

The Truth About Angels & Demons “The War”

Intro:

A. WHAT MADE EACH OF THESE PEOPLE ACT THIS WAY.

1. It's a known fact that everyone of us has a DARKSIDE. This is what nobody wants to admit to. They say things like “**The devil made me do it**”
2. But really it was their DARKSIDE.

B. A GREAT philosopher once said: GUEST WHO THIS IS:

“...Beware of the dark side. Anger, fear, aggression. The dark side of the force, are they...if once you start down the dark path, forever will it dominate your destiny. Consume you, it will...”

1. The DARKSIDE comes in many ways. We'll say to ourselves. “Why did I act that, feel that way, or say that”
2. **WHAT ARE SOME OF THE dark sides THAT COME AT US.**

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THE DARK SIDE OF FEAR

A. One of the greatest examples in the bible of a paranoid personality is King Saul.

1. He had a physique that turned heads, he was young, handsome, could have made the cover of people magazine. He was directly chosen by god, who gave him a new heart, anointed him with his holy spirit.
2. **YET GOD REJECTED SAUL!** And reached out for david, who ended up being both an adulterer and murder....**WHY?**

B. SAUL CHOSE TO HEED THE DARK SIDE OF PARANOIA INSTEAD OF TRUSTING AND OBEYING GOD.....FIRST SAMUEL RECORDS HIS DOWNWARD SPIRAL.

1. **IN 1 SAMUEL 9**, when god first calls Saul to be king, he's gripped with feelings of inadequacy, he can't believe god's calling him.

1 Samuel 9:21 (NIV)

2. **IN 1 SAM. 15**, instead of being a God-pleaser and totally destroying the enemy as god had commanded, Saul only partially obeyed, became a people-pleaser, afraid of the people's opinions of him.

C. AFTER DAVID KILLED GOLIATH THE CITY STARTED SINGING

1 Samuel 18:7 (NIV)

1. From that time on, Saul became so consumed with jealousy and envy towards David, -he tried his best to kill him, hunting him down like an animal,

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2. WHY DID GOD FAVOR DAVID OVER SAUL?

- Chapter after chapter in 1 samuel records that saul was so bound by his paranoia,
- His dark side of defensiveness,
- He would never admit to sinning, he never really repented!

3. SAUL BECAME HIS OWN WORST ENEMY!

D. WHAT’S AT THE CORE OF A PERSONALITY’S DARK SIDE THAT MANIFESTS PARANOIA? FEAR.

1. Fear is perhaps the oldest and deadliest disease of the soul.

- fear prevents real love, it divides families, splits marriages.
- fear can cause addictions to work, food, alcohol and drugs.
- fear of impoverishment can make one greedy.
- fear of loneliness can lead to a marital mistake.
- fear has been found to cause illnesses, stifle creativity, and prompt suicide.
- fear will rob you of enjoying the present,
- by imprisoning you in the past and ruining all your tomorrows!

THE DARKSIDE OF THE COMPULSIVE

A. MOSES CONSIDERED THE GREATEST LEADER EVER TO LIVE LEAD AROUND 3 MILLION ISRAELITES OUT OF BONDAGE.

1. Exodus 18 tells us how Moses would solve all the people’s problems from morning to night. Finally Moses father-in-law convinced him that he shouldn’t be the only judge over the people. Delegate, get more judges to help you.

B. ONE WOULD THINK THAT A MAN WITH MOSES’ LEVEL OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE WOULD GET IT.

1. What do we see in moses’ personality? Compulsive traits a control freak!

WHO ARE THE COMPULSIVE?

COMPULSIVE PERSONALITIES EXHIBIT STRONG TENDENCIES TOWARD MAINTAINING ABSOLUTE ORDER AND CONTROL IN BOTH THEIR LIVES AND THEIR ENVIRONMENTS.

2. Compulsives see their marriage, their family, their workplace, as extensions of their personalities, areas that must be controlled. Compulsives see their performance as a direct reflection of their personal worth. commonly perfectionists. Compulsives are frequently workaholics, often moralistic and judgmental, of selves and others.

C. MOSES IS MOST PROBABLY THE GREATEST FIGURE IN THE BIBLE OUTSIDE OF JESUS CHRIST.

Deuteronomy 34:10 (NIV)

1. Yet moses was forbidden to enter into the promise land - **Why?**

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2. Moses took control instead of obeying God. Because of Moses disobedience couldn't enter the promise land.

THE DARKSIDE OF SELF

ISRAEL'S MOST FAMOUS SELF-ABSORBED KING WAS SOLOMON.

A. SOLOMON HAD SOMETHING TO PROVE.

1. Because of following his father David as King he knew he had some big shoes to fill. He was young and inexperienced when he became king.

2. SO SOLOMON BECAME OBSESSED WITH CREATING A LARGER THAN LIFE IMAGE.

Ecclesiastes 2:4-8 (MSG)

3. Solomon reveals his obsession with self and his need to outshine his father King David.

D. SOLOMON'S SELF-ABSORPTION BECAME THE BREEDING GROUND FOR DISOBEDIENCE AND SELF-DESTRUCTION.

1. Solomon the wisest man ever to live. Became so ABSORBED WITH SELF that he violated God's laws. GOD HAD INTENDED SOLOMON TO BE KNOWN FOR HIS GOD-GIVEN WISDOM.

2. But instead his **DARK SIDE OF SELF** mastered him.

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Matthew 11:28-30 (MSG)