

PRACTICAL TRUTH #5
SATAN'S ARMY - Demons

- Their ORIGIN Matthew 25:41

- * Isa. 14:12-15; Rev. 12:3,4 - Angels who revolted and fell with Satan.
- * Not spirits of dead people, nor some pre-Adamic race (though angels preceded him).
- * Matt. 10:1 - Unclean: Encourage moral filthiness.
- * Matt. 12:45 - Wicked: Behind wicked actions of mankind.
- * Mark 5:1-20 - Evil: After the evil one, Matt. 13:19.
- * James 2:19, Luke 8:28 - They have 'faith' in God and know Jesus is Son of God.

- Their ORGANIZATION - Here on earth and from heaven, not hell.

- * Eph. 2:2 - Prince of power of the air. He is not reigning from hell. He is here.
- * 1 Pet. 5:8 - Prowls about like a roaring lion. He and his are busy here.
- * Eph. 6:12 - Hierarchy laid out. This is an organized kingdom and army.
- * Matt. 12:24 - He is the ruler of the demons. Top of the organization.
- * Dan. 10:13 - Shows, as Prince of Kingdom of Persia, that there are special fallen angels assigned to wage war.
- * Christians often so busy fighting each other that they don't have time for the real battle.
"Gentlemen, there is but one enemy -- and he is out there!" - Lord Nelson

- Their OPERATION - Deceivers and Destroyers.

- * Mat. 10:8 - Not all sickness is demonic ("heal the sick... cast out demons...")
- * 1 Tim. 4:1ff - Teachers of false doctrines.
- * Acts 16:16-18 - Promote occult and divination (foretell future).
- * 1 Cor. 10: 14-22 - Force behind idolatry. Satan wants to be worshipped, demons help.
- * Eph. 2:1-3 - Works in and through unsaved people.
- * Mat. 16:21-23, Acts 5 - Influence saved people also to work for him.
- * 2 Cor. 11:14 - Angel of light: If they can't lure us with obvious sin, then will use religion to snare people (morality w/o righteousness). Self-righteous church members are convinced they are saints, and so may never come to know or serve Christ.

- Their OUTCOME - What will happen to Satan and his army?

- * Mat. 12:22-29 - Jesus bound the strong man. Christ overcame all power aimed against Him: coming to earth by killing the children, on the cross, the resurrection!
- * Eph. 4:8 - Jesus led captive a host of captives, and they became His soldiers.
- * 2 Thess. 2:1-12 - The Holy Spirit is restraining the mystery of lawlessness.
- * Rev. 12 - When Church is taken up, then for a time he will have reign to destroy.
- * Mat. 25:41; Rev. 20:1-3 - Devil and his angels will be cast into place of eternal fire.

**** The believer must avoid (2) extremes when it comes to the matter of demons:**

- 1. Seeing a demon behind every tree.* - Leads to fanatical fears.
- 2. Treating the doctrine of demons with disdain or contempt.* - Leads to False Security.

* **Understand the workings of demonic forces, then how to detect and defeat them.** Jesus defeated demons by the Spirit (Mat. 12:28), and so can we in Him.

* **1 Jn. 4:4 - Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.**