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Curses Part II

WITCHCRAFT CURSES

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There are two spiritual power sources, God's and Satan's. Servants of The Most High God use their delegated spiritual authority to bless others and to defeat the Devil. Emissaries of Satan employ his power to curse, control and harm. This evil supernatural power over people and their affairs is known as witchcraft or sorcery.

A clear example of witchcraft cursing in the Bible is that of Balaam (Numbers 22-24). Balaam was a prominent sorcerer in the region who, because of his ability to effect curses, was considered worthy of substantial payment for his services. King Balak hired Balaam to curse Israel. However, the Israelites were protected from being cursed because they were under the blessings of God. Balaam could not curse those whom God had blessed!

Witches employ incantations, potions, herbal concoctions and other magical arts to bring about curses. There are many plausible accounts of persons who have suffered and even died due to witchcraft curses sent against them.

A couple who were classmates of ours in seminary went to Africa as missionaries. Their first letter to us from Africa related their awe over the power of witch doctors to afflict people with their curses. Their training had not prepared them to confront these evil spiritual powers. Thank God, today Christians are learning their resources in God to protect themselves and are discovering their power to cancel the works of witchcraft.

Our protection is the whole armour of God. It is all the protection required. As Christian soldiers we must keep on the girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the helmet of salvation, and the shield of faith. We must shod our feet with a readiness to proclaim the gospel of peace and keep ready the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. (Ephesians 6:13-17) Herein lies our defense.

A good soldier is not awed by the enemy, for he knows his weaponry and his ability. We must never tremble at the powers of witchcraft nor cringe at the threats they pose. Remain strong in the Lord and the power of His might. (Ephesians 6:10)

For any who know or think that they have been exposed to witchcraft curses, we urge this prayer and confession: In the Name of Jesus Christ I now rebuke, break and loose myself and my family, from any and all evil curses operating through charms, vices, hexes, spells, omens, jinxes, psychic powers, mind control, bewitchments, witchcraft or sorcery, that have been put upon me through any person, or from any occult source. I command all demons of witchcraft curse to leave me in the Name of Jesus! I live in obedience to God. I am blessed to God. Amen!

Freedom From the Occult

“Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free.” (Galatians 5:1)

Has there been involvement in any of the following areas by you directly, or anybody in your family history?

Have you ever:

Had your fortune told in any way, such as by the use of a crystal ball, cards, tea leaves, palm reading, been hypnotized, played with a Ouija board, etc. even if for fun when you were a child?

Read or followed horoscopes or any form of astrology?

Been hypnotized or used hypnotism in any way?

Been involved in any form of yoga?

Attended a séance, spiritualist meeting or consulted a medium?

Had a “life or reincarnation reading”?

Played with so-called “games” of an occult nature, such as E.S.P., Telepathy, Kabala, etc. or watched television/Internet programs involving the occult?

Sought spiritual healing in any other way than through Jesus Christ, such as psychic healers, spiritualist mediums, charmers or magic conjurers or any New Age type of “program” such as A Course in Miracles?

Been involved in Christian Science or any of the mind-science religions, such as Unity, Science of Mind, Religious Science, etc?

Used clairvoyance in any way, such as consulting a clairvoyant to find lost objects or to find water by “watcher witching or dowsing”?

Practiced levitation, or table lifting?

Practiced automatic writing?

Possessed or do you carry a charm or fetish for “so-called” protection, such as a rabbit’s foot, etc.?

Read or do you own literature on occult or psychic subjects, such as the things mentioned in this list?

Taken any so called mind expanding drugs, such as LSD, marijuana, etc.?

Possessed any occult or pagan religious objects or pictures such as Buddha, Tiki, etc.?

Been involved in magic, witchcraft, sorcery, casting of spells or hexes, etc.?

Practiced transcendental meditation or any other kind of passive meditation?

Practiced astral projection or travel, mind reading, telepathy or thought transference, clairvoyance, E.S.P. or attempted to use the power of “mind over matter”, etc.?

All forms of fortune telling, spiritism, magic practices, and any involvement in false religious cults are absolutely forbidden by Scripture. Both practice and participation in them are condemned by God:

Exodus 22:18

Leviticus 19:26, 31; 20:6, 27

Deuteronomy 18:9-12

I Chronicles 10:13-14

Isaiah 8:19

Jeremiah 27:9-10

Zechariah 10:2

Malachi 3:5

Acts 8:9-13; 16:16-18; 19:19

Galatians 5:16-21

Revelation 21:8; 22:14-15

Occult involvement breaks the fifth commandment and invokes God's curse: Exodus 20:3-5 - *"Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me."

The Door Must Be Closed By You

Those who have been involved in the occult have opened a "door" of access to oppressing spirits which they themselves must close by positive action and faith.

It is impossible for a Christian's SPIRIT to be possessed by any other spirit but the Holy Spirit, but Christians have personalities (as the Apostle Paul tells us: mind, will and emotions) which may be opened to and tormented by satanic powers (demons) through occult involvement.

Occult oppression and bondage often result from an individual's involvement in some form of the aforementioned practices by involvement as a practitioner, subject, follower or participant.

Some symptoms of oppression or bondage are: inability to read and study the Bible; uncontrollable evil thoughts; blasphemous thoughts about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit; excessive self-pity; overwhelming and continuing fear; uncontrollable temper; unrelenting anxiety; habitual lying; hatred; uncontrollable emotions; resistance to spiritual things; religious delusions; depression; compulsive thoughts of suicide; etc.

METHOD OF DELIVERANCE:

Confess your faith in Christ: "Lord Jesus, I accept You as the Son of God. I know Your Blood was shed that I might be set free from all of Satan's power. Thank You, Jesus, for Your Blood that sets me free. I accept You as my Saviour and Lord." Even if you have already done this once in your life, reaffirm your confession of faith at this time, aloud.

Confess any participation in the occult. All occult involvement must be confessed as sin if liberation is to be realized. Make a confession similar to the following: "Father, in Jesus' Name, I confess that I have sinned against You and Your Word by consulting a fortune teller, necromancy (attempting to speak with/contact the dead), being involved in hypnotizing, attending a séance, or spiritualist meeting, etc." Do this with individual areas.

Renounce Satan and command him to depart. This should be a direct command to Satan; for example, "Satan, I renounce you and all your works and demons and powers in my life. I command you to go in Jesus' Name. By an act of my will, I close the door to you forever."

Accept God's forgiveness. (I John 1:9)

Commit all areas of your life to God; for example, "Lord Jesus, I commit my entire being

to You: body, soul, and spirit. Jesus, I choose to make You Lord over every area of my being that I may follow you in completeness.”

Responsibility of the Liberated

Deliverance is a walk, not a once-for-all experience without any responsibility on the part of the person who has been set free. If a person does not start walking in the Spirit, he can be subject to additional demonic influence. (Matthew 12:43-45)

Study the Scriptures. Strengthen your faith with such passages on deliverance, protection and the power of the Name and the Blood of Jesus Christ. Here are some examples for study:

Psalms 91, Exodus 12:23, Isaiah 54:17, Mark 16:17, Luke 10:17, John 10:27-29, Romans 8:28-39, Ephesians 2:6; 6:10, 13, Revelation 12:11.

Prayer. Develop a consistent prayer life. Read Luke 18:1, Ephesians 6:18, Jude 20.

Fellowship. Spend time in spiritual fellowship with other members of the Body of Christ. (Acts 2:41-47; Hebrews 10:24-25)

Resistance. After liberation, Satan may try to tempt you. Stand against him. (Ephesians 4:27, 6:10, James 4:7). Be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. (Galatians 5:1)