

Bible Quiz

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Question: What is the view of ghosts and demons in the Bible?

The Bible regards demons as evil spirits, enemies of God, and seeks to confuse and oppose humanity. Demonic possession is a state controlled by demons that requires the power of God to save them. Matthew 8 tells of Jesus driving the new demons into the herd, and Mark 5 tells of Jesus healing demon-possessed people. In the human world, the perception of ghosts varies from culture to culture, with some seeing them as terrifying supernatural beings, others as fictional legends, and others interpreting them as psychological phenomena. Buddhism usually considers ghosts to be one of the six realms of reincarnation, the "path of hungry ghosts.", due to greed or karma. It emphasizes that all beings have Buddha nature, and that ghosts can also be liberated. The existence of ghosts is a technique of communicating with the souls of the dead. When King Saul faced difficulties and challenges, he secretly ran to find a psychic witch, but he violated the Law of Moses. The so-called "ghost" usually refers to the technique of people asking the spirits of the deceased or communicating with the dead. Its purpose is often to foresee the future, which is quite divination and psychic. In the past, ghost art was prevalent among the ancient Assyrians and Babylonians. According to the definition of divination through the undead, the pen immortals, disc immortals, viewing the falling yin, and leading the dead that are still circulating in today's society can be regarded as the so-called ghosts. Ghosts are born from the heart. Demons in the Heart: The most frequently mentioned story in the Bible is the story of Saul making a ghost (1 Samuel 28:3–25).) 。 After the death of the prophet Samuel, Saul, fearing the Philistine army, disguised himself and went to the witch to summon Samuel's ghost for him in order to ask him what was to come. Samuel's ghost told Saul that he had given him and the Israelites over to the Philistines because he had disobeyed the Lord's command. Saul contraindicated the Law of Moses, Leviticus 19:31 makes it clear, "You shall not call ghosts, nor ask wizards. If you do, you will be unclean. I am the Lord, your God."

The Bible acknowledges the existence of demons (evil spirits) and describes them as fallen spirits. These spirits are often thought to be angels who rebelled against God along with Satan (cf. Isaiah 14:12–15,

Ezekiel 28:12–17, Revelation 12:7–9). Their purpose is to destroy human life, to turn away from God, and to do evil on earth. The New Testament records a number of cases of demonic possession, which usually manifest as mental and physical abnormalities such as epileptic symptoms (Mark 9:17–27), inability to control one's actions (Mark 5:1–20), or muteness and deafness (Matthew 9:32–33). Demon-possessed people exhibit supernatural powers or knowledge, such as great strength (Mark 5:3–4) or the ability to identify Jesus (Mark 1:24).

3. Demonic Solution: Jesus' exorcism was part of His ministry during His lifetime, demonstrating His authority over the spiritual realm: Jesus' Exorcism: He commanded evil spirits to leave possessed people (e.g., Mark 5:1–20, Matthew 8:16), which not only healed demon-possessed people, but also demonstrated His divinity. Casting out demons: Jesus gave His disciples the authority to cast out evil spirits in His name (Matthew 10:1, Luke 10:17–20).

. Causes of demonic possession: The Bible does not explicitly list all the causes of demonic possession, but there are some hints: sin or detachment from God: Associated with ungodly behavior or idolatry (Deuteronomy 18:10–12). Spiritual Attack: Demonic possession may be Satan's attack on man. Reasons not mentioned: Sometimes the Bible only records events without explaining why.

. Protection of believers: For Christians, the Bible teaches that believers do not need to fear demons or evil spirits because: the presence of the Holy Spirit: Believers are filled with the Holy Spirit and evil spirits cannot enter (1 John 4:4, "He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.")). In the name of Jesus: There is power to pray and resist evil spirits, in the name of Jesus (Mark 16:17, James 4:7). No contact with spirits: The Bible strictly prohibits any form of spiritualism, divination, witchcraft, etc., which can lead to demonic control (Deuteronomy 18:10–12, Leviticus 19:31).). The Bible treats demons as real spiritual beings, but at the same time emphasizes that God's authority goes far beyond them. Believers should rely on God's protection to avoid contact with the evil forces of the spiritual world and face spiritual challenges with faith and prayer.