

I. The Evil Spirit – What

- A. What is *not* happening here
- B. The Spirit of the Lord – the power to be king
 - i. blessing on those who rule (Isaiah 28:5-6)
 - ii. especially the power to judge and fight
 - a) on Othniel, Jephthah, and Samson (Judges 3:10; 11:29; 14:6, 19; 15:14)
 - b) on Saul, now on David (1 Samuel 10:6, 10; 11:6; 16:13)
 - c) on the Messiah to come (Isaiah 11:2; 42:1; 61:1)
- C. An evil spirit from the Lord
 - i. “from the Lord”
 - a) punishment (Sodom and Gomorrah, Genesis 19:24; Psalm 109:20)
 - b) weather (an unexpected wind, Numbers 11:31; refreshing dew, Micah 5:7)
 - c) consuming fire (Numbers 16:35)
 - d) hardening of hearts (Joshua 11:20)
 - e) trouble, disaster, and pointless labor (2 Kings 6:33; Micah 1:12; Habakkuk 2:13; Zechariah 7:12)
 - f) miraculous signs (2 Kings 20:9; Isaiah 38:7)
 - g) messages (Isaiah 21:10; Jeremiah 7:1; etc.)
 - h) blessing, favor, or vindication (Psalm 24:5; 27:4; 118:23; Ezra 9:8)
 - i) does not mean that God's Spirit is evil, but that *God has sent the spirit*
 - ii. terrifying Saul (see 1 Samuel 16:14-15; 2 Samuel 22:5; Isaiah 21:4; Psalm 18:5; Job 3:5; 7:14; 9:34; 13:21; 15:24; 18:11; 33:7)
- D. The devil and his servants (Acts 2:23; Luke 22:3; John 13:2; see Job 1-2)

II. The Evil Spirit – Why

- A. The world is under the usurped power of the devil (1 John 5:19; Luke 4:5-7)
- B. Jesus Christ came to reclaim the world (Genesis 3:15; 1 John 3:8; Luke 10:19; John 12:31; Colossians 2:15)
- C. Idols and demons go together (Deuteronomy 32:17)
- D. Followers of Jesus are under his protection (Acts 19:13-16; Psalm 91:5; 1 John 1:7)
- E. “Rebellion is as the sin of divination” (1 Samuel 15:23; see Genesis 3; Luke 4!; Proverbs 3:11-12 with Hebrews 12:5-10; 1 Corinthians 5:1-5; 1 Timothy 1:18-20; Psalm 51)
 - i. sins of anger (Ephesians 4:26-27, 30-32)
 - ii. sins of sexual immorality (1 Corinthians 7:3-5)
 - iii. sins of pride (1 Timothy 3:6)
- F. If you continue in sin, you are in real danger of direct attack by the devil.

III. Why does the music work?