

Deliverance

What is deliverance? To have deliverance, one must need to be delivered from something or someone to another. Who is that someone, or what is that something? How does one arrive at the point of needing deliverance? Who is at fault, or better yet who is responsible for reaching the point of needing deliverance? If we were honest with our self, knowing that we have a free will to make choices, then we would have to admit we are responsible. Can we deliver our self? I say not without our Lord Jesus. We were either deceived, or we submitted to iniquity placed in our souls, which eventually led to transgression then to sin, then to death. Undoubtedly, Jesus the Christ is the Great Deliverer, but in order to be delivered one must understand there are only two sides in this creation, good verses evil, light verses darkness, or truth verses lie. And The Self Existent Eternal One is over all, but if you don't want to be delivered, then you will not be delivered, but as soon as you determine for yourself that you are helpless, wretched, as soon as you know that you know that YHWH is sovereign, and you submit to Him, and you determine for yourself that you want to obey Him, and that He has the power to deliver you, then you will be delivered, and that demon or demons attached to you, will flee. We must also understand that if the person possessed or tormented by the demon wants to keep the demon, or if the Lord desires (at least for the time being) for the demon to remain, then the demon will not be cast out.

Look at the scripture below. The first deception, and YHWH allowed it to happen. Can we say that YHWH wanted us to know for ourselves that if given the opportunity to become like Him, or equal to Him, or to rise above Him, then would we? Or would we continue to humble ourselves before Him, and remain obedient to Him? What was the entire point of the Law? Would you say obedience to our Master? Initially there was only one commandment (at least given to us to know). It was a simple one. Don't eat this fruit because it will hurt you. You know it really could have been a simple apple, because the apple was not what was important, disobedience or obedience (rebel or submit) is what was important. Adam and Eve by their actions did not believe God, and in fact called Him a liar.

What is the entire major and most important point of the entire bible? Would you say salvation / redemption of mankind? So then what would you say is YHWH's will? I would say it is that no person would perish, and to that end, everything that happens in our lives contains that purpose, for us and for the benefit of others. You might say, He has a one-track mind, our eternal salvation, because after all this heaven and earth will all pass away. So when the Master Potter says this is how I desire to mold you, for my purpose that I need, do you rebel? Do you start naming and claiming God's promises in your life to alter the circumstances He has chosen for you? Or is it really you telling YHWH that you know better than He? Or is it really you have no faith at all in Him? Jesus had the power to change the stones into bread to alter His circumstances, but He did not. He remained naturally hungry. He remained obedient even until the cross. Now look at Esau's situation. He was hungry and sold his entire birthright for a bowl of soup. He was gratified in the rotten here and now, but lost eternity. How many times have you opted for that bowl of soup?

1. **Gen 3:1-14: 3:1 NOW THE SERPENT WAS MORE CUNNING THAN ANY BEAST OF THE FIELD WHICH THE LORD GOD HAD MADE.** And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 **For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.**" 6 **So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.** 7 **Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.** 8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 **Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"** 10 **So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."** 11 **And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? HAVE YOU EATEN FROM THE TREE OF WHICH I COMMANDED YOU THAT YOU SHOULD NOT EAT?"** 12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." 13 **And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "THE SERPENT DECEIVED ME, AND I ATE."**

Who is over all creation, which includes the devil and demons?

2. **Eph 1:19-23: 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.**
3. **Matt 28:17-20: 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.**
4. **1 Peter 3:21-22: 21 There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.**
5. **Job 1:6-7: 6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. 7 And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."**
6. **Job 1:9-12: 9 So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? 10 Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!" 12 So the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.**
7. **Ps 78:49: 9 He cast on them the fierceness of His anger, Wrath, indignation, and trouble, By sending angels of destruction among them.**
8. **Matt 8:28 When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. 29 **And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"****
9. **Luke 10:17-20: 17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." 18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."**

10. **John 1:1-5:** 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. **3 ALL THINGS WERE MADE THROUGH HIM, AND WITHOUT HIM NOTHING WAS MADE THAT WAS MADE.** 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.
11. **Phil 2:9-11:** 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The choice to reject knowledge, truth, God, has always brought about judgment / wrath. The Jewish people were shown many signs and wonders, they were chosen by God as a special people, they were given the oracles of God by God, but they still chose to reject Him.

1. **Jer 4:22:** 22 "**For My people are foolish, They have not known Me. They are silly children, And they have no understanding. THEY ARE WISE TO DO EVIL, BUT TO DO GOOD THEY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE.**"
2. **Hos 4:1-2:** Hear the word of the LORD, You children of Israel, For the LORD brings a charge against the inhabitants of the land: "**There is no truth or mercy Or knowledge of God in the land.**" 2 By swearing and lying, Killing and stealing and committing adultery, They break all restraint, With bloodshed upon bloodshed.
3. **Hos 4:5-9:** The prophet also shall stumble with you in the night; And I will destroy your mother. 6 **My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from** being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children. 7 "The more they increased, The more they sinned against Me; I will change their glory into shame. 8 They eat up the sin of My people; They set their heart on their iniquity. 9 And it shall be: like people, like priest. So I will punish them for their ways, And reward them for their deeds.
4. **Hos 6:4-6:** 4 "O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? For your faithfulness is like a morning cloud, And like the early dew it goes away. 5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have slain them by the words of My mouth; And your judgments are like light that goes forth. **6 For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.**
5. **2CO 10:2-6:** 3 **For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,** 6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

James provides some insight regarding temptation, and how one is drawn away from the wisdom of God, saying that any other wisdom is demonic.

1. **James 1:12-18:** 12 **Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.** 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 **But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.** 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. 18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.
2. **James 3:14-17:** 14 **But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. 16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.** 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.
3. **James 4:1-7:** 4:1 Where do wars and fights come from among you? **Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have.** You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. 4 Adulterers and adulteresses! **Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.** 5 Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? 6 But He gives more grace. **Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."** 7 **Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.**

Some Preventative Deliverance Measures

Satan attempted to bring Jesus down when he tempted Him in the wilderness. **Jesus told Satan, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the month of God."** Can we say that man lives because God says he lives, regardless of the circumstances? Can we say that man should remain in the circumstances God puts him in, thereby remaining obedient to the Father, and not the father of lies? **Jesus told Satan "You shall not tempt the Lord your God?"** Can we say it is not our position to demand that God obey us? **Jesus told Satan "Away with you Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"** Can we say that anyone or anything that attempts to draw our worship is in violation of God's order? Can we say that Jesus told Satan that he too is obliged to serve God? **Perhaps we will all do well to ensure we remain obedient, humble and worship only God, thereby leaving nothing for the devil or demons to take hold of.**

1. **1 John 5:18-21:** 18 **We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.** 19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one. 20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.
Warning! Warning! Warning!
2. **Matt 12:43-45:** 43 "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. 44 Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. 45 Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."
3. **Luke 11:20-26:** 20 But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. 21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. 22 But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. 23 He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters. 24 "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' 25 And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in

order. 26 Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first."

***The person possessed or tormented by the demon(s) must want to be set free, and they must want to repent, and they must want to receive the Holy Spirit.**

***Jesus always only did what the Father told Him to do.**

***It is God's power, not yours that causes the demon to flee.**

Demons, not only know and recognize Jesus, they also obey Him. So how can you ever say you are possessed by a devil that Jesus didn't give permission to operate in your life, Your church, Etc?

1. **Mark 3:10-12:** 11 **And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out, saying, "You are the Son of God."** 12 **But He sternly warned them that they should not make Him known.**
2. **Mark 1:21-26:** 21 Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught. 22 And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. 23 Now **there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, 24 saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are--the Holy One of God!"** 25 **But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!"** 26 **And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him.**
3. **Mark 5:1-13:** 5:1 Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. 2 And when He had come out of the boat, **immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, 3 who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, 4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. 5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. 6 When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. 7 And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me."** 8 **For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!"** 9 **Then He asked him, "What is your name?" And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many."** 10 **Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country.** 11 Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. 12 **So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them."** 13 **And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.**
4. **Mark 9:16-29:** 16 And He asked the scribes, "What are you discussing with them?" 17 Then one of the crowd answered and said, **"Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. 18 And wherever he seizes him, he throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast him out, but they could not."** 19 He answered him and said, **"O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me."** 20 **Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. 21 So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 22 And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."** 23 **Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."** 24 **Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"** 25 **When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"** 26 **Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead."** 27 **But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.** 28 And when He had come into the house, **His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast him out?"** 29 **So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."**
5. **Acts 8:4-8:** 4 Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. 5 **Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. 6 And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. 7 For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. 8 And there was great joy in that city.**
6. **Acts 19:13-20:** 13 Then some of **the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches."** 14 **Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"** 16 **Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.** 17 This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. 18 And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. 19 Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20 So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.
7. **James 2:19-20:** 19 **You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble!**
8. **1 Cor 10:19-22:** 19 What am I saying then? **That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything?** 20 **Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons. 22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?**
9. **Luke 13:10-13:** 10 Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And **behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. 12 But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."** 13 **And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.**
10. **Luke 4:38-39:** 38 Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. **But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her. 39 So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her.** And immediately she arose and served them.
11. **Matt 4:23-24:** 23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. 24 Then His fame went throughout all Syria; **and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.**

12. **Acts 16:16-20:** 16 Now it happened, as we went to prayer, **that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. 17 This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." 18 And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour.** 19 But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities.
13. **1 Tim 4:1-2:** 4:1 **Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron.**
14. **Luke 6:17-19:** 17 And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, **18 as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. 19 And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.**
15. **Acts 5:14-16:** 14 And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, 15 so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, **that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. 16 Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.**
16. **Luke 8:1-2:** 8:1 Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. **And the twelve were with Him, 2 and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities--Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons.**
17. **Matt 10:1-2:** 10:1 **And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.**
18. **Matt 10:5-9:** 5 These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: **"Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 8 'Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.**
19. **Mark 16:17-18:** 17 **And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons;** they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."
20. **Jude 8-10:** 8 Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. **9 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"**
21. **Matt 8:16-17:** 16 **When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,** 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses."

Old Testament

Can it be said any clearer than below? God approves of and sends demons to do His bidding.

1. **1 Kings 22:17-23:** 17 Then he said, "I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And the LORD said, "These have no master. Let each return to his house in peace." 18 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?" 19 Then Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by, on His right hand and on His left. 20 **And the LORD said, 'Who will persuade Ahab to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?' So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner. 21 Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, and said, 'I will persuade him.' 22 'The LORD said to him, 'In what way?' So he said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And the LORD said, 'You shall persuade him, and also prevail. Go out and do so.' 23 'Therefore look! The LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and the LORD has declared disaster against you.'**"
2. **1 Sam 16:14-15:** 14 **But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him. 15 And Saul's servants said to him, "Surely, a distressing spirit from God is troubling you.**
3. **1 Sam 18:10-11:** 10 **And it happened on the next day that the distressing spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied inside the house.** So David played music with his hand, as at other times; but there was a spear in Saul's hand. 11 And Saul cast the spear, for he said, "I will pin David to the wall!" But David escaped his presence twice.
4. **Judg 9:22-25:** 22 After Abimelech had reigned over Israel three years, 23 **God sent a spirit of ill will between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech,** 24 that the crime done to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might be settled and their blood be laid on Abimelech their brother, who killed them, and on the men of Shechem, who aided him in the killing of his brothers. 25 And the men of Shechem set men in ambush against him on the tops of the mountains, and they robbed all who passed by them along that way; and it was told Abimelech.
Yet God's people worshipped, and sacrificed to demons, and idols.
5. **Lev 17:7:** 7 **They shall no more offer their sacrifices to demons,** after whom they have played the harlot. This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations."
6. **Deut 32:16-18:** 16 They provoked Him to jealousy with foreign gods; With abominations they provoked Him to anger. 17 **They sacrificed to demons, not to God,** To gods they did not know, To new gods, new arrivals That your fathers did not fear. 18 Of the Rock who begot you, you are unmindful, And have forgotten the God who fathered you.
7. **2CH 11:13-16:** 13 And from all their territories the priests and the Levites who were in all Israel took their stand with him. 14 For the Levites left their common-lands and their possessions and came to Judah and Jerusalem, for Jeroboam and his sons had rejected them from serving as priests to the LORD. 15 **Then he appointed for himself priests for the high places, for the demons, and the calf idols which he had made.**
8. **Ps 106:37-39:** 37 **They even sacrificed their sons And their daughters to demons, 38 And shed innocent blood,** The blood of their sons and daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with blood. 39 Thus they were defiled by their own works, And played the harlot by their own deeds.
9. **JOB 4:12:** "Now a word was secretly brought to me, And my ear received a whisper of it. 13 In disquieting thoughts from the visions of the night, **When deep sleep falls on men, 14 Fear came upon me, and trembling, Which made all my bones shake. 15 Then a spirit passed before my face; The hair on my body stood up. 16 It stood still, But I could not discern its appearance. A form was before my eyes;**