

Even The Demons Believe . . .

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“You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!” (James 2:19)

Recently while reading Luke, I read the story of Christ and the demon called Legion. As I read, I was reminded that all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness (2 Tim 3:16) therefore we can learn a lesson from this demon.

In Mark’s account of this story, when Christ stepped out of the boat, a man who lived among the tombs saw Jesus from far off and ran to worship him. The demon in the man called out “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me.” Luke tells us that Legion then begged Jesus not to command them to go to the abyss. We know the rest of the story, Jesus commanded the demons out of the man and allowed them to enter a nearby heard of swine.

What is it that we can learn from these demons? I submit we can learn a couple of items here.

One: The demons recognized Jesus as the Son of the Most High God. They believed that this was true.

Two: They understood and feared the power of Jesus. They knew He could command them to do anything and that they would obey.

Three: They understood that Jesus could commit them to the abyss, a place they feared to go. Even Satan’s followers knew the abyss was a place to which they did not want to go.

Application

When we are presented with the truth, do we recognize it? Do we “run to worship” as the man in the tomb did? Do we believe that Jesus has the right and the power to command us to action? Do we believe, that if we do not fear God and keep His commandments, that in the end we will be committed to the lake of fire reserved for the devil and his followers?

Christ healed the man in the tomb by casting out the demons. Those from the region saw the healed man sitting at the feet of Christ. We must recognize the truth and be moved into action. Once healed, we must remain at the feet of Christ under His protection and love. Even the demons believe and tremble. We must believe unto action or perish like the demons. We can learn a lesson unto life from a demon.

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