

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – January 29 – Feb 3
Doing Life Together – State of the Church Stump Stories pt 2

MONDAY: Isaiah 14: 12-15 Ezekiel 28: 12-19

KEY VERSE: Matthew 25:41

OBSERVATION: Demons are fallen angels who inhabit the realm of earth. They were swept out of heaven after their leader Lucifer fell from glory. Lucifer's fall is found in these scriptures. These fallen angels original home was heaven, their current home is the earth, and their future home is the lake of fire

TUESDAY: Matthew 10:1, Luke 7:21, Acts 16:16,

KEY VERSE: John 5:36-37

OBSERVATION: All demons were once beautiful angels of God, serving him in heaven before they were cast out with Lucifer. They are now hideous, beastly creatures with incredible powers – much stronger than any natural man. They've observed humanity since the Garden of Eden; therefore, they are much more intelligent than us.

WEDNESDAY: Matthew 12:25, Mark 4:11

KEY VERSE: Mark 7:20-23

OBSERVATION: Demon possession means that an evil spirit enters a body of a person or beast. A human body can become a "tent" or "house" for one or more demons. The evil spirit is more powerful than the natural human spirit, so after entering the person it's able to control the mind, nervous system, and actions of the possessed body - if they so desire. Demons seek to kill, steal, and destroy, so there are no guiding ethics or morals for them.

THURSDAY: Matthew 4:10, Exodus 23:25

KEY VERSE: Mark 3:22-27

OBSERVATION: The power behind his name actually drove out the demons. Jesus addressed his large circle of disciples who were amazed that the demons obeyed their commands. Of course, they only had authority over the demons when using Jesus' name. Jesus calmed their enthusiasm about their authority by reminding them to rejoice only because their names were written in heaven. Jesus always counteracts one's tendencies towards pride and corruption which are tools the enemy uses!

FRIDAY: Mark 3:23

KEY VERSE: Luke 11:16-22

OBSERVATION: Jesus didn't accept the glory for casting out demons, even though it could only be done in his name. The Pharisees and Sadducees were accusing him of casting out demons by Satan's power. Jesus admonished the religious leaders by informing them that he only cast out demons by God's power. Jesus added that because he cast out demons in God's power they should realize that the Kingdom of God had arrived in human form.

SATURDAY:

KEY VERSE: Matthew 12:43-45

OBSERVATION: Make sure demons do not come back, because the person's condition will be worse than before. If you or someone you love had a demon cast out, or a major sin forgiven, do NOT fall away from Jesus. Do NOT backslide and sink into despair - your demons and sin can and will return with more of their kind to torment you. The evil returns with a vengeance, chewing you up and spitting you out, wrecking the spiritual life you and the Lord co-labored so long and hard to build. Always rely upon God's power and strength through these difficult situations. Turn completely away from the world, and turn to God.