



the SPIRITUAL WARFARE Event

LESSON 10

Spiritual Warfare on a Spectrum:
THE ISSUE OF POSSESSION

How did Satan know how to tempt Jesus? Could Satan read Jesus' mind or heart (emotions, desires, will)? If so, Satan either misread Jesus – because the temptations were not effective - or Jesus had no sinful predisposition in Himself to exploit. Which do you think it was?

What method do you think Satan uses with us? The answer truly depends on whether we are sin-possessed, Christ-possessed, or Satanically possessed. Let's examine all three...

HIGHLIGHTS

NOTES

1. Sin-possessed

- a. "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me." (Psalm 51:5, NASB)
b. "... you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you." (Romans 8:9, NASB)
c. "... 'If you continue in My word, you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. . . .So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.'" (John 8:31-32, 36; NASB)
d. "It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore, keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery." (Galatians 5:1, NASB)

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e. Romans 1 outlines how, if we choose to suppress the Truth after we have been exposed to Truth, we are given over to sin to become sin-possessed due to willful choice rather than ignorance.

2. Christ-possessed

- a. *Doulos* – someone who belongs to another
- b. “The Utter Relief of Holiness” – John Eldredge

3. Satan-possessed

- a. Not a possible condition for a born-again believer
- b. A possible condition for an unsaved person, however...
- c. Satan is a singular being
- d. True Satanic possession – rare; perhaps a misnomer
- e. “Dark Kingdom” possessed

4. Can Satan read my mind and the secret places of my heart?

- a. In the case of un-saved sin-possession, if we “live like the Devil”, it could be that we are simply manifesting our sin nature. (Though it may very well seem like Satan is reading our minds and the secret places of our hearts in order to best craft his temptations and lead us in on-going rebellion against, and rejection of, Jesus as Savior and Lord.)