



Power From on High

Series: Power From On High
Title: Casting Out Demons
Lesson: 100

Text: Acts 19:11-20
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Acts 19:11–20 God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out. 13 But also some of the Jewish exorcists, who went from place to place, attempted to name over those who had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, “I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preaches.” 14 Seven sons of one Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said to them, “I recognize Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you?” 16 And the man, in whom was the evil spirit, leaped on them and subdued all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 This became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, who lived in Ephesus; and fear fell upon them all and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified. 18 Many also of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices. 19 And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of everyone; and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20 So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing.

This is the 4th scene Luke records dealing with the occult.

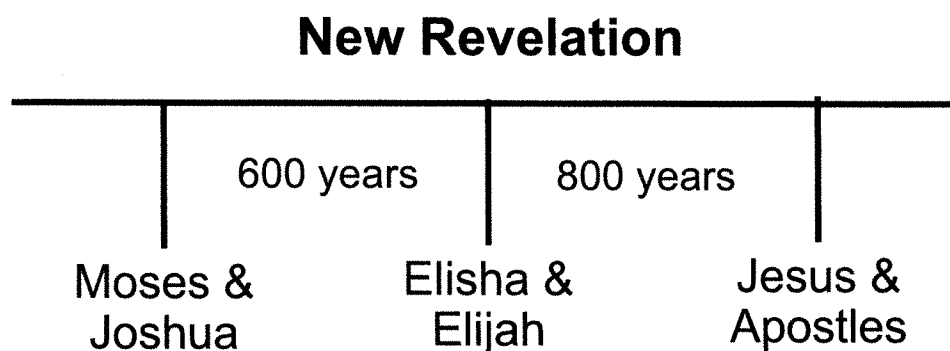
- Simon the sorcerer in chapter 8
- Bar-Jesus in chapter 13
- A slave girl chapter 16

The city of Ephesus

Acts 19:11 God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul,

“extraordinary”

“God”



Miracles were used to validate the messenger and his message.

Jesus was confirmed by miracles.

Acts 2:22 “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man **attested to you by God** with miracles and wonders and signs which **God performed through Him** in your midst, just as you yourselves know

The Apostles were conformed by miracles.

2 Corinthians 12:12 The signs of a **true apostle** were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.

12 so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick,

“handkerchiefs”

“aprons”

12a **and** the diseases left them **and** the evil spirits went out.

“and”

Satan can produce illness.

Acts 10:38 “You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and **healing all who were oppressed by the devil**, for God was with Him.

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“exorcist”

“attempted”

**Satan’s workers attempt to _____
what is true.**

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“recognize” Jesus - [ginosko]

“knew about” Paul - [epistamei]

“but who are you?”

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“leaped” “subdued” “overpowered” “naked” “wounded”

Why did the demon not come out?

Demons are completely under _____ sovereign control and so He causes them to _____ His kingdom.

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Should we practicing exorcism today?

“_____ or _____?”

Verse 19 is the last example we have in the Bible of exorcism. There is no hint of it beyond Paul.

The twelve disciples were given the authority to cast out demons.

Mark 3:14–15 And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He could send them out to preach, 15 and to have **authority to cast out the demons.**

The seventy were given the authority to cast out demons.

Luke 10:9 and heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”

Point - We are never commanded to perform exorcisms nor are we given any instruction on how to perform them.

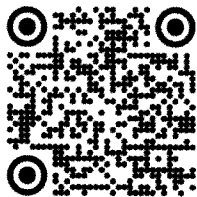
We do participate in a form of exorcism?

Ephesians 2:1–5 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

Discussion Guide

1. Do you believe the church teaches enough about demonic powers?
2. What are the reasons why we at EastPointe believe that people today do not have the power or authority to cast out demons?
3. Can we say that sickness is caused by demonic power?
4. How do the miracles in our story teach about the power and effect of the gospel?
5. How is salvation the ultimate exorcism?



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