Living by the Spirit

Ephesians 6:12 (NLT) For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

> Is demon possession real? **Can Christians be demon** possessed? > Can demons read our minds? > Are ghosts real? Can Psychics and Mediums contact the dead, spirits, etc.? > What are the Nephilim?

Is demon possession real?

Yes!

Mark 3:14-15 (NKJV) 14 Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach,

¹⁵ and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons

Matthew 4:24 (NLT) News about Him spread as far as Syria, and people soon began bringing to Him all who were sick.

And whatever their sickness or disease, or if they were demon possessed or epileptic or paralyzed— He healed them all.

Can Christians be demon possessed?

No!

1 John 4:4 (NIV) You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

James 4:7 (NLT) ...Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Can demons/Satan read our minds?

No!

1 Kings 8:39b (NLT) ... for You alone know each human heart.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT)The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience.

And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you can endure.

Are ghost real?

Ummh...

Matthew 14:26 (NLT) ²⁶ When the disciples saw Him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!"

Luke 24:36-39 (NLT) ³⁶ And just as they were telling about it, Jesus Himself was suddenly standing there among them. "Peace be with you," He said.

³⁷ But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost! 38 "Why are you frightened?" He asked. "Why are your hearts filled with doubt?

³⁹ Look at My hands. Look at My feet. You can see that it's really Me.

Touch Me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do."

2 Corinthians 5:1-5 (NLT) For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven,

an eternal body made for us by God Himself and not by human hands.² We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing.

³ For we will put on heavenly bodies; <u>we will</u> <u>not be spirits without</u> bodies.

4 While we live in these earthly bodies, we groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and get rid of these bodies that clothe us.

Rather, we want to put on our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by life.

⁵ God Himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee He has given us His Holy Spirit.

⁶ So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the Lord.

⁷ For we live by believing and not by seeing.

⁸ Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.

Can psychics and mediums really contact the dead, or know the future?

Ummh

Deuteronomy 18:10-12 (NLT)And do not let your people practice fortunetelling, or use sorcery, or interpret omens, or engage in witchcraft,

¹¹ or cast spells, or function as mediums or psychics, or call forth the spirits of the dead.

¹² Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord.

John 8:44 (NLT) For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does.

He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him.

When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 10:10 (NLT) The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

Who, or what, are the Nephilim?

Genesis 6:1-4 (NLT) Then the people began to multiply on the earth, and daughters were born to them.

² The sons of God saw the beautiful women and took any they wanted as their wives.

³ Then the Lord said, "My Spirit will not put up with humans for such a long time, for they are only mortal flesh.

In the future, their normal lifespan will be no more than 120 years."

⁴ In those days, and for some time after, giant Nephilites lived on the earth, for whenever the sons of God had intercourse with women,

they gave birth to children who became the heroes and famous warriors of ancient times.

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Response1. Do not fear them

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Response1. Do not fear them2. Do not cater to them

James 4:7-8 (NLT) ⁷So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

⁸ Come close to God, and God will come close to you.

Response1. Do not fear them2. Do not cater to them3. Put on your armor

Ephesians 6:10-20 (NLT) ¹⁰ A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.

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Response 1. Do not fear them 2. Do not cater to them 3. Put on your armor 4. Live by the Spirit

Galatians 5:16 (NLT) ¹⁶ So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

Proverbs 18:10 (NLT) The name of the Lord is a strong fortress; the godly run to Him and are safe.