

Overview of the Bible (Lesson #6)

Today's topic: Demons: Unclean Spirits
Recommended Reading: Chapters 26 - 28 of Ryrie's *Basic Theology*

1. In today's study of our *Overview of the Bible* series we'll be in Lesson #6:

- Lesson #1: Basic overview and Authority of the Bible
- Lesson #2: A study of God and His Defining Attributes
- Lesson #3: The Bible: Inspired Word of God
- Lesson #4: Angels
- Lesson #5: The Devil
- **Lesson #6: Demons**
- Lesson #7: Mankind
- Lesson #8: Sin
- Lesson #9: Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior of the World
- Lesson #10: Salvation overview (Justification, Sanctification, and Glorification)
- Lesson #11: The Holy Spirit
- Lesson #12: The Church
- Lesson #13: End Time Prophecy
- Lesson #14: Wrapping it all up and putting it all together...

2. In today's lesson we'll cover topics taken from Chapters 26-28 of *Basic Theology* that discuss *Demons: Unclean Spirits*. What are some of the common thoughts from the general population on demons?

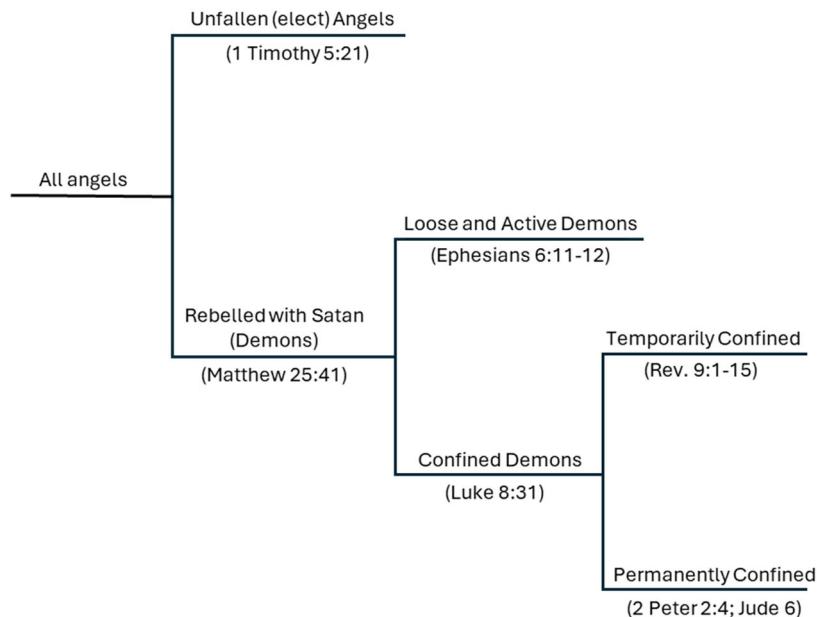
3. On pages 180-181, Ryrie presents four (4) theories on the origin of demons. List them below.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

Which one seems to align most with the Bible?

4. Where do demons exist? Consider Ryrie's text in Section III. THE CONFINEMENT OF SOME FALLEN ANGELS and read 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6. Refer also to Genesis 6:2-4.

5. Consider the figure below from p. 183 of Ryrie’s book. Using this figure, can you explain the origin of demons? Would you feel comfortable explain this to someone who might have never studied this subject?



6. In what ways do demons promote and teach “false religion”? Consider the following passages and explain what is meant by the text provided in (parentheses).
- I John 4:1-4, I Timothy 3:16-4:3 (worthless savior)
 - I Timothy 4:3-4 (works-based salvation, consider the cults)
 - Revelation 2:20-24 (gross sin and rebellion)
7. **APPLICATION:** It’s clear that both followers of Jesus and those who do not follow Jesus can be influenced by demons. For followers of Jesus the question on the table concerns how we can fight against the power of demons. Consider the following passages:
- I John 4:1-6 (especially verse 4)
 - Ephesians 6:10-18
8. NEXT BIBLE STUDY: **Sunday, October 20;** we’ll study Section VII – *Man: The Image of God* (Chapters 29-33).