

WCB ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE - OCT 6, 2019

TOPIC: TWELVE NT PRAYERS THAT CONNECT

Sermon 6: A Prayer For Pity!

TEXT: Mark 5:1-10, 15

INTRO: What is demon-possession?

I. TO SHOW US THAT DEMONS ARE FOR REAL: vv.2, 12; cf. Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:1-19

Note: 1/3 of angelic beings followed Satan's revolt against God! - Rev. 12:4

1. They are vicious and powerfully strong - vv.3-5
2. They are violent (Matthew 8:28) and inflict physical injury - v.5b cf. Job 2:7
3. They have a name - v.9
4. They are at the mercy of the Lord Jesus - vv.10, 12
5. They are under the control and command of the Lord Jesus - vv.12, 13b cf. Job 2:6

Note: There is nothing Satan and his wicked demons can do without God's expressed permission!

II. TO EXPLAIN TO US THE MEANING OF GENUINE SALVATION: v.15

Note: There are true and false Christians! - John 4:23

1. It begins with a personal encounter with Jesus - vv.2,6, 8
Note: This is THE day you accepted the Lord Jesus as your personal Saviour! - John 1:12
*"When did you receive Jesus as your Saviour?"
2. It ends with a personally changed-life - v.15
Note: True salvation ALWAYS PRODUCES CHANGE! - II Cor. 5:17
"The skeptics and cynics can refute our theology, but they cannot refute a CHANGED-LIFE!"
3. It continues on in God's service - vv.18-20
 - Alistair Begg

CONCLUSION: God can change your life today. He wants to save you!

An Actual Demon Possession!

Dr. Ed Murphy, a trainer and counselor in the area of spiritual warfare, shares,

"Let me cite an experience I had while suddenly counseling a troubled young man. He had been sent to a mental health counselor because of antisocial behavior...as I continued talking and praying with him, he went into severe demonic manifestation. He had been in the occult and still had strong occult demons indwelling his life...I had a difficult time. After several hours, we were able to expel some of the most vile, rebellious unclean spirits from his life. He was not yet totally free, however. He later wrote a letter to one of the women who ministered to him, with me. In the middle of the letter, a demon took control of his writing. The handwriting, grammar, and vocabulary radically changed. The demon began to pour out its hatred for the lady, calling her a "b----," and things too vile to write. He then began to pour out his curses upon me. Finally, he wrote about the victim (demon-possessed) saying, '*He now belongs to us from childhood. His whore of a mother gave him to us before he was born. We will finally win this battle. We will get him back to the psychologist. He will tell him he is crazy. Then we will have him again.*'" - Ed Murphy, *The Handbook For Spiritual Warfare*, 286.

Verse For Today

"Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how He has had pity on you!" - Mark 5:19b

Food For Thought

"The tears of Christ are the pity of God." - A. MacLaren

