

Brookland Baptist Church
Spiritual Warfare
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Demons are real! They are numerous. The Living Bible paraphrase says there are “huge numbers of wicked spirits.”

A list of demons include:

- 1) The demon of **selfishness** with its carnal greed.
- 2) The demon of **hatred** with its devastating effects.
- 3) The demon of **fear** with its paralyzing influence.
- 4) The demon of **indifference** with its defying laziness.
- 5) The demon of **jealousy** with its burning resentment.
- 6) The demon of **lying** with its deceitful tongue.
- 7) The demon of **self-righteousness** with its superficial pride.
- 8) The demon of **gossip** with its poisonous venom.
- 9) The demon of **position** with its demanding authority.

There are demons that make us crave alcohol and drugs.

Demons that encourage the exploitation of sexual lust.

Demons that won't let us break a bad habit that we know is slowly destroying us.

Demons that won't let you do what you know is right.

There are many demons/evil spirits, but only ONE God-Spirit . . . the Holy Spirit! Evil spirits are constantly at war with the God-Spirit which is the “good” Spirit.

A Distinction:

- 1) The Holy Spirit is positive energy. An evil spirit is negative energy.
- 2) The Holy Spirit is a righteous force. An evil spirit is a wicked force.
- 3) The Holy Spirit builds up. An evil spirit tears down.
- 4) The Holy Spirit lifts up. An evil spirit pulls us down.
- 5) The Holy Spirit keeps us smiling, our hearts joyful, our countenance cheerful, and our souls rejoicing. An evil spirit brings us gloom and doom, despondency, distress, depression, and despair.

One of the devil's greatest weapons is discouragement. Be careful when you are feeling discouraged. Discouragement breeds distress; distress breeds depression; depression breeds despair. When we are in despair, all is lost.

- **Romans 7:18-20**

There is a constant battle going on with the flesh and the Spirit. On the flesh side, there is satan with all of his demons. Then, on the Spirit side, there is the Holy Spirit with every gift Jesus has made available to us.

- **Genesis 3:15 KJV**

“And I will cause hostility between you and the woman and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.” NLT

Where do these evil spirits/demons reside? They reside in the 2nd heaven. They have the power that they have because they reside in the 2nd heaven. Their headquarters is located in a high place . . . **“spiritual wickedness in high places.”**

- **Genesis 1:1**

The Bible begins by saying, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” Some modern translations and re-prints drop the plural or the “s” on heaven, but the original Hebrew version of the Old Testament says heavens. The Hebrew word for heavens is “shamayim.” The “IM” is the plural ending. The first time heaven is introduced, it is introduced in the plural form.

- **II Chronicles 2:6**

“But who is able to build a temple for Him, since the heavens, even the highest heavens, cannot contain Him?” NIV

- **II Corinthians 12:2** - . . . the third (3rd) heaven.

- **Ephesians 4:10**

The “**First**” heaven is the visible and natural heaven with the sun, the moon, and the stars that we see with our eyes.

The “**Third**” heaven, according to II Corinthians 12, is God’s dwelling place. The place to which we refer when we say we’re going where Jesus is. “The wicked shall cease from troubling and our souls shall be at rest.” (Job 3:17)

The “**Second**” heaven would be located between the “First” and the “Second.” This is the location of evil spirits/demons. The location of the “second” heaven explains why we often find ourselves struggling with our prayers being heard and answered.

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