Understanding the Spiritual World

Demons
[16] For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. [17] He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.
[22] Then a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute was brought to Jesus, and He healed him, so that the mute man spoke and saw.
[23] All the crowds were amazed, and were saying, “This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?”
[24] But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, “This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons.”
[25] And knowing their thoughts Jesus said to them, “Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself will not stand.
[26] “If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand?

[27] “If I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? For this reason they will be your judges.
[28] “But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.
[29] “Or how can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.
What Are Demons?

They might be Satan’s angels.
[16] When evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill.
Matthew 25:41

[41] “Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;
[4] For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell [Tartarus] and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;
What Are Demons?

- They are spiritual beings who are led by Satan.
What Did They Do in the New Testament?
1) They **afflicted** some people.
Matthew 12:22

[22] Then a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute was brought to Jesus, and He healed him, so that the mute man spoke and saw.
Mark 9:17-18

[17] And one of the crowd answered Him, “Teacher, I brought You my son, possessed with a spirit which makes him mute; [18] and whenever it seizes him, it slams him to the ground and he foams at the mouth, and grinds his teeth and stiffens out. I told Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not do it. ”
[15] They came to Jesus and observed the man who had been demon-possessed sitting down, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the “legion”; and they became frightened.
Matthew 4:24

[24] The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them.
1) They **afflicted** some people.

➢ But not all **illnesses** were caused by **demons**.
2) They promoted false teachings.
[1] But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,
[15] This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic.
[20] No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons.
You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.
3) Their casting out showed the power of God’s kingdom.
[28] “But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.
What Is Their Perspective of God?

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James 2:19

[19] You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.
[33] In the synagogue there was a man possessed by the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, [34] “Let us alone! What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!”
[29] And they cried out, saying, "What business do we have with each other, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"
[30] And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. [31] They were imploring Him not to command them to go away into the abyss.
What Is Their Perspective of God?

▶ Demons fear God!
What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

Romans 8:31
What Is Their Perspective of God?

➤ God’s people have **nothing** to **fear**!