

1. Last week I taught in part Gal 5:20. When the clock tolled 10:45 we were in the middle of a study of the *Doctrine of Demons*.
2. Before continuing, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may be necessary.
3. Here is an expanded translation of Gal 5:19.

**Gal 5:19 “Understand, the production from the old sin nature is certainly seen in various sexual sins such as adultery, filthy thoughts and shameful sexual conduct ...**

4. Now let’s continue the study of Gal 5:20. The entire verse has been rendered in the NIV:

NIV-Sentence Continues

Gal 5:20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, ...

5. Earlier, we looked at the first overt sin: **Eidolatria** and noted how past and present world leaders have continued to worship Satan’s favorite idol: power.
6. The Devil has a strategy for the world. His primary strategy is to encourage internationalism and discourage nationalism. From the earliest of times foolish leaders motivated by Satan have attempted to conquer other countries.
7. Those nations who have been foolish enough to disarm are often made vassal states to aggressor nations. Isa 14:12 provides the source behind the aggression: “he (Satan) who weakens the nations.”
8. A case study of military preparedness and how God uses the military to protect a nation is provided in Neh 4:13-15: “they built the wall with trowel in one hand and sword in the other.”

9. When Jehovah God, Jesus Christ, led the nation of Israel out of Egypt He told them at the Red Sea to relax and watch Him fight for them. Exo 14:14 “and the sea opened-up and swallowed the Egyptians.”

10. However, Jehovah God recognized Israel was not ready for battle. Jesus told Moses to take Israel around the land of the Philistine because they had not as yet been trained in the art of war. Exo 13:17

11. Now let’s review what we learned about **Pharmakeia** as a motivator of various world leaders. **Pharmakeia** has been variously translated “witchcraft, magic spell, magic arts, sorcery or sorceries. Examples: (Gal 5:20; Rev 9:21; 18:23; 21:8)

12. Now let’s return to a categorical study of the Devil and his demons.

### *Doctrine of Demons*

1. Demons are fallen angels who followed Satan in his fall.

Rev 12:4 His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born.

2. There are two words used for the devil in the Greek, and both are descriptive of an aspect of his character.

2.1 **Satanas** according to Zondervan means “an adversary, opponent, enemy or he who opposes.” In the KJV and the NIV, **Satanas** is translated “Satan.”

2.2 **Diabolos** means "an accuser, a slanderer, a treacherous informer" (from **Diaballo**, "to accuse, to malign"). In the KJV it is translated devil.

2.3 The subalterns of Satan are called in the Greek **Daimon**, meaning a subordinate of Satan; once an elect angel who fell with Satan.

2.3.1 **Daimon**, a “demon,” is frequently, but wrongly, translated "devil"; it should always be translated "demon."

2.3.2 There is one devil, there are many demons. **Daimon** is used more than 55 times in the New Testament and mistranslated "devil or devils" in the KJV. There is one exception: once it is translated "gods."

3. The study of Satan's fall, as a super angel taking one-third of the angels with him, is best approached by comparing several Scriptures. Isa 14:12-14 Eze 29;11-19 and Rev 12:7-10

4. Satan and demons operate under the permissive will of God. (Luk 10:17-18; Mat 17:21 and Job 2:1-6) Now for new material and point five.

5. The existence of demons as Satan's subalterns is further documented in numerous Scriptures where the **Demons** are mentioned separate and apart from **Satanas**. Example:

Mat 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the **devil**.

Mat 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, **Satan**: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Mat 4:11 Then the **devil** leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

6. James in his epistle makes clear that the devil's angels are convinced of the reality of Christ, but have no faith in Him as their efficacious object.

Jam 2:19 You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the **demons** believe that--and shudder.

7. The Tribulation is a time of great demonic activity.

Rev 9:20 The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping **demons**, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood--idols that cannot see or hear or walk.

Rev 16:12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East.

Rev 16:13 Then I saw three **evil spirits** that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

Rev 16:14 They are spirits of **demons** performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

7.1 Satan in fact will indwell and control the Antichrist.

Rev 13:4 Men worshiped the dragon (Satan) because he had given authority to the beast (Antichrist), and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?"

Rev 13:5 The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months.

Rev 13:6 He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven.

2Th 2:3 Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.

2Th 2:4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

2Th 2:5 Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?

2Th 2:6 And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time.

8. The nature and limitations of demons are often described in Scripture.

Luk 4:33 In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice,

Luk 4:34 "Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God!"

Luk 4:35 "Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly. "Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him.

9. The Kingdom Age was a time of great demonic activity.

Luk 6:18 Many came to hear the Lord and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured,

Mar 5:1 They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes.

Mar 5:2 When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an evil spirit came from the tombs to meet him.

Mar 5:3 This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him any more, not even with a chain.

Mar 5:4 For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him.

Mar 5:5 Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

Mar 5:6 When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him.

Mar 5:7 He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to God that you won't torture me!"

Mar 5:8 For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you evil spirit!"

Mar 5:9 Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many."

Mar 5:10 And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

Mar 5:11 A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside.

Mar 5:12 The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them."

Mar 5:13 He gave them permission, and the evil spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

10. Demons are opposed to Church Age believers and are capable of all sorts of superhuman conduct. Church Age believers are ambassadors for the "absent" Christ.

1Pe 5:8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

1Ti 4:1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times (now) some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

Eph 6:11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Eph 6:13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

2Co 11:13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ.

2Co 11:14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

2Co 11:15 It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

11. The Lake of Fire was created for Satan and his demons.

Mat 25:41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

12. Demons can possess unbelievers.

Luk 8:27 When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs.

13. Demons cannot possess believers, but they can control a believer if he or she chooses to dabble in certain prohibited spheres.

14. Methods of acquiring demon possession/control are five in number.

14.1 Idolatry

1Co 10:19 Do I mean then that a sacrifice offered to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything?

1Co 10:20 No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons.

1Co 10:21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons.

## 14.2 Drug or chemical addiction

Gal 5:19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery;

Gal 5:20 idolatry and witchcraft (**Pharmakeia** - chemical addiction leading to demon possession/control) ...

14.2.1 More will be featured later regarding demon possession because of the ubiquitous nature of the horrible malady of chemical addiction running rampant throughout America.

## 14.3 An infatuation with illicit sex

Luk 8:1 After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him,

Luk 8:2 and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out;

Isa 2:5 Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Isa 2:6 You have abandoned your people, the house of Jacob. They are full of superstitions from the East; they practice divination like the Philistines and clasp hands with pagans.

14.3.1 Judah had eagerly adopted new ideas from the heathen and embraced many elements of heathen religion and morals, certainly to include the phallic cult. The best attested activity often adopted by Israel was that of the Canaanites. The *Ra Shamra Tablets* discovered at Ugarit document these horrific practices. and thus the Bible warned against incorporating them in their worship services. Lev 18:6-30; 20:2-5; Deu 12:1-3 and 29-31.

14.3.2 A few Scriptures will illustrate what was practiced, the prohibitions and the actions to be taken.

- The practices and prohibitions

Lev 18:6 ""No one is to approach any close relative to have sexual relations. I am the LORD.

Lev 18:7 ""Do not dishonor your father by having sexual relations with your mother. She is your mother; do not have relations with her.

Lev 18:8 ""Do not have sexual relations with your father's wife; that would dishonor your father.

Lev 18:9 ""Do not have sexual relations with your sister, either your father's daughter or your mother's daughter, whether she was born in the same home or elsewhere.

Lev 18:10 ""Do not have sexual relations with your son's daughter or your daughter's daughter; that would dishonor you.

Lev 18:11 ""Do not have sexual relations with the daughter of your father's wife, born to your father; she is your sister.

Lev 18:12 ""Do not have sexual relations with your father's sister; she is your father's close relative.

Lev 18:13 ""Do not have sexual relations with your mother's sister, because she is your mother's close relative.

Lev 18:14 ""Do not dishonor your father's brother by approaching his wife to have sexual relations; she is your aunt.

Lev 18:15 ""Do not have sexual relations with your daughter-in-law. She is your son's wife; do not have relations with her.

Lev 18:16 ""Do not have sexual relations with your brother's wife; that would dishonor your brother.

Lev 18:17 ""Do not have sexual relations with both a woman and her daughter. Do not have sexual relations with either her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter; they are her close relatives. That is wickedness.

Lev 18:18 ""Do not take your wife's sister as a rival wife and have sexual relations with her while your wife is living.

Lev 18:19 ""Do not approach a woman to have sexual relations during the uncleanness of her monthly period.

Lev 18:20 ""Do not have sexual relations with your neighbor's wife and defile yourself with her.

Lev 18:21 ""Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to Molech, for you must not profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

Lev 18:22 ""Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.



Lev 18:23 "Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it; that is a perversion.

Lev 18:24 "Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled.

Lev 18:25 Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants.

Lev 18:26 But you must keep my decrees and my laws. The native-born and the aliens living among you must not do any of these detestable things,

Lev 18:27 for all these things were done by the people who lived in the land before you, and the land became defiled.

Lev 18:28 And if you defile the land, it will vomit you out as it vomited out the nations that were before you.

Lev 18:29 "Everyone who does any of these detestable things -- such persons must be cut off from their people.

Lev 18:30 Keep my requirements and do not follow any of the detestable customs that were practiced before you came and do not defile yourselves with them. I am the LORD your God."

- Actions to be taken

Deu 12:1 These are the decrees and laws you must be careful to follow in the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess -- as long as you live in the land.

Deu 12:2 Destroy completely all the places on the high mountains and on the hills and under every spreading tree where the nations you are dispossessing worship their gods.

Deu 12:3 Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and burn their Asherah poles in the fire; cut down the idols of their gods and wipe out their names from those places.

14.3.3 Notice how idolatry and illicit sex were exchanged for a knowledge of God both in the Old and New Testaments.

Rom 1:22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools

Rom 1:23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

Rom 1:24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

Rom 1:25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator -- who is forever praised.

Amen.

Rom 1:26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones.

Rom 1:27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

### **End Lesson**

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