

Face to Face with a Demon!

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Too many people claiming to be Christian take the subject of the “Spirit World” lightly, especially when it comes to “Evil Spirits and Demons.” Perhaps this story will be a wakeup call for some reading this, perhaps some of you have had similar experiences and simply didn’t realize what you were dealing with. I listened to seven sermons by seven different pastors this past Sunday; all good sermons, all true to scripture! One pastor of a church I used to attend got my attention when he related a personal experience he had with what he perceived to be and “Evil Spirit.” He told of the “uneasy feeling” he had when he encountered someone apparently indwelt with an evil spirit. This brought to mind what was in a sense a terrifying experience I had back between 1974 and 1975. I was only a little over two years old in the Lord at the time, a “Baby Christian” as some would say.

To set the stage for this story, a little background is in order. There were two people who were especially instrumental in leading me to Jesus Christ, and him becoming my Lord and Savior, my Uncle Joe, and my Aunt Delores whom were related to me on my father’s side of the family. They were the only two “True Christians” in the family at the time, and when they evangelized me, and eventually my wife, there arose much division in the family just as Jesus warned would be the case for many when exposing people, (especially family) to the true gospel. My uncle and his brother (my father) as a result became at odds with one another, my father refusing to even talk to my uncle for years! Their sister, (another Aunt who I will leave nameless) was even more hostile to Uncle Joe and Aunt Delores, being verbally aggressive and even physically aggressive at times! It is that aunt which is the subject of the rest of this story.

After attending church one Sunday, my wife and I went to visit my grandparents with our young son who was less than 6 months old at the time. My grandparents lived in a two family house; they lived on the second floor and my aunt (my father and uncle’s sister) lived on the first floor. The front door (which was normally unlocked) led to a hall with steps leading to the second floor and also to the first floor apartment. When we arrived, my wife tended to our son while I took the diaper bag and another shopping bag. The shopping bag, which was *brown paper*, contained my bible at the very bottom, with other items such as extra diapers, baby food, and some “baby toys,” to keep our son occupied if necessary on top. The bible, mind you, was at the bottom of the bag, totally out of sight from any angle. We made our way to the front door and for the first time ever, it was locked! I was hoping to avoid any contact with my aunt that day as she was increasing hostile to me and my wife after our acceptance of Jesus, nevertheless, I knew the door bells didn’t function so I was forced to knock on the door knowing that my aunt would be the one to hear it and respond. What happened next... is forever “etched” in my memory!

Before I continue, remember the shopping bag I was carrying and its contents! Be warned, I will be eluding to some profane language, but it is an important component of this story. I knocked on the door a heard the footsteps of my aunt approaching... this is what

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happened next. I was standing at the door when it opened with the diaper bag in one hand and the shopping bag in the other. My aunt was standing in front of me just inches away, and her eyes went immediately to the shopping bag in my hand and her demeanor changed instantly into a look of rage. Staring at the shopping bag she spoke out with a deep raspy voice that sounded like the soundtrack from the Exorcist movie... Again I remind you there was no way anyone could see what was in that shopping bag, but with a evil sounding voice my aunt started shouting, “What are you doing with that “F’n” bible... get that “F’n” bible away from me... take your F’n Jesus and your bible and get away from me!” She then turned abruptly and went into her apartment slamming the door! Yes – I was terrified! Being a relatively new Christian I had no clue what I was just confronted with! To be honest, it came close to me needing one of those clean diapers for myself!

Yes – I was face to face with a Demon that day, I will never forget it as long as I live! There was no way my aunt could possibly have seen what was in that shopping bag yet she instantly knew. I learned that day, there is indeed another realm of existence and there are in fact Spirits, and some of them are indeed Evil Spirits! The sermon I heard this past Sunday reminded me of something I’d rather forget, but there is a reason for everything. Perhaps this story will wake someone up to the reality of the Spiritual Realm. It is real and it can, and will affect all of us at some point in our lives. The sermon that reminded me of this experience also went on to point out the tools we can use when confronted with Evil Spirits such as those the pastor and I encountered. Here are those tools:

Ephesians 6:10-18 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—