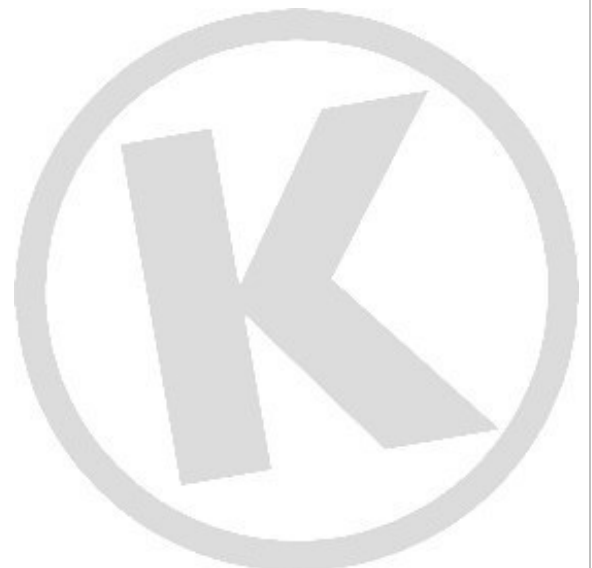
Screaming/Shrieking/Roaring

Sighing

Burping or Yawning

Nothing! They just leave!

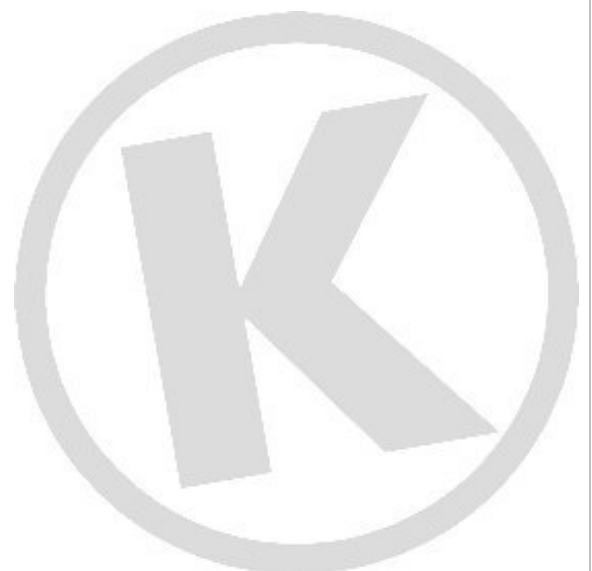
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b. The 5 R's – a framework for freedom from spiritual oppression

- **RECOGNISE** – the central issue. For example Fear, Rejection etc.
- **REPENT & FORGIVE** – anything you have done, anything done to you.
- **RENOUNCE** – living under this thing any more. It's renouncing this lifestyle.
- **REJECT** – the demonic oppression. Command as Jesus did 'leave in Jesus name'.
- **REPLACE** – ask God to fill with his love, his peace and whatever is opposite to the thing that's gone (e.g. replace fear with faith, rejection with acceptance). Claim the truth of God's word.

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Meditations on the cross

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Galatians 6:18

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Romans 6:6

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin.

Ephesians 2:16

And in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

Colossians 2:14-15

Having cancelled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his own body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

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