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I have been asked to talk about demons and demon possessed people. If I can ever help any one in any <sup>way</sup> who is wrestling with some questions I am glad to do it. on this subject of demon possession I believe I have done more research and learned less than or most any thing I have tried to build a sermon on.

Let's go back now to a time before man was ever created. all beings, God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, and angels were spirits. So far as I can find <sup>out</sup> all these creatures - angels and human beings were made with free choice -

Some writers think that the angels got jealous when God decided to make man and there was disturbance in heaven. we read in Isaiah 14:12-15 "How art thou fallen from heaven O Lucifer and in Luke 10:18 Jesus said, "I saw the devil as lightning fall from heaven" Read ~~ff~~ Peter 2:4 & <sup>pg</sup> page 1295. you see ~~God~~ made the devil but he was not a devil

When made but by <sup>(ruin)</sup> free choice became  
one, and a host of angels followed him  
and became demons. and that is  
what we are dealing with. ~~Let~~

None of them, of course, had bodies  
they were spirits.

Passion with a by demons  
is distinctly <sup>power</sup> by Luke, VI, 17-18. Luke  
said you was a physician and, no  
doubt, able to distinguish between dis-  
ease and those demonized.

There are four gradations in Satan's  
ever deepening gulf!

1. He was deprived of his heavenly standing  
but still had access to heaven up to the  
ascension of Christ (Job. 1, 6, 7). All we  
know of him as an angel of light is that  
he lost it through pride, ambition, and  
that he had some peculiar connection,  
as God's vice gerent, over the earth  
and the animal kingdom. We can under-  
stand, under such fallen conditions, how  
that he would begin to tempt man  
to disobey God - and how that he would  
keep it up.

(Three)

It is thought that in some way he introduced evil, in some way unknown to us, affecting the lower creation before man was created - for instance he used a serpent in which to dwell in his first temptation to man.

(2) As we said Heaven was open to him till Christ ascended. As Christ stood before God as our Advocate, Satan as accuser could enter there no more. So up to Christ coming again Satan and angels fly through the air as told by Paul in Eph. 2:2 and 6:12 "wherein in times past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience;"

(3) Having failed to keep Christ Kingdom from conquering him he will be bound in the bottomless pit for 1000 yrs

(4) at last he will be released for a period that he may see that God's people will not yield to him.

(Four)

Let us now take up some of the examples of demonized persons - Jesus acknowledged such - Luke 10:17  
"and the 70 returned again with joy saying, 'Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name'"

Read Matt 10:1-8 - By this we see that Jesus recognized the fact of devils - none of these bad bodies. They were all spirits - possession by or with demons is certainly taught by Luke. Luke, you remember was a doctor and could distinguish between disease and demon possession. See Luke 6:17-18

Example I. Matt. 12:43-45 - Jesus spoke in allegory - idol worship had gone out and Israel had been swept and garnished - But God was not pleased there - Pharisaic pride, self righteousness etc came back in and was worse than the first state

Example II. The <sup>(7th)</sup> demoniac + hogs  
The man wanted Jesus but the devil  
talked - used man's vocal cords.  
Describe scene - water = days

Country = not

There was some movement by the  
demons that frightened the hogs -  
of dogs & little children like you  
you are all right.

In N.T. demons were stronger  
In N.T. some less.

In these days we think more of  
the human being having flesh  
and spirit. The flesh pulling  
for those things that eventually  
harm us and consequently he  
comes in - on the other hand he  
pulls for the right and still  
being being of free choice  
we can go either way -

