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(25) When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"

Luke 9:42

(42) And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed *him*. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father.

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The demon is called an "unclean" spirit, "impure" and "lewd." In Scripture, demons are well-known for being unclean, as representing the work of <u>sin</u>, which defiles the sinner. Curse words are "filthy language," and some people <u>love</u> to tell "dirty jokes." Moral filth often goes along with physical filth; evil people are dirty in mind and often in body and dwelling (<u>Isaiah 28:6-8</u>).

The Bible describes demons abusing those they possessed by causing them to convulse, fall, break a limb, foam at the mouth, roll, and gnash their teeth. The words "suffers severely" (Matthew 17:15) come from two Greek words that mean "badly" and "experience." To be controlled by sin is a horrible experience; it is a brutal, distressing taskmaster. Sin's delights are brief and small (Hebrews 11:24-26), while its severe discomforts can last a lifetime.

— Martin G. Collins

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