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# OCCULTISM & WITCHCRAFT

*"There shall not be found among you any one ... that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord..."*

(Deuteronomy 18:10-12)

## **I. All forms of the occult – divination, necromancy, astrology, hypnotism, fortune-telling, magic, etc. – are forbidden by God.**

- Leviticus 19:26-28, 31; 20:6, 27
- Deuteronomy 18:9-14
- 2 Kings 23:24
- Jeremiah 10:2

## **II. Interest in the occult is not a recent development.**

### **A. Witchcraft was openly and widely practiced in Old Testament times.**

- Isaiah 8:19; 19:3; 29:4
- Ezekiel 21:21
- Hosea 4:12
- Micah 3:6-7; 5:12

### **B. It was still rampant in the early church.**

1. Simon the magician. Acts 8:9, 11
2. Elymas the sorcerer. Acts 13:8
3. The girl at Philippi. Acts 16:16

4. The city of Ephesus. Acts 19:19

**B. The Word of God testifies that there will be an increased curiosity in the occult in the latter days.**

- 1 Timothy 4:1, etc.

**III. What force or power is at work in the supernatural manifestations of the occult?**

**A. The teachings of spiritism are doctrines of demons!**

- 1 Timothy 4:1

**C. Not all miracles are of God. Satan can also perform lying signs and wonders.**

- Exodus 7:9-12; 8:7, 17-19
- Deuteronomy 13:1-5
- Matthew 24:24
- Mark 13:22
- 2 Thessalonians 2:9
- Revelation 13:13-14, 16:14; 19:20

**C. Occult involvement may lead to demon possession.**

- Acts 13:8, 10 (Paul called the magician a "child of the devil!")
- Acts 16:16-18

**D. Scripture says that they "sold their souls" to the devil by their occult practices!**

- 2 Kings 17:17

**IV. The Bible clearly states that it is in the realm of deception that these workers of iniquity operate.**

- Jeremiah 14:14; 27:9-10; 29:8-9
- Zechariah 10:2
- 2 Corinthians 11:13-15
- 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12
- Revelation 18:23b

**A. It is true that fortune-tellers can reveal much**

- Exodus 7:9-12; 8:7
- Daniel 1:20); but their power is limited (Exodus 8:17-19; Daniel 2:2, 10, 27; 4:7; 5:7-8, 15).

**B. God challenged the people to see if the power of their astrologers was greater than that of God.**

- **Isaiah 47:12-14**

**V. What are the consequences for involvement in the occult?**

**A. Under the Law (Old Testament), the punishment was death by stoning.**

- Exodus 22:18
- Leviticus 20:27
- Deuteronomy 13:5

**B. Saul died because he participated in a seance**

- 1 Samuel chapter 28

- His kingdom was removed from him - 1 Chronicles 10:13-14

**C. Those guilty of practicing witchcraft shall have no peace**

- 2 Kings 9:22
- Isaiah 57:20-21
- They shall not escape judgment -Malachi 3:5

**D. Their souls shall be rejected by God.**

- Leviticus 20:6
- 2 Kings 17:17
- Isaiah 2:6

**D. They shall be refused entrance into the kingdom (Galatians 5:19-21)**

- Their end shall be the lake of fire (Revelation 21:8; 22:14-15).

**VI. Is it really that serious an offense?**

**A. In scripture, witchcraft is paralleled to rebellion (disobedience) against God.**

- 1 Samuel 15:23

**B. God says it is an abomination in His sight.**

- Deuteronomy 18:9-14

**B. God says they "sold their souls" to the devil by their divination.**

- 2 Kings 17:17

**C. It is not only spiritually defiling (Leviticus 19:31); but it has a bad influence on others as well (Nahum 3:4-7, 19).**

**E. It greatly displeases and angers God.**

- 2 Kings 21:5-6
- 2 Chronicles 33:6

**VII. Christians must separate themselves from black magic, and they must destroy all evidence of their former involvement in the occult.**

- Acts 19:19

**A. In faithfulness to God, the land was ridded of all mediums and spiritists.**

- 1 Samuel 28:3, 9
- 2 Kings 23:24

**B. Those who "repented not" of their sorceries will be subjected to further torment in judgment.**

- Revelation 9:20; 16:9

## NOTES



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