

Introduction: The discussion of demons can be a very unsettling topic for many.

1. WHAT EXACTLY ARE DEMONS?

- a. Evil or unclean spirits (Luke 8:2, Luke 9:42).
- b. They are not fallen angels (Acts 23:9).
- c. They are similar to gods and idols (Deut. 32:16-17, 1 Cor. 10:18-21).
- d. Deceiving spirits of the dead (1 Timothy 4:1, Deut. 18:9-11, Psalm 106:28,37).

2. WHAT COULD DEMONS DO?

- a. The dead could come back to earth (1 Samuel 28:11-15, Matthew 17:1-3).
- b. They had more knowledge than the living (1 Samuel 28:15-19).
- c. They were able to inhabit humans and animals (Luke 8:27,33).
- d. They were able to operate in large groups (Luke 8:30).
- e. They could cause harm and death (Mark 5:5, Luke 8:33).

3. WHAT SHOULD YOU DO ABOUT DEMONS (REGARDLESS OF YOUR BELIEF)?

- a. Avoid their lies (1 Timothy 4:1).
- b. Avoid their doctrines (1 Timothy 4:1-3).
- c. Avoid their practices [witchcraft, sorcery, spiritists] (Deuteronomy 18:10-12).
- d. Avoid every form of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22).

CONCLUSION: Whatever you believe about the modern day activity of demons, you need to take seriously the power of evil and see its sinfulness (Galatians 5:19-21).