




Fallen Angels

Lesson 2:
“Demons – who they are”

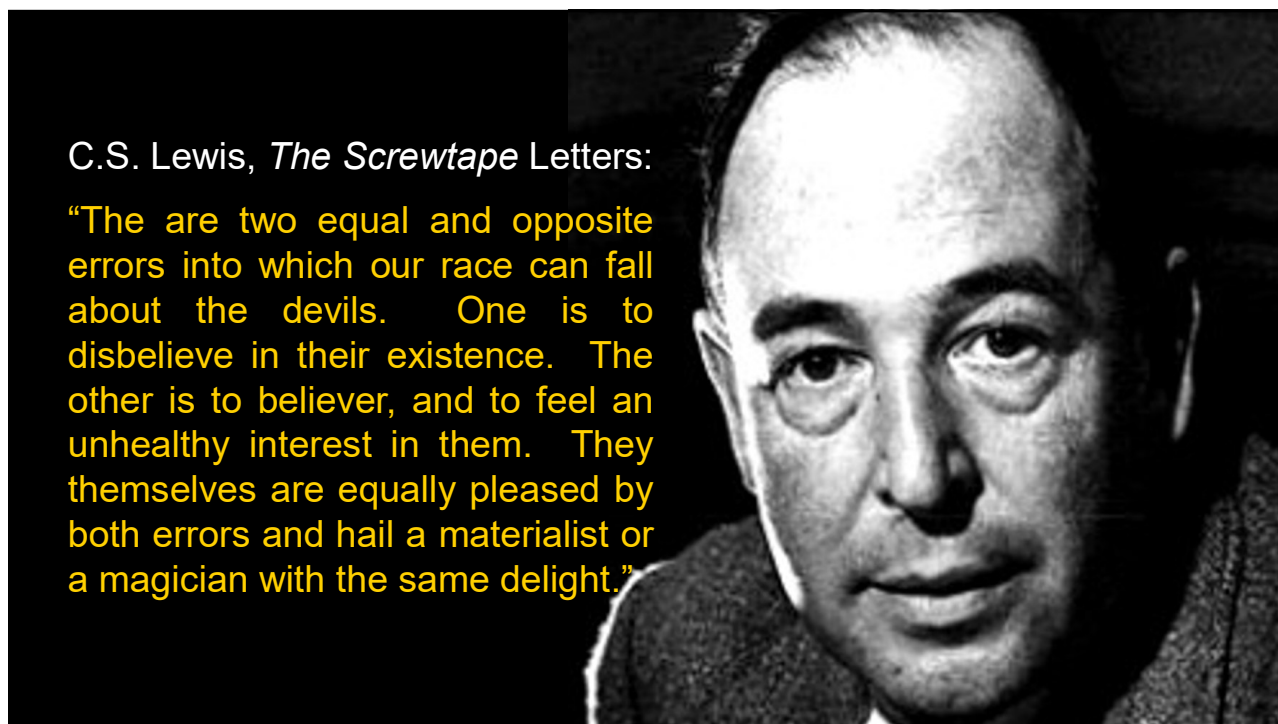
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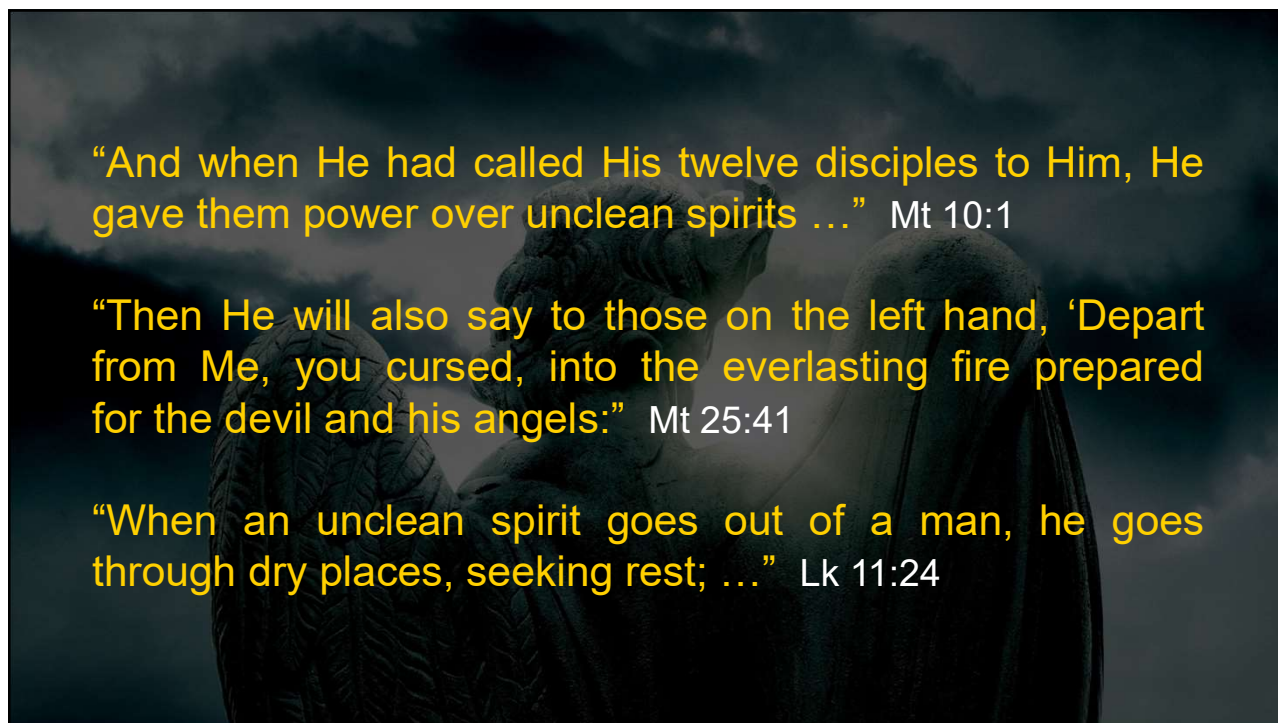
“You have established a new relationship with the powers of darkness. Whatever you were before you were a Christian ... you are now a sworn foe of the legions of hell. Have no delusions about their reality or their hostility.”

John White

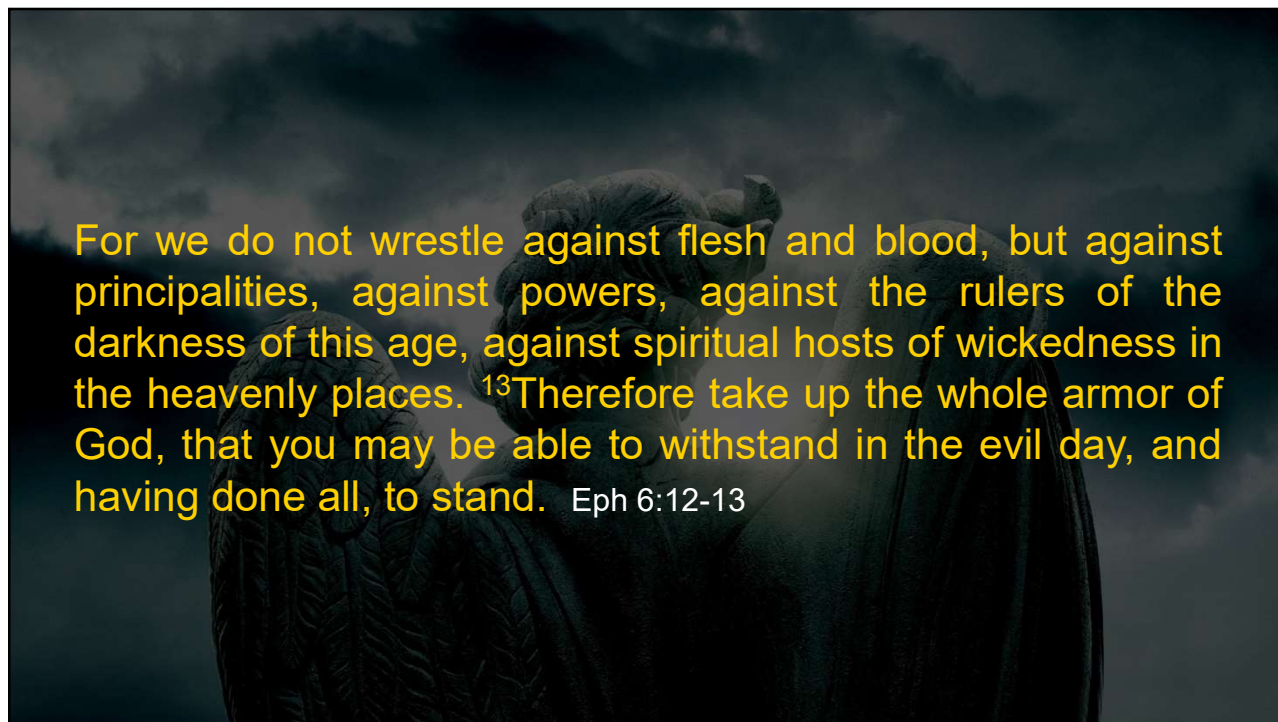
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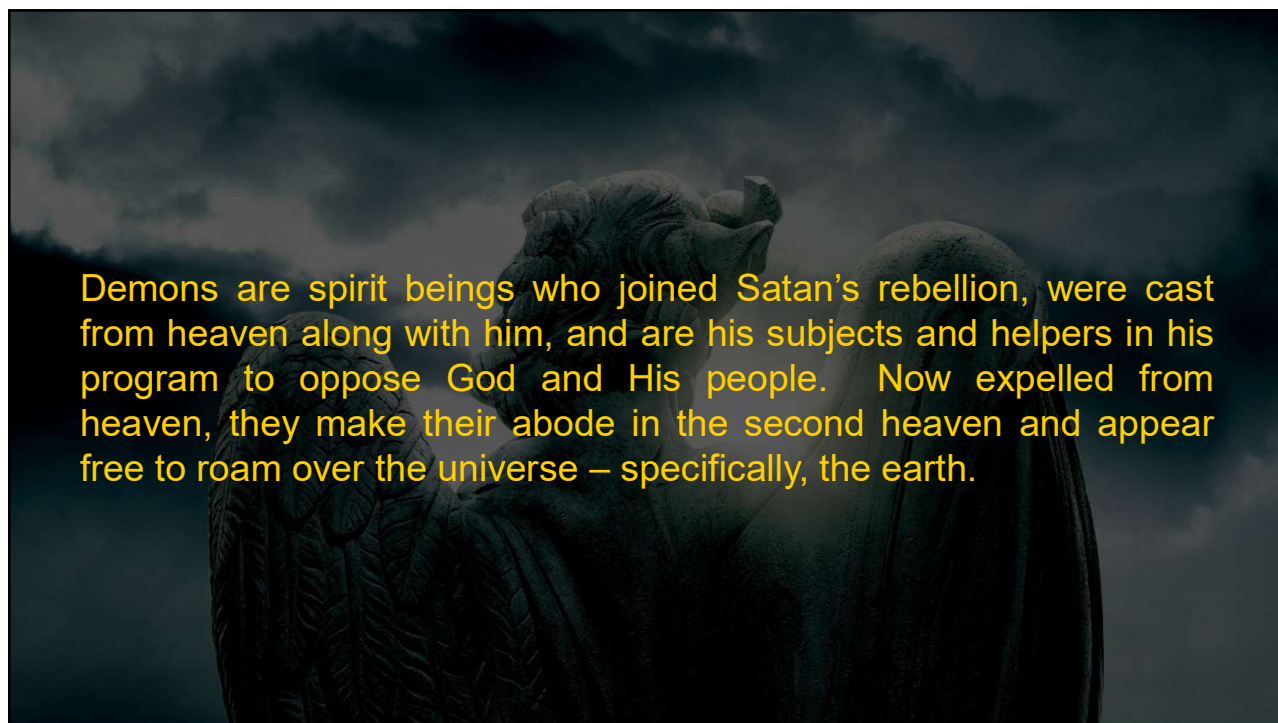
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Merrill F. Unger, *Demons in the World Today*, p. 10:

“The history of various religions from the earliest times shows belief in Satan and demons to be universal. ... Spells, incantations, magical texts, exorcisms, and various forms of demonological phenomena abound in archaeological discoveries from Sumeria and Babylon. Egyptian, Assyrian, Chaldean, Greek, and Roman antiquity are rich in demonic phenomena. The deities worshiped were invisible demons represented by material idols and images. ... To an amazing degree, the history of religion is an account of demon-controlled religion, particularly in its clash with the Hebrew faith and later with Christianity.”



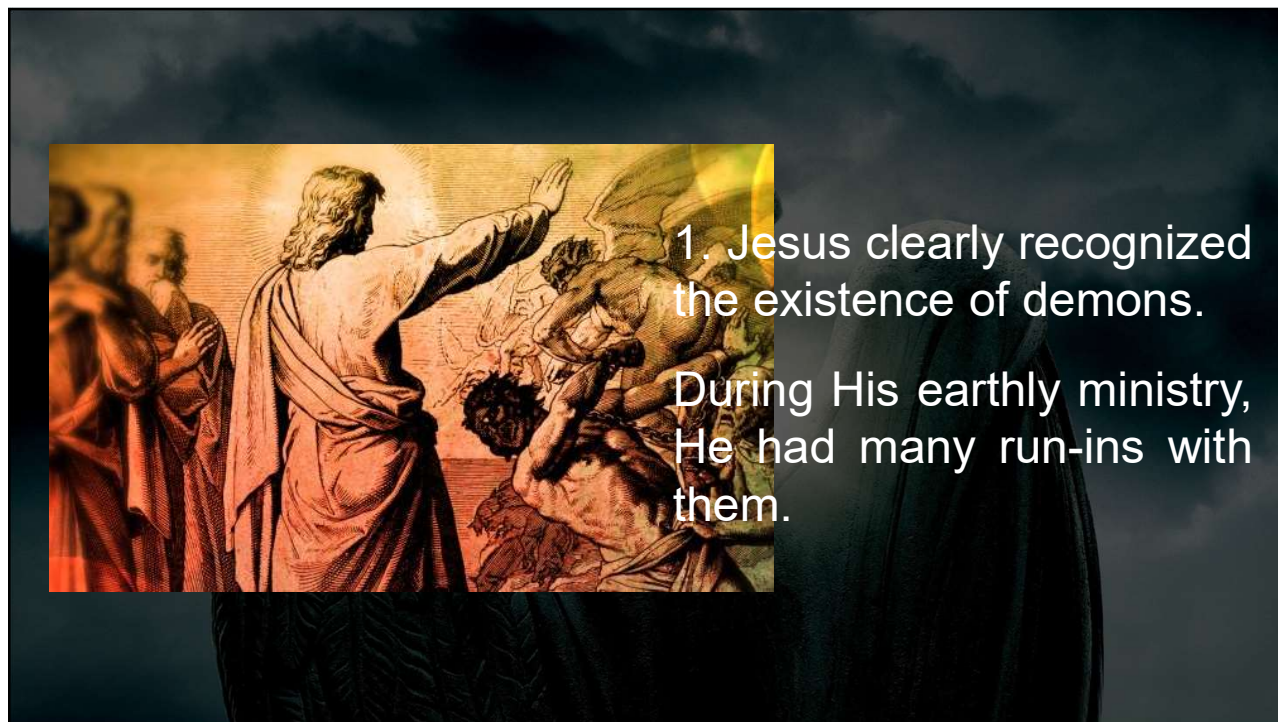
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Biblical Demonology, p. 36:

“That the *shedhim* (Deut 32:17; Ps 106:36-37) ... were real demons, and not mere idols is proved by the Septuagint translation of the term by *diamonia* (demons); the Jews regarded idols as demons who allowed themselves to be worshipped by men (Bar. 4:7; LXX Ps 95:5; 1 Cor 10:20). It seems certain, moreover, that the *seirim* were also demonic conceptions (Lev 17:7; II Chron 11:15; Is 13:21; 14).”



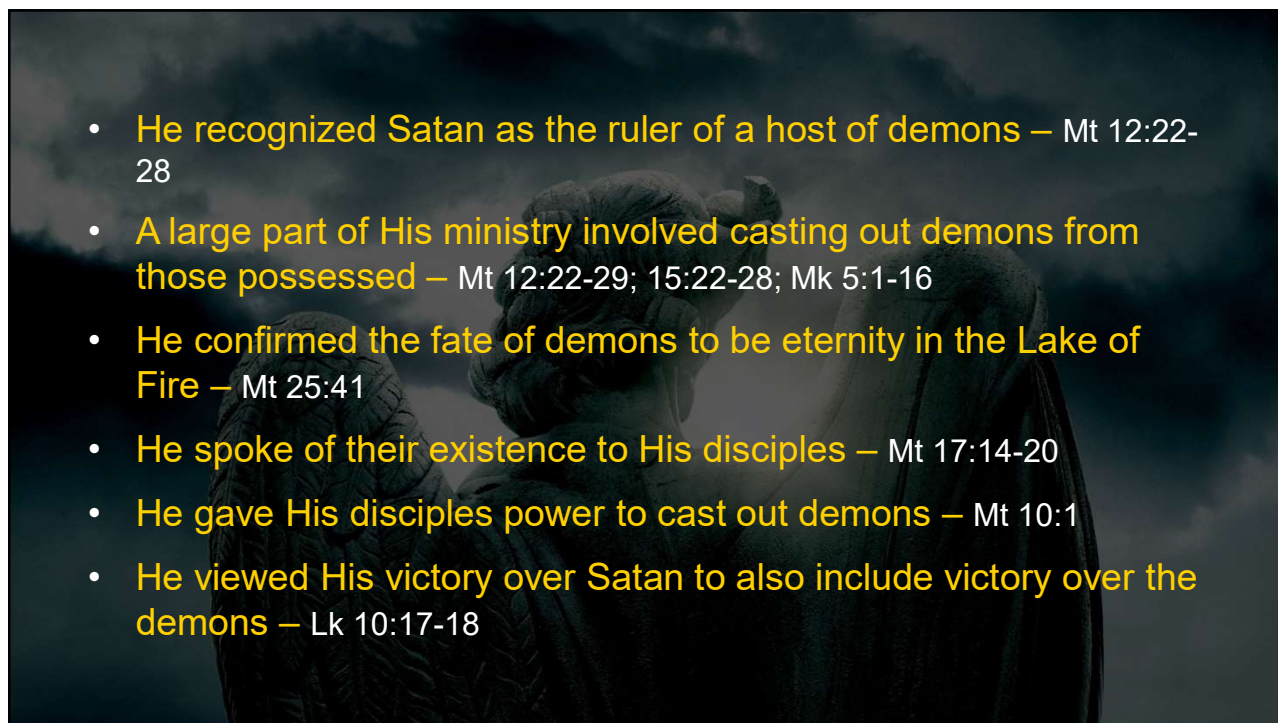
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1. Jesus clearly recognized the existence of demons.

During His earthly ministry, He had many run-ins with them.

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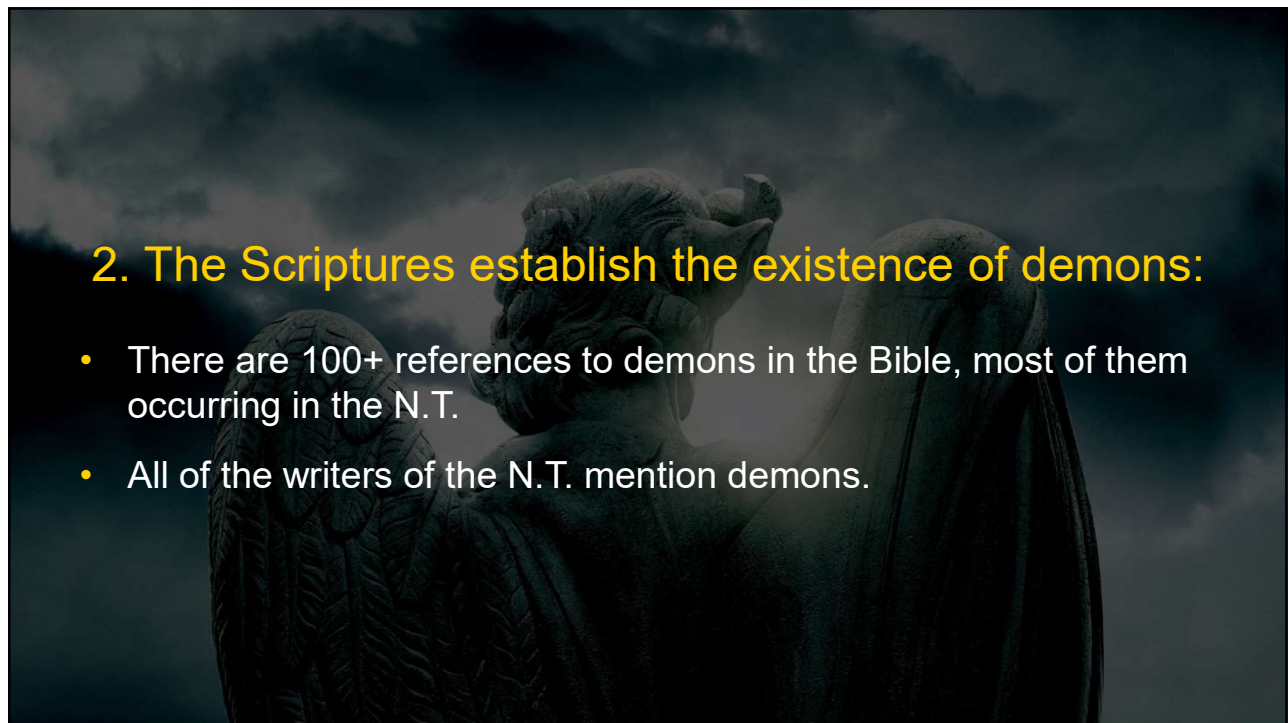


- He recognized Satan as the ruler of a host of demons – Mt 12:22-28
- A large part of His ministry involved casting out demons from those possessed – Mt 12:22-29; 15:22-28; Mk 5:1-16
- He confirmed the fate of demons to be eternity in the Lake of Fire – Mt 25:41
- He spoke of their existence to His disciples – Mt 17:14-20
- He gave His disciples power to cast out demons – Mt 10:1
- He viewed His victory over Satan to also include victory over the demons – Lk 10:17-18

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3. Names of demons in the O.T.:

Shedhim (Deut 32:17; Ps 106:37) – conveys the idea of rulers or lords and relates to idols that represented demons

Seirim (Lev 17:7; 2 Chron 11:15; 2 Kings 22:8; Is 13:21; 34:14) – “he-goats” and refers to goat-like conceptions representing demon-satyrs.

Elilim (Ps 96:5; LXX 95:5) – identifies idols with demons and emphasizes the emptiness of an idol and how demons behind them are the real entities.

Gad (Is 65:11) – the demon god of the Babylonians called “Fortune” and called the worship of Baal/Bel elsewhere.

Qeter (Ps 91:6; LXX 90:6) refers to a demon spirit that was a destroyer spirit.

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4. Names in the N.T.:

Daimon (Mt 8:31; Mk 5:12; Lk 8:29; Rev 16:14; 18:2) – from which the English word *demon* is derived. It basically refers to evil spirits.

Diamonion (occurs 63x in the N.T.) – refers to evil spirits inferior to divinity (demon) and was also used in the Septuagint to designate idols and pagan gods.

Pneumata (Lk 10:17-20; Rev 16:13-14) – directly means a “spirit” and is often used interchangeably with demons emphasizing they are evil spirits.

Angels (Mt 12:24; 25:41) – equates Satan’s angels with demons.

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5. There are two classes of demons:

- Those free to roam the universe
- Those confined – some angels who are extremely vile are bound in a place called in the Greek language *Tartarus* (translated hell and referring to a prison for spirits) and those in the bottomless pit called the *Abyss* in the Greek.

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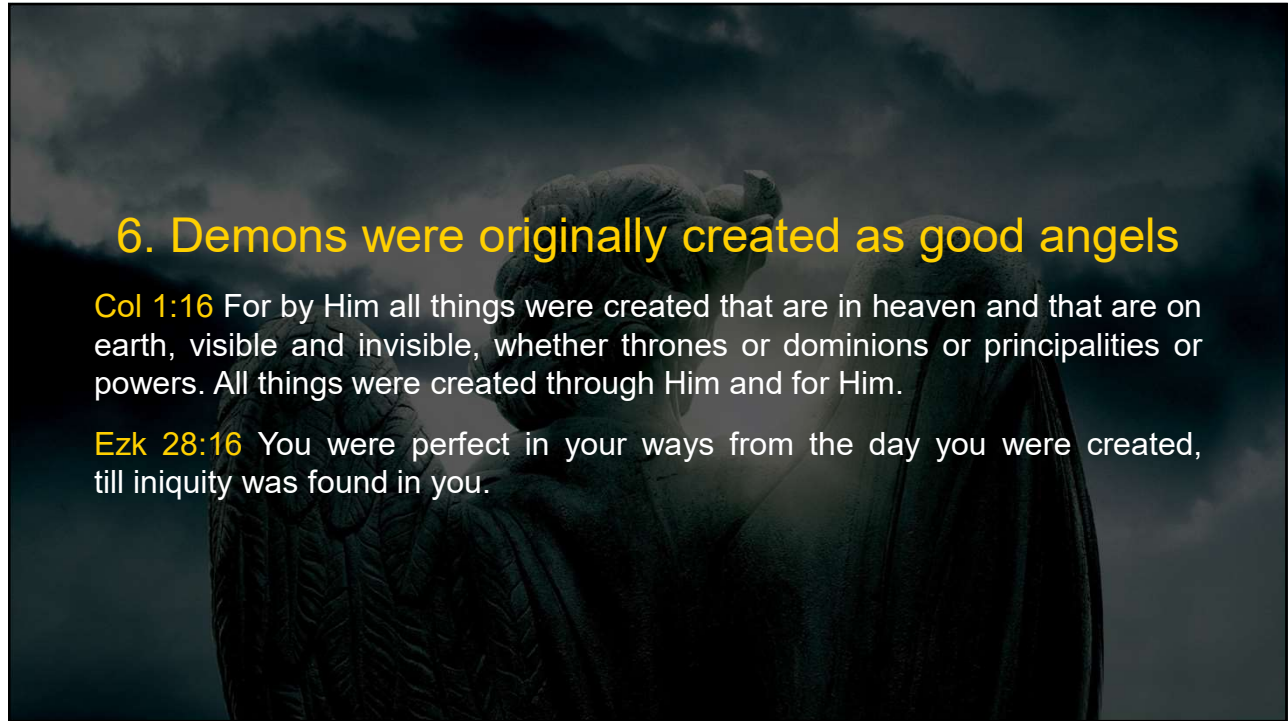
2 Pet 2:4 For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

Jude 6 And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

Lk 8:31 And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.

Rev 9:1-3, 10-11 Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. ² And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. ³ Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. ... ¹⁰ They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months. ¹¹ And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.

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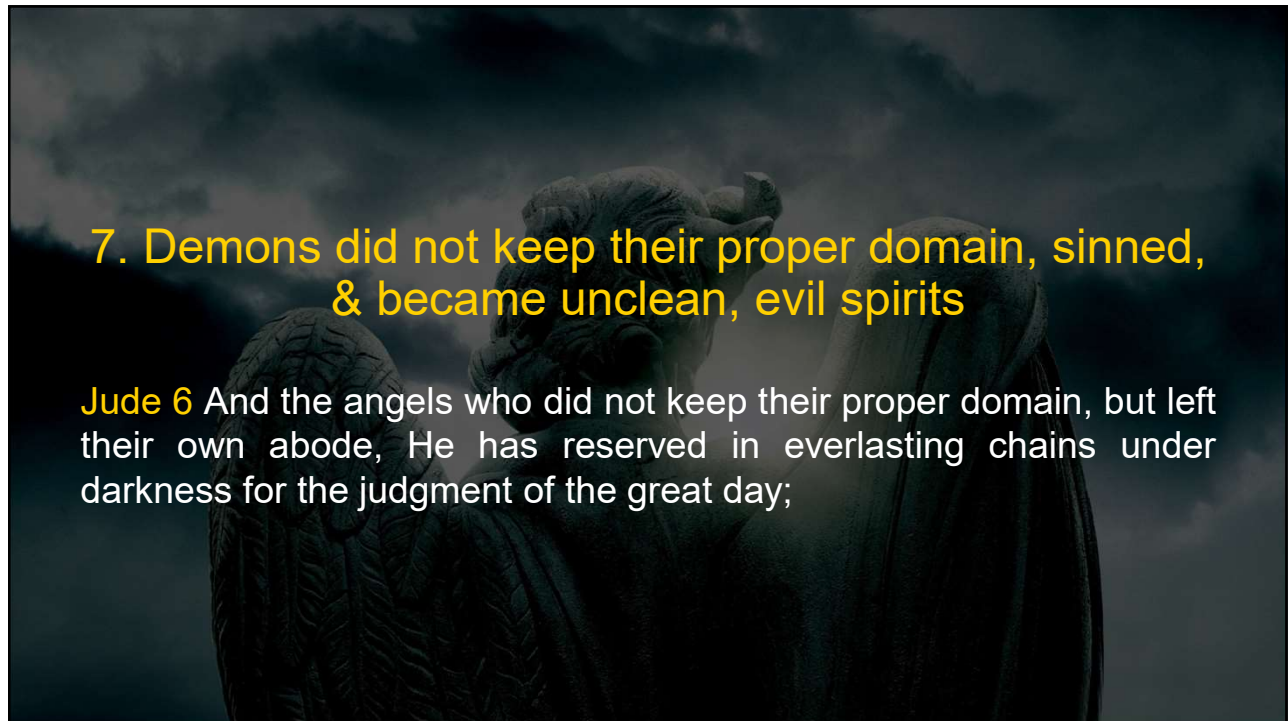


6. Demons were originally created as good angels

Col 1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Ezk 28:16 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.

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7. Demons did not keep their proper domain, sinned, & became unclean, evil spirits

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8. Demons are not the spirits of deceased evil people

- When person dies, they go to a place to await judgment

Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

Lk 16:22-23 22-23, So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

- Once a person dies, they are locked into their eternal destiny

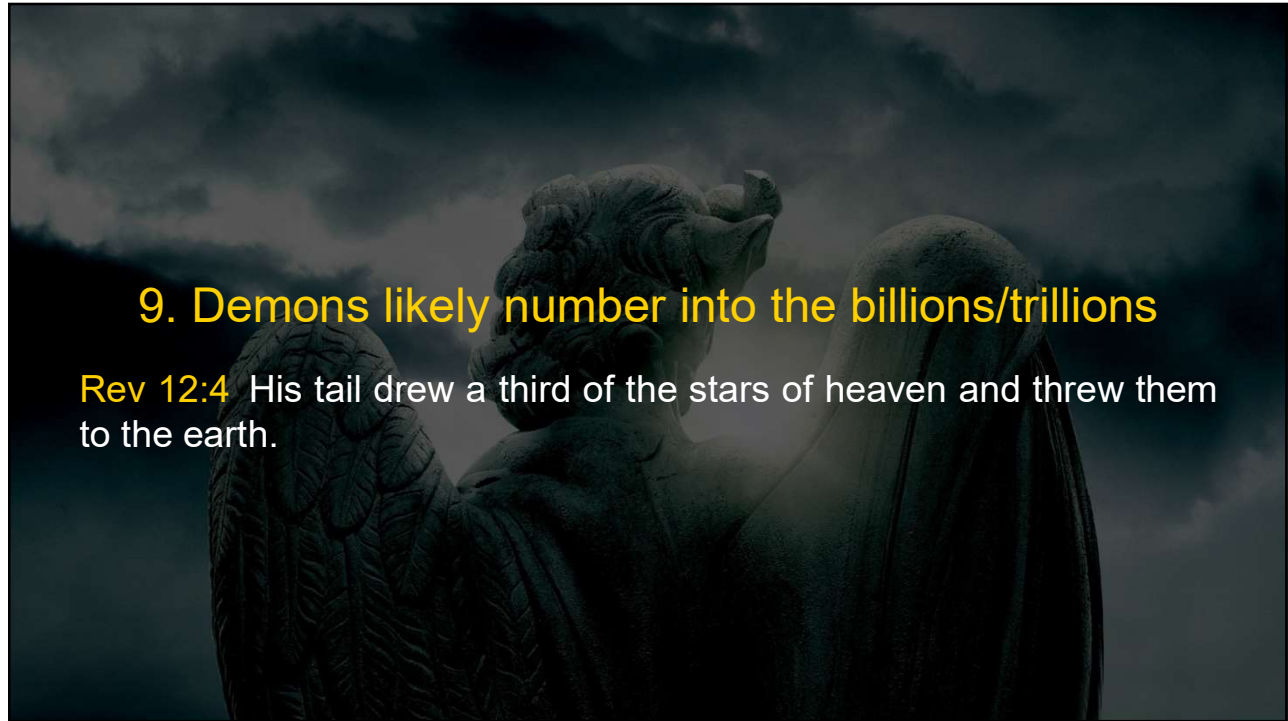
Lk 16:26 And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

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- All awaiting judgment will appear at the Great White Throne and then be banished into the Lake of Fire

Rev 20:14-15 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

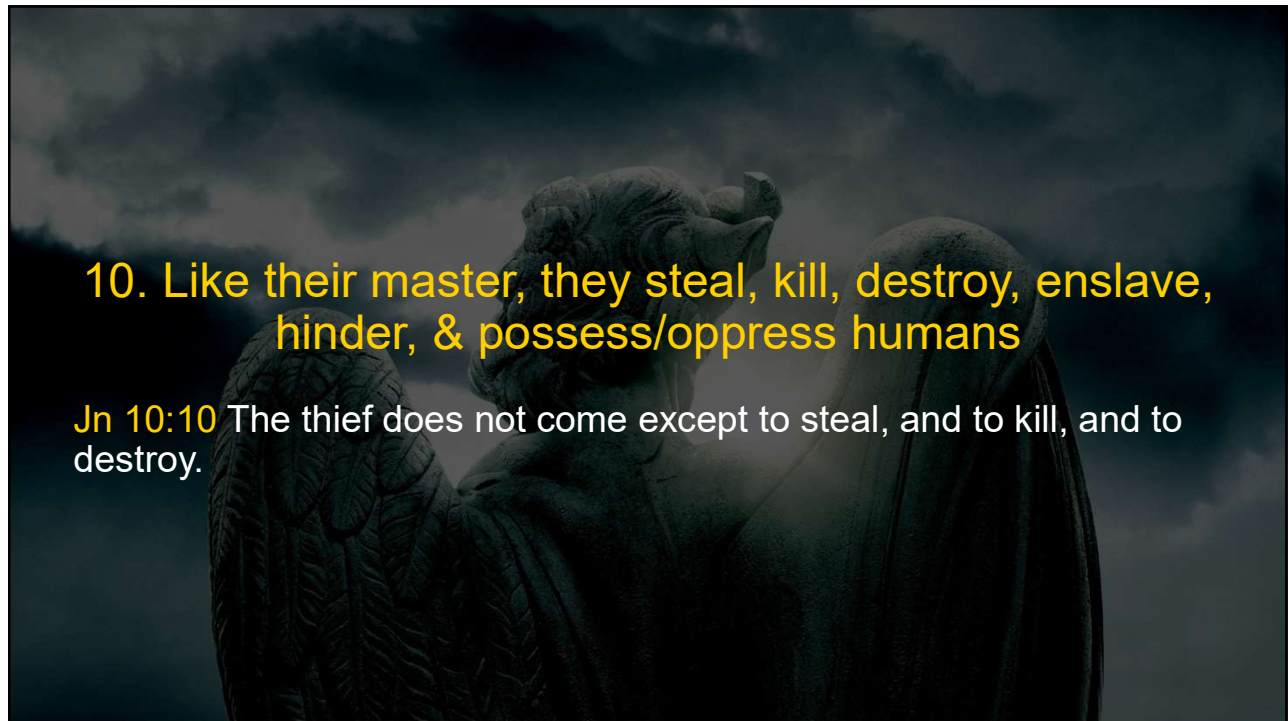
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9. Demons likely number into the billions/trillions

Rev 12:4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.

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10. Like their master, they steal, kill, destroy, enslave, hinder, & possess/oppress humans

Jn 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

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11. It appears that demons lost their *spiritual* bodies as part of their punishment

- All who live in God's kingdom in eternity possess *spiritual* bodies

1 Cor 15:44 There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

- All believers will receive a spiritual body at their resurrection

1 Cor 15:35,42,44 But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?" ...⁴² So also is the resurrection of the dead. ...⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

Lk 20:34-36 Jesus answered and said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage.³⁵ But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage;³⁶ nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

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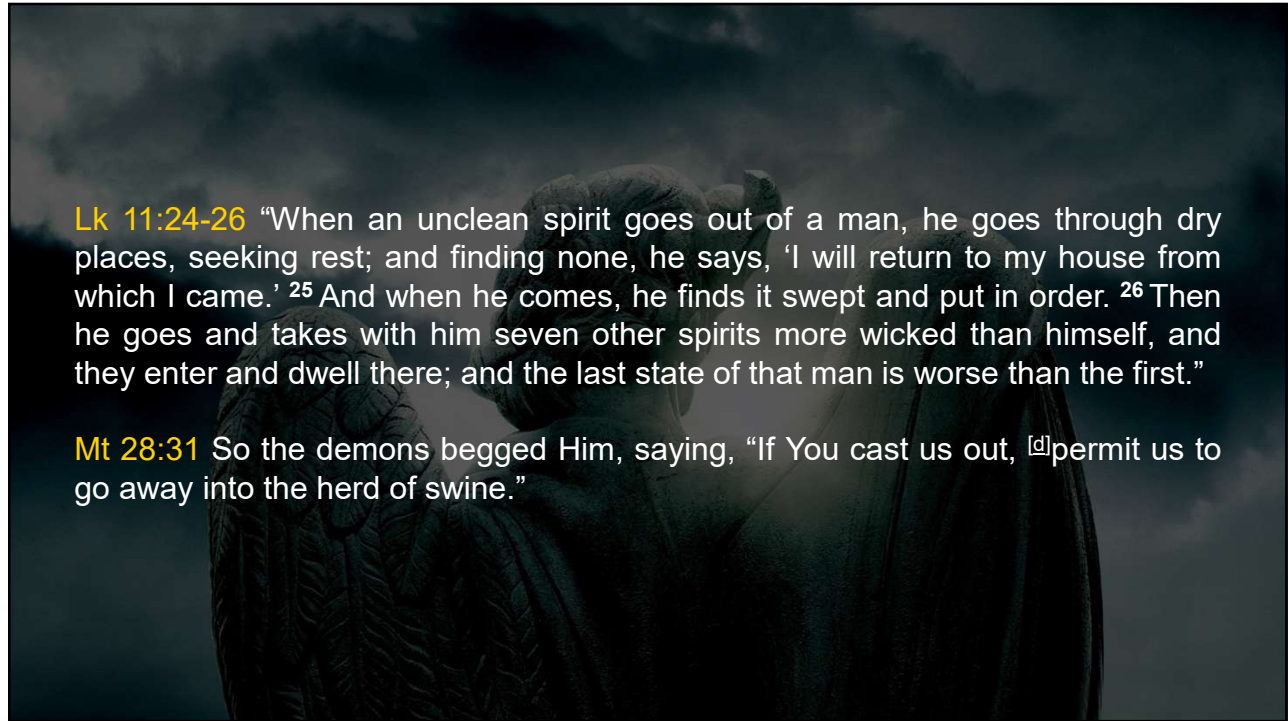
- All unbelievers will receive a spiritual body at their resurrection

Jn 5:28-29 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice²⁹ and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation [damnation, KJV].

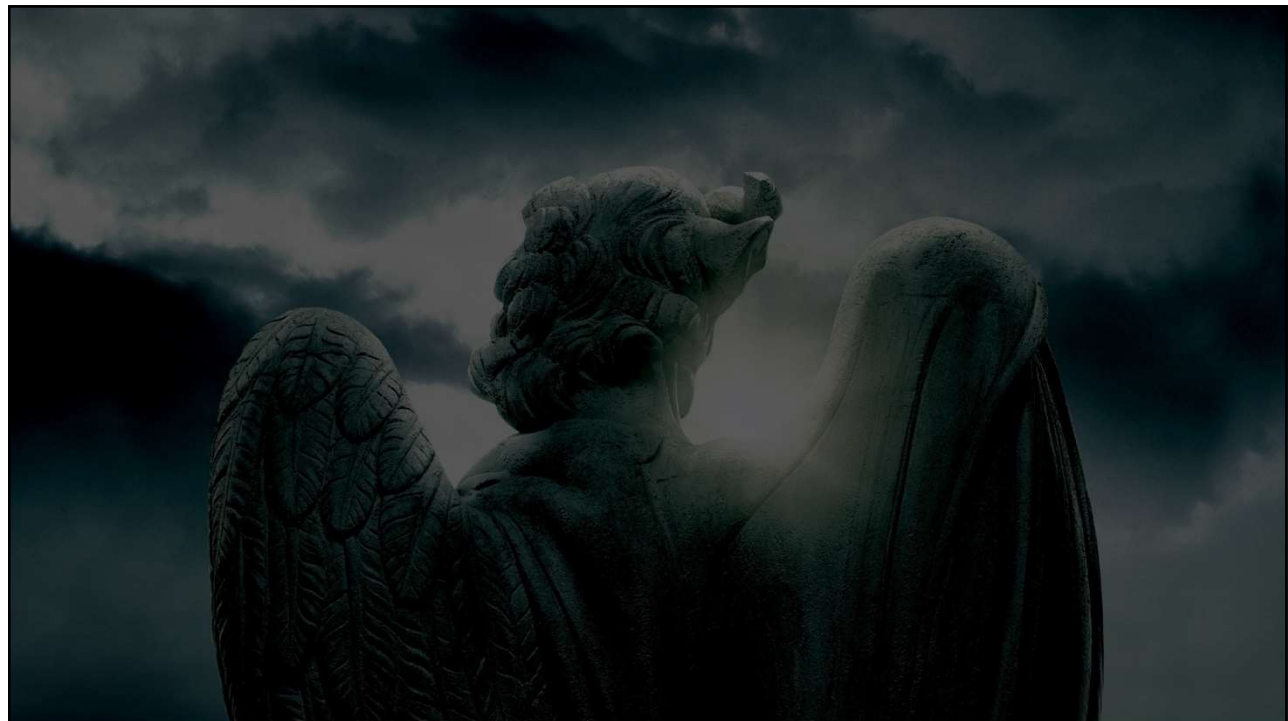
- Unlike the faithful angels, demons seem driven to possess a body

2 Cor 5:2-4 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven,³ if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. 4 For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.

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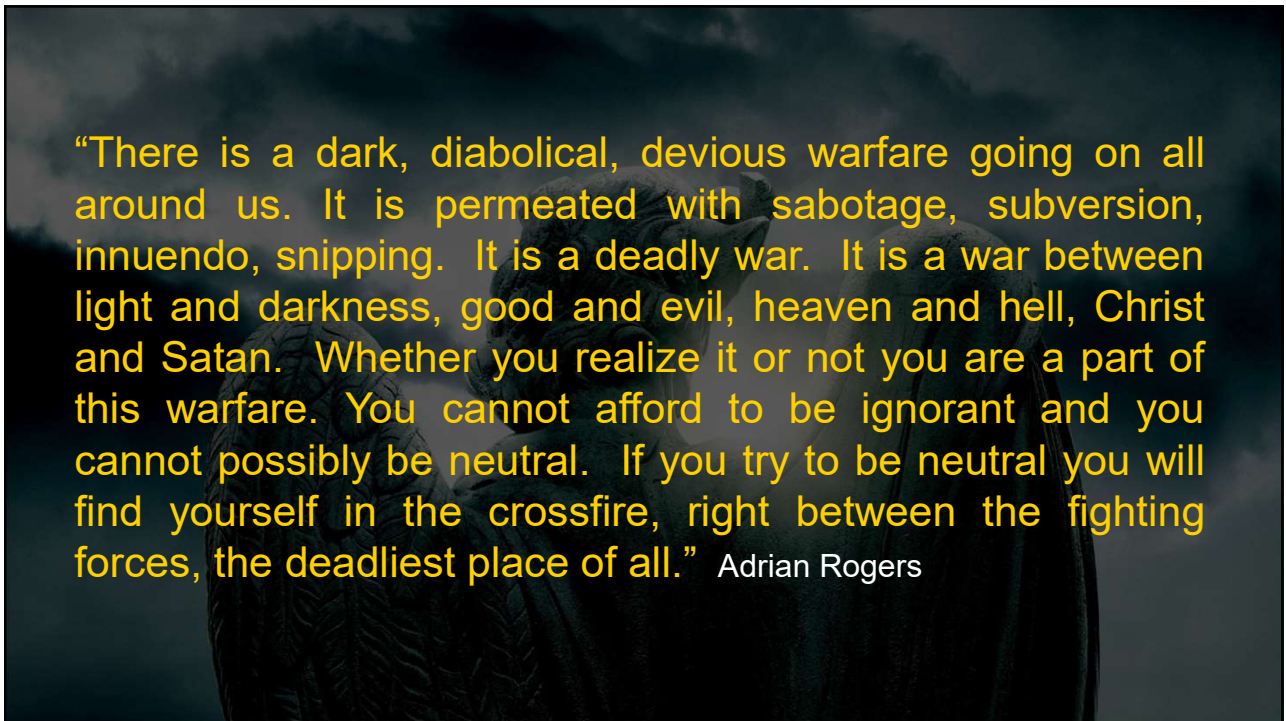
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“There is a dark, diabolical, devious warfare going on all around us. It is permeated with sabotage, subversion, innuendo, snipping. It is a deadly war. It is a war between light and darkness, good and evil, heaven and hell, Christ and Satan. Whether you realize it or not you are a part of this warfare. You cannot afford to be ignorant and you cannot possibly be neutral. If you try to be neutral you will find yourself in the crossfire, right between the fighting forces, the deadliest place of all.” Adrian Rogers

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