

## **Biblical Demonology Bible Study**

### **Recommended Resources:**

1. The Holy Bible
2. Biblical Demonology by Dr. Merrill F. Unger
3. Powers of Evil: A Biblical Study of Satan and Demons by Dr. Sydney H.T. Page
4. A Series of Occult Lectures by Dr. Robert J Dunzweiler found at the Interdisciplinary Biblical Research Institute found at <http://www.dunzweilerlib.ibri.org/>
5. A Lecture on Satan by Dr. Robert J. Dunzweiler at the same site.

\*\*Most of the material that will be covered comes from these individuals and their work. These works *are not required* but will be very useful as references for this material for your own personal benefit.

### **What will be covered in this course?**

1<sup>st</sup> Session: Introduction to Demonology and General Overview of Demons

2<sup>nd</sup> Session: A Survey of Demons from the Old and New Testament

3<sup>rd</sup> Session: A Survey of Satan from the Old and New Testament

4<sup>th</sup> Session: Demonic Possession and General Discussion

### **What will not be covered in this course?**

For the sake of time we will for the most part not cover the scriptural teachings on the occult in general and magic specifically. The field of occult study and magical study are closely related to this topic but far enough removed that we will not cover them at this time.

### **Introduction to Biblical Demonology:**

**Biblical Demonology Defined:** “the study of demons, namely their origins, nature, powers, works and fate as revealed by the Scripture alone.”

### **Why Study this Subject?**

1. It is a topic of revelation in the Holy Scriptures.
  - a. Both the Old and New Testaments describe demons and their work.
  - b. Demons are shown in both testaments to be involved in the work of hampering and inhibiting the people of God.
2. It is a timely topic.
  - a. Neo-pagan occultism is gaining in popularity.

3. It is a topic related to apologetics.
  - a. Many unregenerate people mock the Scriptures and our faith because these concepts are found in the Bible. Therefore it behooves us to understand what the Bible teaches.
4. There is rampant superstition, mysticism and general error in this field of study.
  - a. This topic probably has more erroneous and unscriptural ideas supported in the writings of supposed believers than any other topic in the Bible.
  - b. Many people have fallen into the snare of fear and superstition because of false teaching on this subject.
  - c. Human beings are constantly tempted to speculate widely on occult and esoteric topics and without a firm foundation in God's revealed Word, pagan superstition is the inevitable fate.
5. It is a personally interesting subject.
  - a. Indeed probably the reason you have decided to participate in this study is because you find this topic to be intriguing.

### **What are the Goals of this Survey?**

1. To come to a better understanding of what the Bible teaches about demonology
2. To reveal areas in our own minds where we have let superstition, mythology or mysticism creep into our theology on demonology.
3. To engage in thought provoking discussion on several of the controversial passages related to this topic.
4. To glorify the Father and seek the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit.
5. To elevate the Son as the originator and source of all of our deliverance from evil.

### **A Note of Caution:**

There are many ideas about demons and Satan that are widely taught and believed by sincere believers that have weak scriptural foundations. As a seminary professor once said, the revelation of scripture is like ice on a frozen pond. It is not as thick in some places as others. It would be unwise to jump up and down in a place where the "ice" of Scripture is not very thick, and this is one of those places. We will be taking a minimalist approach of interpretation in this course. We will interpret the Scriptures as strictly as possible and do our best to not make the Scripture say what it does not say. We must be humble and prepared to test our own preconceived notions as to whether they are actually supported by the Scriptures.