

Power over Satan (Luke 8:26-39)

Experience God's Power – Part 5

Life Church St. Louis – July 3, 2016

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Acts 17:26-27 (NIV) From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.

Ephesians 2:1-2 (NIV) As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NIV) The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

1. _____ effect on people

Luke 8:26 (NIV) They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee.

1A. Demons make people _____

Luke 8:27-28 (NIV) When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!"

1B. Demons seek to _____ people

Luke 8:29-30 (NIV) For Jesus had commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him.

2. Jesus has _____ over demons

Luke 8:31 (NIV) And they begged him repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

2A. The _____ drives demons out

Luke 8:32 (NIV) A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into them, and he gave them permission.

2B. Demons look for their next _____

Luke 8:33 (NIV) When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

3. The results of _____

3A. Deliverance gets people's _____

Luke 8:34-35a, 37 (NIV) When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. ... Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

3B. The man was saved and _____

Luke 8:35b-36, 38-39 (NIV) When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. ... The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
- Study Luke 8 to better understand God's miracle-working power.
- Invite your friends, relatives, workmates & neighbors to our Sunday service.

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Intro. What was God's purpose in creating the nations of the world (Acts 17:26-27)?

How well do you think America is doing in keeping to its biblical foundations?

How would you explain to someone the conflict between the only two spiritual kingdoms (Ephesians 2:1-2)?

How is this spiritual conflict between the two kingdoms seen in our nation today?

What is Satan's main goal in an unbeliever's life (2 Corinthians 4:4)?

Why do you think that so many people no longer believe that Satan and his demons are real?

1A. In what ways did the demons in the man make him animal-like (Luke 8:27-28)?

1B. How were the demons trying to destroy this man (Luke 8:29-30, Mark 5:5)?

1C. What do you think that doctors today would say was wrong with this man?

1D. In what ways do you think people open themselves up to demonic oppression and possession today?

2A. Why did the demons not want to go to the Abyss (Luke 8:31, Revelation 20:1-3)?

2B. How did Jesus drive the demons out (Luke 8:32, Matthew 12:28)?

2C. Why did the demons want to go into the pigs (Luke 8:33, Luke 11:24-26)?

2D. Why do believers not need to be afraid of Satan and his demons (1 Peter 5:8-9)?

3A. What was the reaction of the people in the region to the deliverance of the man (Luke 8:34-35a, 37)?

3B. How did the condition of the demon-possessed man change after his deliverance (Luke 8:35b-36)?

3C. What was Jesus' purpose for this man's new life (Luke 8:38-39)?

3D. Why is it important to be aware of Satan's work in our world?

3E. How can we as a church set people free from Satan's influence?