

Sound Doctrine: 1st Timothy, 2nd Timothy & Titus

Doctrines of Demons

1st Timothy 4:1-3

Doctrine = Teaching What is the opposite of good doctrine? Weak doctrine? Wrong doctrine? <u>Deceiving doctrine.</u> Evil teaching conceived and taught by evil spirits (We'll dig in to this later)	In our time • The decline of Christianity in general • The decline of sound Bible teaching • The rise of evil We are post-Christian, pagan - demonically influenced - since LC trial 82 moms 123 kids <i>Abortion, Cults, delusions, rise of Islam, paganism, abhorrent behavior, UFOs</i> <u>New age, same old deception</u>
<u>Antichrist</u> anti-trump, anti-abortion. Opposite of pro-, pro-life, pro-trump Not just against, in place of The Antichrist will be against Jesus for sure But in a way that is instead of, taking his place The same can be said for the evil teaching we're looking at today and next week Will have an appearance of godliness, but deny God's power (like 2 Tim 3:5)	In our age, we need to pay extra attention! • <i>Boiling a frog</i> • <i>Room changing color analogy</i> <i><u>"The tragedy is that their departure was so imperceptible that they did not know their belief had changed"</u></i> Preaching the Word pp. 105 Going from right belief, to misguided belief, to wrong belief, to <u>opposing</u> belief <i>"Do not most people simply drift away?"</i> CS Lewis
[Pray] 4:1 The Holy Spirit warns us! Outspokenly, distinctly that evil spirits will be <u>teaching</u> Sobering thought!	There are pulpits out there - churches, religions, podcasts, classrooms, movies, music Not just speaking words of demons, but <u>entire theologies</u> created by the demonic realm

Back to the Garden Satan didn't change the Word completely, but the intent, application and consequence Called God a liar	<i>What God taught wasn't good I'll teach you how to be like God</i> The most effective lies twist the truth so it's hard to tell they're even lies
When? Now.	The End Times. Great Trib will demand belief in the one the lies all point to.
What, who are demons? Deceiving spirits "pneuma" wind Same word for Spirit in Holy Spirit • Wandering, roving • Misleading (into error) • Tramp, homeless, imposter • Corrupters, deceivers • Ministers of the devil The Holy Spirit is teaching us about evil spirits	Angels • Messengers, servants of God • Created a little higher than us • Can even look like us • Some sort of physical and spiritual being with access to physical and spiritual world - Go between Heaven and Creation • Can interact with the physical world • Were created, are eternal. • Hell created for them •
Demons • Messengers of the enemy • Do not have bodies, look for vessels to possess (people, animals, obj to some degree of attachment) • Will be judged at the end • Stuck on Earth, no heavenly access Take it or leave it, but I believe the Bible would teach us this about them, but only a little. <u>We don't need to know more</u>	Biblical theory that seems logical • Gen 6, Nephilim • Flood wipes them out • Their spirits have no where to go, roam homeless • Seems angels are still up to no good, giants after the flood • Many accounts today of similar activity Main takeaway: demons are evil
The Spiritual War: God's Holy Spirit vs. an enemy of evil spirits fighting over our spirits	<u>The weapon is the Word.</u> The battle plans? Doctrine. Teaching. Theology.

<i>"If you don't stand for anything you'll fall for anything"</i> Secret Service and counterfeits	<u>"Demons are theology majors" DG</u> Demons know who Jesus is, Know God's Word (Satan does!) Even knew who Paul was...
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When? In the last days How will we know it's now? • Many ways, • People leave the faith, deconstruct • "Great falling away" 2 Thess 2:3 • Turn from Jesus Depart: revolt, fall away, become faithless, withdraw Give heed To bring near, turn mind to, be addicted to Galatians 3:1a – O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth...? The enemy will deceive you to leave what God's Word says if you don't know the Bible AND Jesus well enough Your weak doctrine will be replaced by strong evil doctrine <i>France currently, America theologically</i> Doctrines of Demons • Not just a Christianese for things we don't like, an analogy • Actually the theology demons teach • They know judgment is coming, but they teach it anyway.	Listen to these clips: PG-13 warning The new Netflix Narnia, director <i>"I'm a theist. I get uncomfortable around 'Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior' stuff, I find that creepy"</i> <i>The Shack (book)</i> Women Screaming in LV over Cornell 7 Remember prophets of baal? https://x.com/EndWokeness/status/2110969688469467160 Deliverance Butts (<i>enemy disguises himself as a minister of light</i>) https://x.com/disntr/status/2111055445922038120 Episcopal Church giving thanks for abomination https://x.com/Protestia/status/2111116203511230602 Episcopal Explaining Pride Sunday (just read) "Pride becomes a sacrament a visible sign of invisible grace" https://x.com/Protestia/status/2111062349004108174 Sacrifice, Yahweh Cult https://x.com/disntr/status/2107485060752724299 Prayer to our bodies (remember for next week) https://x.com/disntr/status/2110341277526941805
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• Do you think Jesus asked his body for forgiveness for the cross? • Or Paul for his eyes? • Or Timothy for his stomach? • Or Jeremiah his mind for his depression? 1 John 4:1, 3b – Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but <u>test the spirits</u>, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ... <u>this is the spirit of the Antichrist</u>, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. <u>When you hear a teaching, think about where it leads you - to Christ or to something else first</u>	Demons are looking for a mouth to speak for them • They find many in the church • Just because it says Christian, they say Jesus, they have a pulpit • Test what is being said <u>What demons teach: Christ Misplaced, displaced, or replaced</u> Isaiah 14:13-15 – For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.
Galatians 1:8 – But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.	Cult teachings don't hide! clearly say these things, <u>because people are easily deceived in sin and without the Word</u>

:2 False teachers are inspired by evil spirits	Jesus, Peter, his flesh didn't like the idea of Jesus going to the cross - Satan inspired his words!
1 - Demons lie, false teachers lie Claim it's God's Word! God's Intent! To know better than God! John 8:43-44 "Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.	2 - They are hypocrites • Personally, and in teaching • Command you to sow a seed, • but they only take! 3 - Their consciences are seared Their hypocrisy doesn't bother them It bothers you and me when we sin, don't live up to it. They justify themselves - with what they think is their doctrine. But it's demonic.

Optional block, for time

• Maybe used to do the right thing, • know the right thing, teach the truth • Once heard their own conscience • Once maybe even heard God and tried to obey • At some point they preferred their sin • Ignored their conscience • Kept grieving the Holy Spirit • <u>Until one day, they heard another spirit</u> • It excused them • Let them do what they want • Sounded like a better god • Maybe thought it was God 2 Timothy 4:3-4 – For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.	Terrifying verse... Hebrews 6:4-6 – For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame. So burned, so calloused - they may never be able to hear the Spirit of God again <i>"Many will say Lord Lord..."</i> Sin deceives. The more you sin the more it deceives. It's why we can't play around. James 1:21-22 – Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
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<i>One more verse today, ties into next week</i> :3 What do demons teach? common thread, not the full list Asceticism a lifestyle characterized by abstinence from worldly pleasures through self-discipline, self-imposed poverty, and simple living, [3] often for the purpose of pursuing spiritual goals.[4] Ascetics may withdraw from the world or continue to be part of their society,	but typically adopt a frugal lifestyle,[5] characterized by the renunciation of material possessions and physical pleasures, and also spend time fasting while concentrating on religion, prayer, or meditation <u>Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit, but this is the idolatry of self-control</u> This is: intentionally denying what God gave for good "I know how to be holier than God, without God, by my effort"
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e.g. Buddhism. Christian-like-cults, we'll look at ideology that has swept Christianity in the west that is similar next week	"God is never properly worshipped by the denial of His gifts." pp. 107 <i>Preaching the Word</i> (listen up cessationists)
1 - Don't get married, FORBIDDEN Not pray about it, not some are called some aren't • "If you want to be holy, you cannot get married." • "If you are married, marital intimacy is bad" Progression of our society Large families - ind. Rev. - kids school - moms work - sex rev - divorce - marriage bad - families bad - prolong youth - date for lust - why commit when get for free - self pleasure, porn, insane standards, expectations, rape, men bad Much apostasy begins with sexual sin, teaches sexual immorality	Marriage is a blessing and gift of God - <u>created</u> by God 1. Humans have physical desires, created by God. Intimacy. Companionship. Covering. Support. For life. 2. It's the foundation of family, makes, protects, nurtures life - upholds society 3. It's a picture of Jesus and the church • Paul wishes folks were like him for missionary purposes 1 Cor 7:7 • But it's a rare calling • Most should marry just because sexual immorality exists 1 Cor 7:2 • "the marriage bed is undefiled" Heb 13:4
Catholicism - priests and nuns Widespread abuse Even in the Christian church, couples not being intimate, people caught up in immorality	It's one thing for you to personally decide to, in your walk with the Lord It's another thing entirely to demand it as if God commanded to abstain from the good He created for life
2 - Don't eat certain foods • Next week: diet, exercise • Food is essential for <u>life</u> This: certain foods will make you <u>spiritually</u> unclean. Better or worse person based on diet Mark 7:18-23 – So He said to them, "Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from	outside cannot defile him, "because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?" And He said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man." For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, "thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. "All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

• Priests ate from the sacrifices offered... • Satan only makes cheap imitations of God's ways • I'm going to call out vegetarian/veganism - it's OK if you want to not eat meat. It's not OK if you think it makes you a better, more moral, more spiritual person • connection with meat, sacrifice, demons, veganism (idol worship, human sacrifice) • Pro-abortion? Pro-meat? Save the whales kill the babies • Demons, hypocrites, don't care what you eat and don't - the same enemy will trick the hindu into being vegan and the muslim into being halal Anything and everything to <u>misplace, displace or replace</u> Jesus' sacrifice for you	Demonic doctrine sounds holy! Back to Eden! Veg We can't go back there! Sin! Death! The flood. The world cannot produce food like that anymore. The Angel with the flaming sword! Or Get Ahead on the Resurrection! No marriage in heaven, no death! Your body is dying, no matter what you do. <i>(Bryan Johnson eternal life food)</i> The goal of these? Eternal life. Undo the effects of sin. Spiritual purification through effort. If we ate from the Tree of Life while in sin, we could never go to heaven Wanting to go to heaven without the cross is making ourselves God
What does the enemy want? It's revealed in what he teaches. Human death, suffering, extinction - so don't eat, don't procreate, save the planet, kill humanity	The Holy Spirit's doctrine, simple • Fasting from food important, from-time-to-time for spiritual health, • Fast from marital intimacy (only when agreed upon), to pray! But not for <u>long</u> to not give place to the devil (1 cor 7:5)
• God created marriage and food for us • They are to be received and be thankful for • When we reject, we reveal we're unthankful, don't believe or even know the truth That true doctrine? That Jesus is your savior, your spiritual food, your spiritual spouse	Where are you feeding, eating, spiritually, Christian? Studying the Bible? Testing the spirits? Confessing and repenting to reduce deception? Feasting on Jesus? Thankful? Pay attention this week. Listen to what the Holy Spirit teaches. If you've drifted, turn back

