

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 Greek word **Pharmakeia** and *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. 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

2. There are two words used for the devil in the Greek, and both are descriptive of an aspect of his character. **Satanas** according to Zondervan means “an adversary, opponent, enemy or he who opposes.” In the KJV and the NIV, **Satanas** is translated “Satan.” **Diabolos** means “an accuser, a slanderer, a treacherous informer.”

3. The subalterns of Satan are called in the Greek **Daimon**, meaning a subordinate of Satan; once an elect angel who fell with Satan. **Daimon**, a “demon,” is frequently, but wrongly, translated “devil”; it should always be translated “demon.” There is one devil, there are many demons.

3.1 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

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**. Mat 4:1, 10-11

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

7. The Tribulation is a time of great demonic activity. Rev 16:12-14

7.1 Satan in fact will indwell and control the Antichrist. Rev 13:4-6

8. The nature and limitations of demons are often described in Scripture. Luk 4:33-35

9. The Kingdom Age was a time of great demonic activity. Luk 6:18; Mar 5:1-13

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; Eph 6:11-13; 2Co 11:13-15

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

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 10:19-21

14.2 Drug or chemical addiction-Gal 5:19-20

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 8:1-2; Isa 2:5-6

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.

Now for new material and the actions demanded of Israel:

- 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.

14.3.2 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.

14.4 Hyper-emotionalism where the emotions over-ride the intellect.

Phi 3:18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

Phi 3:19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

14.5 Transcendental meditation

14.5.1 Eastern mysticism often leads to demon control. Any dabbling with the occult, including astrology, divination, necromancy, tarot cards, fortune telling, etc., are popular sources of demon control.

14.5.2 Under the Mosaic law any such dabbling with the occult was a capital crime.

Lev 20:27 "A man or woman who is a medium or spiritist among you must be put to death. You are to stone them; their blood will be on their own heads."

15. Let me give you two accounts from Hal Lindsey's book entitled *Satan Is Alive and Well On Planet Earth*.

The Lady at the Conference

Lindsey begins recalling a conference in which a lady dropped a bomb in a conversation over breakfast: “I’ve always been able to look into the future and see what is going to happen ... This isn’t something new ... I inherited it from my mother ... The psychic woman added ... I’ve always assumed it was a gift from God.”

Lindsey blurted out “This is not God and if you do not reject this power it will destroy you.” Then he noted a ring she was wearing depicting a ram’s head with a woman’s breast, the symbol usually worn by Satan worshipers. The lady added she had always been attracted to artifacts like this.

Lindsey adds, the lady complained about her husband having recently left her because she had developed moods of depression ... She said that “a spirit” began to come to her at night and she began to drink heavily ... This incident awakened Hal Lindsey to the wide spread phenomenon of the occult ...”

Thus, a book filled with tales of occult experiences so very similar to what Israel was to avoid in the promised land. The people of Canaan worshiped demons. Their practices often resulted in demon possession.

Psa 96:5 For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Exo 12:12 "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn--both men and animals--and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD.

Isa 19:3 The Egyptians will lose heart, and I will bring their plans to nothing; they will consult the idols and the spirits of the dead, the mediums and the spiritists.

Psa 106:34 They did not destroy the peoples as the LORD had commanded them,

Psa 106:35 but they mingled with the nations and adopted their customs.

Psa 106:36 They worshiped their idols, which became a snare to them.

Psa 106:37 They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons.

Psa 106:38 They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was desecrated by their blood.

Psa 106:39 They defiled themselves by what they did; by their deeds they prostituted themselves.

16. The Mosaic law strongly prohibited idol worship warning that where idols are worshiped demons surround such objects of worship. They must no longer offer any of their sacrifices to the goat idols (devils) to whom they prostitute themselves. This is to be a lasting ordinance for them and for the generations to come. Lev 7:7

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.

17. Demons are the source of many diseases, not all, of course.

Acts 10:38 ... God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

18. Canaan was destroyed in part because of idol worship and occult practices.

Deu 18:9 When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there.

Deu 18:10 Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft,

Deu 18:11 or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead.

Deu 18:12 Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD, and because of these detestable practices the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you.

19. Necromancy is one of many signs of demonism, e.g., in the story of Saul and the witch of Endor. There is a very disturbing “modern” story of Bishop Pike experimenting with Necromancy and losing his life in the process. See Unger’s book entitled *The Mystery of Bishop Pike* for a hair-raising tale of seances, miracles and satanic indwelling of a leading Anglican Bishop.

19.1 Necromancy, according to the American Heritage Dictionary, is: “the practice of supposedly communicating with the spirits of the dead in order to predict the future ...”

1Sa 28:7 Saul then said to his attendants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, so I may go and inquire of her." "There is one in Endor," they said.

1Sa 28:8 So Saul disguised himself, putting on other clothes, and at night he and two men went to the woman. "Consult a spirit for me," he said, "and bring up for me the one I name."

1Sa 28:9 But the woman said to him, "Surely you know what Saul has done. He has cut off the mediums and spiritists from the land. Why have you set a trap for my life to bring about my death?"

1Sa 28:10 Saul swore to her by the LORD, "As surely as the LORD lives, you will not be punished for this."

1Sa 28:11 Then the woman asked, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" "Bring up Samuel," he said.

1Sa 28:12 When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out at the top of her voice and said to Saul, "Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!"

1Sa 28:13 The king said to her, "Don't be afraid. What do you see?" The woman said, "I see a spirit coming up out of the ground."

1Sa 28:14 "What does he look like?" he asked. "An old man wearing a robe is coming up," she said. Then Saul knew it was Samuel, and he bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground.

1Sa 28:15 Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" "I am in great distress," Saul said. "The Philistines are fighting against me, and God has turned away from me. He no longer answers me, either by prophets or by dreams. So I have called on you to tell me what to do."

1Sa 28:16 Samuel said, "Why do you consult me, now that the LORD has turned away from you and become your enemy?"

1Sa 28:17 The LORD has done what he predicted through me. The LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hands and given it to one of your neighbors--to David.

1Sa 28:18 Because you did not obey the LORD or carry out his fierce wrath against the Amalekites, the LORD has done this to you today.

1Sa 28:19 The LORD will hand over both Israel and you to the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. The LORD will also hand over the army of Israel to the Philistines."

20. Demonism was a major cause of Israel's fifth cycle of discipline and thus a caveat for all client nations: "avoid demonic practices."

Isa 29:3 I will encamp all around you Jerusalem; I will encircle you with towers and set up my siege works against you.

Isa 29:4 Brought low, you will speak from the ground; your speech will mumble out of the dust. Your voice will come ghostlike from the earth; out of the dust your speech will whisper.

Isa 29:5 But your many enemies will become like fine dust, the ruthless hordes like blown chaff. Suddenly, in an instant,

Isa 29:6 the LORD Almighty will come with thunder and earthquake and great noise, with windstorm and tempest and flames of a devouring fire.

20.1 Familiar spirits and wizards were much consulted in Israel, especially when the Jews lost their faith in the Scriptures and their prophets.

Isa 8:19 When men tell you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living?

20.2 A description of the tragic disillusionment and despair of those who trust in something other than the Word of God can be found in Isa 8:21 and Gal 1:8-9.

Isa 8:21 Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God.

Gal 1:8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!

Gal 1:9 As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned.

20.3 There is no morning or dawn of deliverance for those dabbling in the occult.

Isa 8:22 Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.

20.4 Many shall plunge into the eternal night of perdition with vain and bitter curses upon their lips, but there will be deliverance when Christ shall come from the land of Zebulun and Naphtali.

Isa 9:1 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan--

Isa 9:2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

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