



THE OMNIPOTENT CHRIST

CONFIDENT IN HIS POWER TO PROTECT
LUKE 8:26-39

Dr. Mike Fabarez • Focal Point Radio Ministries • September 13 & 14, 2014 • Luke, week 63 • Msg. 14-28 • Social Media: #OmnipotentChrist

1. Understand _____

2. Do _____

3. Take _____

Luke 8:26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. **27** When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. **28** When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." **29** For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.)

30 Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him.

31 And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. **32** Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. **33** Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. **34** When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. **35** Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. **36** And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. **37** Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. **38** The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, **39** "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him. (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 Peter 5:8**. What are some of the ways Christians can be "devoured" by this spiritual enemy?
2. Read **1 Peter 5:8-9**. Describe what it means to be "sober-minded and alert" for the purpose of "resisting" our enemy without being fixated and scared?
3. Read **2 Corinthians 2:10-11** and **1 John 4:1-5**. Why are the spiritual battles (and our need for vigilance) in these passages just as important and high-stakes as the dark and morbid scene we studied in Luke 8:26-39?
4. Read **Ephesians 6:10-20**. What aspects of this "armor" illustration are most timely for your Christian life, and why?
5. Read **Romans 16:19-20**. What makes this statement of ultimate victory so important and helpful when you are in the throes of temptation?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

September 14th

Prov.25-27 & 2Cor.6

September 15th

Prov.28-29 & 2Cor.7

September 16th

Prov.30-31 & 2Cor.8

September 17th

Ecc.1-3 & 2Cor.9

September 18th

Ecc.4-6 & 2Cor.10

September 19th

Ecc.7-9 & 2Cor.11:1-15

September 20th

Ecc.10-12 & 2Cor.11:16-33

September 21st

Song 1-3 & 2Cor.12

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 13-18 – **Jesus as Judge**

Msg. 14-19 – **A Grueling Spiritual Battle**

Msg. 11-62 – **The Position, Power & Activity of Satan**

Msg. 11-63 – **The Reality and Nature of Demons**

Msg. 11-64 – **The Present Work of Demons**

Msg. 11-66 – **God's People & the Defeat of Demons**

Msg. 05-30 – **Grappling with Doubts by Revisiting God's Imprimatur on the Truth**

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

#OmnipotentChrist

For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Dickason, C. Fred. **Angels: Elect & Evil**. Moody Press, 1975.

Enns, Paul. **"Angelology:" The Moody Handbook of Theology**. Moody Press, 1989.

Erickson, Millard J. **"God's Special Agents:" Christian Theology: 2nd Edition**. Baker Books, 1998.

Geisler, Norman. **Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics**. Baker Books, 1999.

Ice, Thomas. **Overrun by Demons: The Church's New Preoccupation with the Demonic**. Harvest House, 1990.

Lightner, Robert P. **Angels, Satan & Demons: Invisible Beings That Inhabit the Spiritual World**. Word Publishing, 1998.

Lockyer, Herbert. **All the Angels in the Bible: An Exploration of the Nature & Ministry of Angels**. Hendrickson, 1995.

MacArthur, John. **Nothing But the Truth: Upholding the Gospel in a Doubting Age**. Crossway Books, 1999.

Page, Sydney H.T. **Powers of Evil: A Biblical Study of Satan & Demons**. Baker Books, 1995.

Rhodes, Ron. **Angels Among Us: Separating Truth from Fiction**. Harvest House, 2001.

Spurgeon, Charles. **Prayer and Spiritual Warfare**. Whitaker House, 1998.

Stedman, Ray C. **Spiritual Warfare: Winning the Daily Battle with Satan**. Reprint. Discovery House, 1999.

Strauss, Lehman. **Sense and Nonsense About Prayer**. Moody Press, 1974.

Van der Toorn, Karel, et al., eds. **Dictionary of Deities & Demons in the Bible. 2nd Edition**. Eerdmans, 1999.