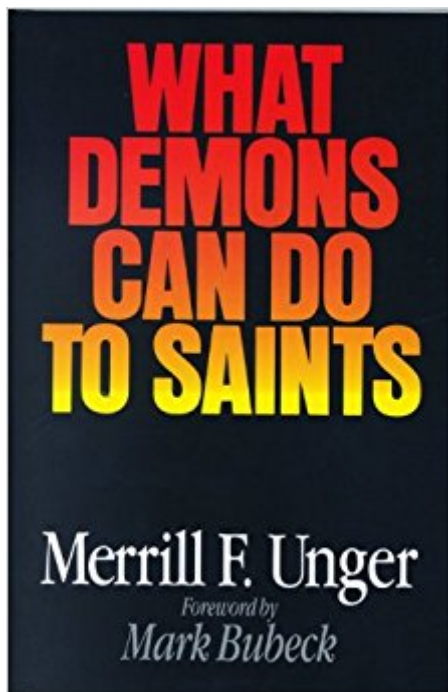


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What Demons Can Do To Saints



Synopsis

If you're a Christian, you are not nose-to-nose with Satan and his millions of demons. Like it or not, you're in their crosshairs. Satan wants the entire world to defy God and worship him instead. Yet he knows that Christians are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Your allegiance to Christ threatens his design against every human being and institution. This means that you--and your fellow believers--can expect to be attacked. Blunted. Distracted. Terrorized. Deceived.

"Demonized." What Demons Can Do to Saints, by respected Bible scholar Merrill F. Unger, was written to wake up a largely sleeping church. We can't hope to win the spiritual war against fallen angels if we don't know it's being fought or are ignorant of the resources every saint has in Christ to guarantee personal protection and victory. With scholarly wisdom and pastoral urgency, Dr. Unger challenges apathy and misunderstanding with concrete biblical answersâ "facts, not sensationalism.

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MERRILL F. UNGER (A.B., Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University; Th.M., Th.D., Dallas Theological Seminary) pastored several churches before joining the faculty of Dallas Theological Seminary in

1948. There he served as professor of Old Testament studies until his retirement in 1967. He was the author of many books including such monumental reference works as Unger's Bible Dictionary, Unger's Bible Handbook, and the two-volume Unger's Commentary on the Old Testament.

This book makes clear how the demonic spirit world influence, harass, possess the minds and bodies of their victims to do evil acts through the minds and bodies of human beings. Many crimes of the insane, unexplainable type such as mothers harming their children, serial murders, insane acts of violence. A demon spirit can cause a willing or duped victim to allow their minds to be influenced to do acts of violence then when the crime is committed the only one the authorities see is the human vessel the evil spirit used and he is the one punished and the evil spirit is out of the picture. We must be alert to what influences our minds and not let anger take control. Any thought that is the basis for sin is an open door and invitation for nefarious spirits to make fools of us. These wicked spirits work through the minds and bodies of humans to commit their crimes against humanity. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Eph 6:12 (ESV)

I've been studying spiritual warfare in this last year and have to say that there are over 100 good books about it for mainstream Christians, including charismatics and non-charismatics. My favorite authors are by Dickason's *Demon Possession and the Christian: A New Perspective*, Warner's *Spiritual Warfare: Victory over the Powers of this Dark World*, Bubeck, Ron Phillips' *Everyone's Guide to Demons & Spiritual Warfare: Simple, Powerful Tools for Outmaneuvering Satan in Your Daily Life*, Neil Anderson's *The Bondage Breaker*, and *Overcoming Negative Thoughts, Irrational Feelings, Habitual Sins*, John Eckhardt's *Prayers That Rout Demons and Break Curses*, and now the sage Merrill Unger. If it's one thing I learned about the topic of spiritual warfare, it's to have a balanced and sound mind perspective. Extremes are what Satan loves to deal in. From the "can't touch this" mindset of uninformed mainstream Christians, to the wacky bizarre teaching of some "out there" teachers, where does one find good solid content on how Satan works today with you and I? Most non-charismatic authors sadly only deal with the theological and theoretical aspects of spiritual warfare. Unger did this very thing in his first book on the topic, *Biblical Demonology*. Unger, however, like Solomon maturing from Proverbs to Ecclesiastes, moves from the theoretical to practical with "What Demons Can do to Saints". It is like his eyes were opened from the stodgy theologian to the learning newbie as God brought many

authentic believers to him for assistance in demonization cases. Don't let the TONGUES or other "sensationalistic" issues sidetrack you from the truth. Bible believing charismatics will tell you that tongues are not the requirement nor focus of spiritual warfare, but to be used for giving glory to God. Unger doesn't speak against tongues in these anecdotes, only the motives of some people who seek experience over the GOD who is. PPL who know not this difference should not yet be asking for gifts of experience, but only to know Him and CHrist crucified. Asking for a gift for self I believe is humanistic, and is an impure motive and gives right for evil spirits to have footholds in your life. I think that Unger says it well when he says that the Christian worker involved in expelling demons should be right with GOD, and be clean from bitterness and any form of uncleanness. Neil Anderson also teaches this. BUT I digress... Unger's book can serve as a launch pad for 80% of American Christians who believe in a real Satan, but believe that he is uninvolved in their personal lives. He produces a good balance of perspective, in that he certainly has mastered theology with 100% of pastors having some form of his works (Bible Commentary, Bible Handbook, Bible Dictionary) in their libraries. SO he is VERY respected in conservative Christian circles, but.... He chose to differ with some of the deeply conservative thinkers from Dallas Theological Seminary with spiritual warfare as to the extent that Satan can influence Christians. The scriptures do not say that a Christian is immune. Therefore one can use empirical evidence from experience. Unger does this in this book by sharing many amazing stories that seem unreal. I sense that he is the third party to most of the experiences, but God has(is) used/using him to use his reputation to convince the more theoretical theologians that his newly found claims have merit. I respect him for reversing his stance, which shows us that dogmatism should be avoided in light of GOD's word and actual experience, in that order. I have never seen such many details from a conservative author in such a small tome, namely that demons can have personal names, know languages from geographical regions, be tied in league with other demons, they have specialties such as homosexuality, lust, bitterness, etc. DO you want to know what they fear? What gives them a right to harass you? How they can use your past to deceive you in believing lies about yourself and GOD? Unger includes these in his observations, albeit briefly. If there were any glaring weaknesses in the book, it would have to be the lack of proper treatment on how to be free of demonic influence, and strategies to keep the evil one from deceiving you, accusing you, or tempting you. For that I suggest Neil Anderson's Victory over the Darkness, and The Bondage Breaker. But keep in mind that no one book about spiritual warfare can completely address all of the key areas of proper warfare. I suggest that you study this topic yourself with multiple books from solid authors, both charismatic and non-charismatic, with prayer. I think that you will find that 95% of them are very biblical. If you find a

point you disagree with, move on and ask what GOD wants to teach you and how you can achieve personal fullness by resting in the Holy Spirit's leading. If you find yourself reacting strongly, could it be that the truth is stirring something unholy in you, i.e. a foul presence? God wants us fully informed, alert, equipped, and holy. Although the battle is His, He expects us to put on armor take our minds back and do battle each day because we live in the world ruled by the Prince of the power of the air. There is hope now and at the end of days. Jesus ensures that. For now, we here to "enforce" Jesus' victory, as Ron Phillips puts it. Not that Jesus is dependent on our effort, but rather we should be declaring that Jesus is the VICTOR, now and at the Judgement seat. Satan hates this, but admits it is TRUE. SO he is furious. Its only gonna get worse as we approach the end times....Thumbs up on this book, but don't let it be your only reference!PS-if you need encouragement/support or a serious seeker for Truth, contact me at d.brent.whitmore@gmail.com

In today's any thing is okay mindset, this book write in the past is a great warning to be in guard in our Christian walk. I recommend this book.

I recommend this book more highly than Dr. Unger's first work, "Demon's In the World Today." It is an awesome resource, full of insight, understanding and very enlightened. If you are a pastor you will be blessed by this book. Literally, this book will preach, especially chapter 3. This is my second copy, because I gave the first one away.

Clear and objective testimony from a man who is well respected in the world wide Christian community. Biblically based and sound in analysis and application. If you realize and intend to be on the front lines of the spiritual battle, you must read and apply this text. The truth is, whether we realize it or not, we are ALL in the midst of a spiritual battle only we may not be aware of where the real battle is. This book helps refocus our attention and understanding.

Unger takes on a topic head on that still causes controversy amongst Christians young and old! If ever you have even remotely pondered this question, this book is for you! Beautiful in its simplicity as well as in its honesty! You need this book!!!

IF THIS BOOK DOES NOT MAKE YOU STOP AND THINK THEN YOU ARE UNREACHABLE.
EVERYONE NEEDS TO READ THIS BOOK.

Excellent reference source, and very relevant to today! Merrill F. Unger sticks to a rather plain text interpretation of the relevant Biblical passages that deal with demons. For anyone who is even contemplating "ghost hunting" or other similar hobbies--please read this before you have anything at all to do with any "medium" or "clairvoyant" person! The eyewitness testimony will make you think twice about such a hobby, as in rare instances even professing, "born again" Christians can become demon possessed. If a professing Christian has any area of spiritual or moral weakness in his or her life, known only to him and the Almighty Father, it is extremely dangerous to place oneself in any situation where demonic activity may be occurring, because if asked to leave a possessed person they might possibly attack you instead! I became interested in this particular topic after seeing movies like "The Conjuring" and this book both helped to satisfy my curiosity but also scared the crap out of me regarding what my "ghost hunting" friend at work might actually be getting himself into (a real case with real audio recordings of demonic activity). As Christians, unless the Father puts us directly in a position where we have to help by simply asking the demon to leave in Jesus' name, we should flee those kinds of situations. Not all "exorcists" are legitimately receiving their power from God and one must use informed discernment. This book is a wonderful resource, and if you are here reading it because you have to, my prayers are with you.

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