

HCSC Summer Bible Series 2019
“Angels & Demons”

Demonic Details – (Day 4)

What is demonic infestation?

This occurs when a coven of demons possess a place or location rather than a person. Demons often claim legal rights to infest a place due to historical links to that place. These links are usually set up through Satanic rituals having been conducted there. Sometimes there are also connections made through crimes such as murder or rape. Former abattoirs are also commonly infested. There is a special rite (part 3) of the rite of exorcism designed to drive out infestations. Exorcists also seek to distinguish infestations from hauntings which require a very different solution.

Why do some exorcisms last so long?

This is usually due to the presence of high-ranking demons who enlist large numbers to hold on to the possession. It may also be due to the possessed person not cooperating fully in the process or remaining in mortal sin. There are some cases that drag on mysteriously. Demons in cases like these say that God is not permitting them to leave now and that their “purpose” in God’s plan is not yet finished.

What happens if a person dies before being freed of a demon?

It does not follow that they go to hell. Remember demons possess the body, not the soul of a person. When the body of a person dies, the demons simply go away.

Can someone be repossessed after an exorcism?

Yes, Jesus speaks of this.

When an unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he roams through waterless places in search of rest; and finding none, he says, “I will return to my house which I left.” And when he has come to it, he finds the place swept and clean. Then he goes and takes seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter in and dwell there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first (Lk 11:24-25).

While this is possible, most exorcists say it is not common that possessed people are repossessed.

What is a curse and are they really effective?

A curse is a malicious wish or directive directed against a person. It can take many forms such as mere words, voodoo dolls, incantations, or evil objects left in the company of another, or in their food or drink. Curses are only effective to the degree that a person is open to their force. This can happen by willfully staying in mortal sin, or by being open to dark forces or superstitious practices.

How can a curse be counteracted?

By renunciations and blessings.

Can demons be seen?

Not in themselves since they are pure spirit. However, sometimes their effects can be seen. Certain seers can also “perceive” the presence of demons, though not with their physical eyes. Sometimes, where God permits, they can manifest as dark shadows or moving figures.

Is the devil the antichrist?

No, the antichrist is a human being destined to arise who will have the power to deceive many. Antichrists, the plural form, is also a term to refer to those who deny Christ come in the flesh or who hold to other Christological heresies.

Children, it is the last hour; and just as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have appeared. This is how we know it is the last hour. 19They went out from us, but they did not belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us. But their departure made it clear that none of them belonged to us. 20You, however, have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. 21 I have not written to you because you lack knowledge of the truth, but because you have it, and because no lie comes from the truth. 22Who is the liar, if it is not the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, who denies the Father and the Son. 23Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; whoever confesses the Son has the Father as well. (1 John 2:18-23)