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WORD WITH SHARA AND PREMA JESUS: THE HOPE FOR ALL

"1. And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes: 2. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. 3. Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains. 4. Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. 5. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones" (Mark 5:1-5).

Here in this passage of Scripture we see that Jesus had power over demonic spirits. Also we see here that the society and the demon possessed man were powerless to do anything about it. Bile tells us that demonic forces are there and they control people and nations too (Ephesians 6:12).

Every person who has not accepted Jesus as his/her Savior and Lord is under the control of the demon. Demons obey the devil. **They are spiritually blind** (II Corinthians 4:3-4). **They are spiritual captives** (II Timothy2:24-26). Evil forces are active in this world. Demons are fallen angels that joined Lucifer in his rebellion against God.

The demon possessed man was threat to himself and threat to community too. Here two most important things to notice about the demon possessed man: 1). The demon possessed man neither the community could do anything to control the man. 2). His condition did not have any human solution.

Demon possessed man recognizes Jesus and he ran up to him and bowed down before him. Demonic spirits recognize who Jesus is and call him, "The Son of the Most High God." (Mark 5:6). Demons believe in God and tremble, "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe and tremble" (James 2:19). Jesus delivered that demon possessed man who had thousand of demons. He sent them on their request into the swine herd and they ran violently down a steep place into the sea, they were two thousands, they choked in the sea.

Here two kinds of results we see: 1). Herdsmen ran away and reported what happened to everyone. 2). The demon possessed man was sitting down with nice cloths and in his right mind (Mark 5:15-16). We can see two responses here: 1). The response of people were fear and rejection (Mark 5:17). 2). The former demon possessed man was reconciled and went proclaiming what Jesus has done great thing in his life (Mark 5:18-20).

The demon possessed man requested Jesus to be with him but Jesus told him, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee" (Vs 19). When we accept Jesus Christ as our Saivor and Lord our first responsibility is to share the Good News about Jesus to our family, our home. **Effective Christian living begins at home.**

May our good Lord continue to bless you and your families! Prema and I love you so dearly and pray for you daily! Write us for we love to hear from you!

Remember, <u>Jesus is Lord,</u> and take with you <u>the Word of God and Faith,</u> excellent traveling Companions. (Psalms 119;105: II Corinthians 5:7)

PRAY FOR US!

If you are led by the Spirit of God, you may help us We need your prayer-support very much at this critical time Tell your friends, your churches about us and our ministry needs