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I Corinthians 2:12, **“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.”**

Are there still evil, unclean spirits roaming about the world today as there were in biblical times? The answer, of course, is yes. We are still living in biblical times, by the way, as we are living in the time of prophecy, waiting for the Lord to return at the time of the Resurrection. Perhaps the most common scripture concerning “spirits” is found in I John 4:1 where John said, **“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”** Please note the word spirits is plural, meaning there are many spirits which are not of God, seeking to do the bidding of Satan. The first mention of *“the spirits”* in the new testament is found in Matthew 8:16, **“When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:”** Here, we find the spirits were equated with devils. These were evil, corrupt, unclean spirits which cause God’s people much trouble. There were even unclean spirits at one time that were liken unto frogs (Rev. 16:13). These spirits were, according to John, **“the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty”** (Rev. 16:14). These evil spirits are the same as those devils that possessed two men which came forth **“out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way”** (Matt. 8:28). This is the occasion when Jesus told them to go forth out of the men and into the herd of swine which **“ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters”** (Matt. 8:32). The men possessed with these devils where unable to rid themselves of these evil spirits. They needed help from the one who is more powerful than any enemy we will ever face. We need to pray often for the Lord to rid us of any evil spirits which possess us, such as the spirit of doubt, the spirit of malice, the spirit of gossip, the spirit of lies, they spirit of lust, the spirit of

pride, the spirit of covetness, and on and on (you get the picture). When we see one of God's children, that has become possessed with evil spirits; pray for them that the Lord will cast out those devils, remembering that we too need the same help which cometh from above. ***Think about it!***