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**There are not many demonic “prayers” in the Bible – Here is one in Mark, Chapter 1! Note:**

**Demons know Jesus Christ and who He is – “Jesus of Nazareth, the Holy One of God!**

**They know He has all power over them!** Their first cry is ***“Let us alone!”***

**Although they know Him and His power over them, they want nothing to do with Him. “What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth?”**

**They are fearful of being destroyed by the Lord** – either to turn them out of the bodies of men, or to shut them up in the prison of hell, inflicting full punishment on them. ***“Did You come to destroy us?”***

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- “Is this the time of which it had been predicted, that in it the Messiah should destroy all that power which we have usurped and exercised over the bodies and souls of men? Yes indeed! it is so. I now plainly see who You are - the Holy One of God, who have come to destroy unholiness, in which we have our residence, and through which we have our reign in the souls of men.” An unholy spirit is the only place where Satan can have his full operation, show forth the fullness of his destroying power.

***Mar 1:24 saying, "Let us alone!"***

- The demon in effect acknowledges that Christ was too hard for him, and that he could not stand before the power of Christ; ***“Let us alone; for if You take us to task, we are undone, for You can destroy us.”*** This is **the misery of those wicked spirits, that they persist in their rebellion, and yet know it will end in their destruction.**
- The demon/s desire to have *nothing to do with Jesus Christ*; for he *despairs of being saved by Him, and dreads being destroyed by Him.*

***What have we to do with You?***

- ***What have we to do with You?*** They had nothing to do with Christ, as a Savior; they had no interest in Him, nor in His redemption, **but He had something to do with them**, to show His power over them, and to deliver men out of their hands.
- If You will let us alone, we will let You alone! See whose language they speak, that **say to the Almighty, Depart from us.** This, **being an unclean spirit, therefore hated and dreaded Christ**, because he knew Him to be a holy One; for the carnal mind is enmity against God, especially against His holiness.

***Jesus of Nazareth!***

- ***Jesus of Nazareth!*** calling Him so, from the place where He was educated, and had lived the greatest part of His life, though he knew He was born at Bethlehem; but this he said, according to the common notion of the people, and it being the usual description given of Him:

***Did You come to destroy us?***

- ***Did You come to destroy us?*** not to annihilate them, but either to turn them out of the bodies of men, which to them was a sort of a destruction of them, and was really a destroying that power, which they had for some time exercised over men; or to shut them up in the prison of hell, and inflict that full punishment on them, which is in reserve for them.

***I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"***

- ***I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"***: Those who **have only a notion of Christ - that He is the holy One of God**, and **have no faith in Him, or love to Him, go no further than the devil does or did.**

***Mar 1:25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!"***

***Mar 1:26 And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him.***

- When Christ by His grace delivers poor souls out of the hands of Satan, **it is not without a grievous toss and tumult in the soul**; for that spiteful enemy will *disquiet* those whom he cannot *destroy*. He *cried with a loud voice*, to frighten the spectators, and make himself seem terrible, as if he would have it thought that though he was conquered, he was but just conquered, and that he hopes to rally again, and recover his ground.

***Mar 1:27 Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."***

- **It astonished them that saw it**; *They were all amazed*. It was evident, beyond contradiction, that the man was possessed - witness the tearing of him, and the *loud voice* with which the *spirit cried*; it was evident that he was

forced out by the authority of Christ; this was surprising to them, and put them upon considering with themselves, and enquiring of one another, "What new doctrine is this? For **it must certainly be of God**, which is thus confirmed. He has certainly an authority to command us, who hath ability to *command even the unclean spirits*, and they cannot resist Him, but are forced to obey Him." The Jewish exorcists pretended by charm or invocation to drive away evil spirits; but this was quite another thing, *with authority he commands them*. Surely it is our interest to make him our Friend, who has the control of infernal spirits.

**Mar 1:28 And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.**

- This story immediately got into everyone's mouth, and people wrote it to their friends all the country over, together with the remark made upon it, *What new doctrine is this?* So that it was universally concluded, that Jesus was a *Teacher come from God*, and under that character He shone more bright than if He had appeared in all the external pomp and power which the Jews expected their Messiah to *appear in*

#### **Several of Biblical Comments by Demons:**

*Job 1:7 ...." So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."*

*Job 1:9 So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing?"*

*Job 2:2 ...." Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."*

*Job 2:3 ....So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life.*

*Job 2:5 But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"*

*Mar 5:7 And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me."*

*Mar 5:9 .... And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many."*

*Mar 5:12 So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them."*

*Luk 4:3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."*

*Luk 4:6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.*

*Luk 4:7 Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."*

*Luk 4:9 ...., "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here.*

*Luk 4:34 saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"*

*Luk 4:41 And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!" .*

*Act 16:17 ...."These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation."*

*Act 19:15 And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"*

*Jas 2:19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!*

#### **SUMMARY:**

- If demons, who hate Jesus, know the importance of praying to Him, how much more should we pray to Him who loves us so much!
- Note the awfulness and the hideousness of existence apart from God!
- How awesome the power of Jesus over all things, including demons!
- May we, with great love and thanksgiving, beyond description, praise, worship and pray to Him!

#### **JESUS, JESUS, JESUS – THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT NAME**

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, There's just something about that name*

*Master, Savior, Jesus, Like the fragrance after the rain*

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Let all heaven and earth proclaim*

*Kings and kingdoms shall all pass away*

*But there's something about that name.(2X)*

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