

GHOSTS, DEVILS, AND WITCHES

A SURVEY OF WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

*"Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards,
to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God."*

~ Leviticus 19:31

1. Why?

- a. Rising popularity of devils, aliens, paranormal, witches, wizards, spirit, magic, alt-realities
- b. Christians are either too flippant or too fearful (both due to ignorance)
- c. People leave churches for spiritism and mysticism due to a failure to uphold/affirm truth
- d. The battle of all time and the universe is for truth / reality / facts → Eph 6:12
- e. People define words by the culture and not the Bible – this needs corrected

2. Ghosts

- a. The spirit world is real – we are not only physical, flesh, material.
- b. Every Bible believer believes in ghosts – 100+ times in scripture (most in the KJV NT)
 - i. "Holy Ghost" → ~100 times in the KJV NT, "Holy Spirit" 4x in the NT
 - ii. Acts 16:6-7 uses spirit and ghost interchangeably
 - iii. God is a Spirit – John 4:24; ye are the temple of the Holy Ghost – 1 Cor 6:19
- c. What is a ghost? → A soul or spirit without a body – Luke 24:39
 - i. Death = giving up the ghost → separation of your soul from your body -Job 3:11
 - ii. Abe, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob went somewhere → Gen 25:8, 25:17, 35:29, 49:33
 - iii. Jesus gave up the ghost – Matt 27:50, Luke 23:46, Ecc 12:7
 - iv. When people die in the flesh – they are still abide somewhere → Luke 20:37-38
- d. In the Bible there are familiar spirits, unclean spirits, evil spirits, seducing spirits
- e. Spiritual concerns how we know/move 1Co 2:11; spirits traffic in information – 1Ti 4:1

3. Devils

- a. The devil is real and has a Bible – Rev 12:9; Satan → adversary 1Pet 5:8, 1 Chron 21:1
- b. Devil only mentioned 4x in the OT all referring to false gods – Deu 32:17, Psa 96:5
- c. Devil → false accuser, slanderer, false reports to injure another
- d. He "had a devil" because he had (to them) a false reality → John 7:20, 8:52, 10:20
- e. The Devil murdered Adam/Eve and is the father of lies - John 8:44
- f. The Devil has wiles/tricks/strategies/devices - Eph 6:11, 2 Cor 2:11, 4:2-4, 11:13-14
- g. The works of the devil: subtle, deceit, mischief, craftiness - Acts 13:10, Eph 4:14-15
- h. The devil has angels that do his work: our weapon is discernment –Matt 25:41, Rev 12:9
- i. How are they delivered from the devil? Acknowledging truth – 2 Tim 2:26

4. Witches

- a. Witch, sorcerer, diviner, enchanter -those who use supernatural power w/o God
- b. The law forbid it because it was contrary to truth → Lev 19:31-32, 1 Sam 15:23
- c. Occult = that which is hidden, mystical – hidden wisdom.
- d. Magicians and wizards were the wise men → Ge 41:8, Ex 7:11,22,Dan 1:20,2:27-28, 5:11
- e. Deu 18:9-14 – These practices forbidden due to their error, God will send the Prophet
- f. Witches want power/knowledge of spiritual more than God – Isa 47:9-12, Acts 8:9-11
- g. Witchcraft is a work of the flesh: seeking what is earthly – Gal 5:20, James 3:15
- h. Bewitch → to use charms, incantations, and to influence and affect people – Gal 3:1, Rom 16:18, Col 2:4 – BEWARE! Eph 6:11-19