

The background features a black field with several flowing, wavy bands of color. On the left, there are vibrant green waves that curve upwards and then downwards. On the right, there are warm orange and yellow waves that curve downwards and then upwards. The waves have a soft, ethereal quality, with some areas appearing more translucent than others. The overall effect is dynamic and somewhat mysterious.

DEMON POSSESSION

DO DEMONS EXIST?

- Bible is clear. Demons do exist.
- Devil and his angels (messengers) Matthew 25:41
- Jesus dealt with many demons
- Apostles had power to deal with demons

INCORRECT THEORIES

- Just superstitious explanation for some diseases
- Demons are not the spirits of deceased men
- They are not spirits of a race before Adam
- They are not the offspring of angels and humans (Genesis 6:2) Children of Seth (faithful to God) married children of Cain (rebellious to God).

WHAT IS DEMON POSSESSION?

- Definition – A condition in which evil spirits inhabit the body of a person and take complete control of their victim at will.
- Total change in personality and behavior
- Possess knowledge and intellect
- Supernatural strength
- Morally wicked

ARE DEMONS ACTIVE TODAY?

- Possession was very active during the life of Christ and the age of spiritual gifts of the apostles.
- Now – we have protection – Satan is limited (chained, on a leash, bound) [Revelation 20:1-3]
- There are wicked men today, but this is not demon possession

WHAT ARE DEMONS LIKE?

- **Spiritual beings** – Spirits of demons (Revelation 16:14)
- **Have personality** – think, speak, act, make decisions
- **Invisible** – because they are spirit not material
- **Intelligent** – recognized Jesus and Paul, make choices
- **Strong** – ropes and chains could not hold them
- **Wicked** – there are no “good” demons

WHAT DID DEMONS DO?

- Oppose God
- Oppress the mind
- Oppress the body
- Alienate men from God
- Hinder men from moral acts

IS SATAN STILL ACTIVE?

- **Satan still has devices** – 2 Corinthians 2:11 lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.
 - Doubt
 - Deception
 - Desire / Temptation
 - Disruption

IS SATAN STILL ACTIVE?

- **Satan still has devices**
- **Satan still has power – but we can overcome**
 - Wear the armor – Ephesians 6:10-20
 - Resist – James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9
 - Walk in the Spirit
 - You decide – It is your choice