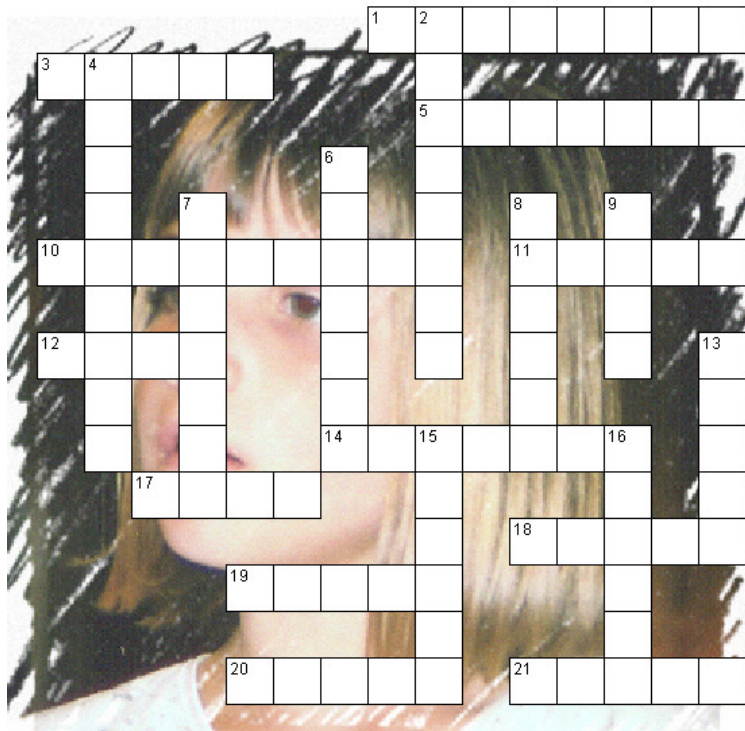


Crossword Puzzle



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| 1. If we are ever tempted, _____, or oppressed... | 2. "Woman, you have been _____ from your infirmity." |
| 3. Lucifer, the "_____ bearer" became Satan, the "adversary". | 4. "Woman, you have been released of your _____." |
| 5. The light bearer. | 6. The angels were created in a _____ way... |
| 10. The spirits of the rebellious _____ on the earth became the demons. | 7. Jesus' authority releases all _____. |
| 11. Lucifer became _____. | 8. The Holy _____. |
| 12. The woman in this story was not just _____ with a physical sickness... | 9. "Jesus is _____!" |
| 14. If we are ever _____, troubled... | 13. Before God created Adam and the _____ race... |
| 17. The first man God created. | 15. ... the _____ name of Jesus... |
| 18. "_____, you have been released from your infirmity." | 16. The spirits of the rebellious creatures on the earth became the _____. |
| 19. There were angels in the heavens and some creatures on _____. | |
| 20. She could never see the sky or the heavens, only the _____ earth. | |
| 21. "_____ is Lord!" | |



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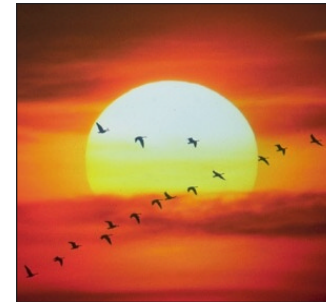
- Lesson Seventeen -

Casting Out Demons – Releasing the Bent-Double Woman

I. Overview.

In this lesson we see a story of a woman who had been possessed by a demon. Because of the demon's oppression, she was unable to walk upright. She spent all her time bent over double. No one could help her for eighteen years. No one could overcome the authority of Satan.

One day, however, when she was in the synagogue, Jesus was there teaching. The Lord Jesus released her from the power



**No one has a higher
or more powerful
name than
Jesus Christ.**

of the demon. The Lord Jesus has the greatest authority in the universe. Satan and his fallen angels and demons cannot resist Jesus. He released the woman from the demon's oppression and possession, freeing her to walk upright again. When we believe in the Lord Jesus, we also have authority over Satan. When we stand in the mighty name of the Lord Jesus and declare "Jesus is Lord," all the demons must flee.

II. Memory Verse.

"Therefore also God highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name."

(Phil. 2:9)

III. Lesson.

The woman in this story was not just sick with a physical sickness. She suffered from a “spirit of infirmity.” This means that an evil spirit of a demon possessed her.

The Origin of the Evil Spirits and Demons

Before God created Adam and the human race, He created at least two other kinds of creatures. These were the angels in the heavens and some creatures on the earth. Although the angels were created in a perfect way, one of them became a problem. God created this particular angel to be the highest and most beautiful one. His name was Lucifer, meaning “light bearer”.

Lucifer became proud and his heart became lifted up. He deceived himself into thinking that he could take over God’s throne and make himself God. He led one-third of all the angels in a rebellion against God. He also caused many of the creatures on the earth to rebel as well. God quickly judged Lucifer and his followers. Lucifer, the “light bearer” became Satan, “the adversary.” The fallen angels who rebelled with Satan became the evil spirits in the air. The spirits of the rebellious creatures on the earth became the demons. All of

these rebellious ones have been judged by God and now await their eternal punishment in the lake of fire.



The Lord Jesus’ authority released the woman to walk upright again.

Jesus Frees the Woman

The demons try to get into and dwell in people’s bodies to possess them. The woman in this story had suffered for eighteen years because of being possessed by a demon.

She could not look up, only down. She could never see the sky or the heavens, only the dusty earth. No one could help her because no one was stronger than Satan who controlled her. Then Jesus came. He simply called her to Himself and told her “Woman, you have been released from your infirmity.” He laid His hands on her and immediately she was healed and walked upright.

We must realize that it is the mighty name of Jesus which has the authority and power over God’s enemy. It is His authority which overpowers the enemy and releases all mankind. If we are ever tempted, troubled or oppressed by Satan, we can chase Him away simply by declaring “Jesus is Lord!”

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. Why could the woman not walk upright?

2. Part of Satan’s kingdom are the evil spirits and demons. Where did they come from?

3. Why could no one other than Jesus help the woman?

4. Why could Jesus help the woman?

