Galatians Lesson

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:

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

5. I want to review some of that learned and then begin new material at point 12 on page 3.

Doctrine of Demons

1. Demons are fallen angels who followed Satan in his fall. There is one devil, there are many demons. 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 2. Satan and demons operate under the permissive will of God. 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

3. The Tribulation is a time of great demonic activity. Satan in fact will indwell and control the Antichrist.

4. The Kingdom Age was a time of great demonic activity. Demons are opposed to Church Age believers and are capable of all sorts of superhuman conduct. Demons can possess unbelievers. Demons cannot possess believers, but they can control a believer if he or she chooses to dabble in certain prohibited spheres.

5. Methods of acquiring demon possession/control are five in number: idolatry, drug or chemical addiction, infatuation with illicit sex, hyper-emotionalism where the emotions over-ride the intellect, transcendental meditation.

6. The Mosaic law strongly prohibited idol worship warning that where idols are worshiped demons surround such objects of worship.

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

7.1 Necromancy, according to the American Heritage Dictionary, is: "the practice of <u>supposedly</u> communicating with the spirits of the dead in order to predict the future ..." Demonism was a major cause of Israel's fifth cycle of discipline and thus a caveat for all client nations: "avoid demonic practices."

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

9. 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. The words "spirits" and "wizards" refer to fallen angels who control vocal chords. When the demons "mutter," they project their voices in such a way as to make them appear to come out of the ground or from the mouth of another.

10. Many cases are on record which state that demon-possessed persons have actually spoken in some foreign language not previously known. Of all the modern-day accounts of this phenomenon, the best documented is the case of Bishop Pike, for in his case it was obviously demonic.

11. Similarly Joseph Smith, many Tibetan monks, Mary Baker Patterson Glover Eddy, and many fine Christians who are as sweet as Dr. Pepper have spoken in tongues, often bringing "new revelations of god."

12. Babylon was infested with demon activity. Isa 47:5-14

12.1 Babylon was known for its counterfeit Judaeo/Christian faith where Semiramis and Tammuz were worshiped as mother and child; it is studied today in comparative religion classes as a similar religion that preceded Christianity. Demonic practices were prevalent in Babylon during Nebuchadnezzar's rule. 12.2 The King was led to destroy Jerusalem in 586 B.C. by a demonic device.

Eze 21:21 For the king of Babylon will stop at the fork in the road, at the junction of the two roads, to seek an omen: He will cast lots with arrows, he will consult his idols, he will examine the liver. Eze 21:22 Into his right hand will come the lot for Jerusalem, where he is to set up battering rams, to give the command to slaughter, to sound the battle cry, to set battering rams against the gates, to build a ramp and to erect siege works.

13. Many kings of Israel promoted idols and thus demonism. Manasseh was one of the worse.

2Ki 20:21 Hezekiah rested with his fathers. And Manasseh his son succeeded him as king.

2Ki 21:2 Mannasseh did evil in the eyes of the LORD, following the detestable practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before the Israelites.

2Ki 21:3 He rebuilt the high places his father Hezekiah had destroyed; he also erected altars to Baal and made an Asherah pole, as Ahab king of Israel had done. He bowed down and worshiped the stars.

2Ki 21:4 He built altars in the temple of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In Jerusalem I will put my Name."

2Ki 21:5 In both courts of the temple of the LORD, he built altars to all the starry hosts.

2Ki 21:6 He sacrificed his own son in the fire, practiced sorcery and divination, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the LORD, provoking the LORD to anger. 14. Satan with his demons will be placed in a temporary place of punishment at the beginning of the Millennium and then released for a short time near the end of the Millennium.

Rev 20:1 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. Rev 20:2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

Rev 20:3 He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time ...

Rev 20:7 When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison

Rev 20:8 and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth--Gog and Magog--to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore.

Rev 20:9 They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

15. At the end of the Millennium the demons with Satan will be cast permanently into the Lake of Fire, a place created for Satan and his minions.

Rev 20:10 And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

16. Believers may actively participate in the judgment of angels.

1Co 6:2 Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases?

1Co 6:3 Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!

17. Other uses of the Greek noun **Daimon** not mentioned above are:

Mat 7:22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?'

Mat 8:31 The demons begged Jesus, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs."

Mat 9:33 And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."

Mat 9:34 But the Pharisees said, "It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons."

Mat 10:7 As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.'

Mat 10:8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Mat 11:18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.'

Mat 11:19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and "sinners." 'But wisdom is proved right by her actions." Mat 12:24 But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "It is only by Beelzebub, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons."

Mar 3:14 He appointed twelve--designating them apostles--that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach Mar 3:15 and to have authority to drive out demons.

Mar 7:25 In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an evil spirit came and fell at his feet.

Mar 7:26 The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

Mar 7:27 "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." Mar 7:28 "Yes, Lord," she replied, "but even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

Mar 7:29 Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter."

Mar 7:30 She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Mar 9:38 "Teacher," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us."

Mar 16:9 When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons.

Luk 8:29 For Jesus had commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. Luk 8:30 Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him.

Luk 9:41 "O unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here."

Luk 9:42 Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the evil spirit (*Akarthartos Pneuma*), healed the boy and gave him back to his father.

Luk 11:14 Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed.

Luk 11:19 Now if I drive out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your followers drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. Luk 11:20 But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you.

Luk 11:21 "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe.

Luk 11:22 But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up the spoils.

Luk 13:31 At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

Luk 13:32 He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.'

Joh 7:20 "You are demon-possessed," the crowd answered. "Who is trying to kill you?"

Joh 7:21 Jesus said to them, "I did one miracle, and you are all astonished.

Joh 7:22 Yet, because Moses gave you circumcision (though actually it did not come from Moses, but from the patriarchs), you circumcise a child on the Sabbath.

Joh 7:23 Now if a child can be circumcised on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry with me for healing the whole man on the Sabbath?

Joh 8:48 The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?"

Joh 8:49 "I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honor my Father and you dishonor me.

Joh 8:50 I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge.

Joh 8:51 I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."

Joh 8:52 At this the Jews exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that if anyone keeps your word, he will never taste death.

Joh 10:20 Many of them said, "He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?"

Joh 10:21 But others said, "These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

Acts 17:18 A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers (*in Athens*) began to dispute with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating <u>foreign gods</u> (**Xenos Daimon**)." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.

18. Satan would have loved for Stalin and the International Communist movement to have been successful - Lucifer's demons according to Daniel are involved in the affairs of national leaders. Dan 10:11-13

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Dan 10:11 He said, "Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you." And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling.

Dan 10:12 Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them.

Dan 10:13 But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia.

19. So you think you have a bad job, think of the leaders of the world with a special demon in their office whose goal it is to get them to think and act globally.

20. Satan does not want nations to exist. He wants internationalism to prevail. His strategy began rather early when the inhabitants of the planet decided to build a tower in deference to their false gods. One world with one language, religion and a giant tower reaching into the heavens was thought to be a good idea by mankind.

Gen 11:1 Now the whole world had one language and a common speech.

Gen 11:2 As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

Gen 11:3 They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar.

Gen 11:4 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

Gen 11:5 But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building.

Gen 11:6 The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the samelanguage they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.

Gen 11:7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

Gen 11:8 So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city.

21. Though many years passed nothing really changed demons continued to be active just as they are today.

Acts 19:14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

Acts 19:15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

Acts 19:16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

Acts 19:17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

Acts 19:18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.

Acts 19:19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

22. Did you ever wonder who is behind the move to get recognition in our country to sanction various languages rather than encourage the use of English and English only? From God's reaction at the tower of Babel, no doubt he wanted national boundaries where people speak a national language.

23. The next time you call the city of Austin, a State Agency or a globally minded private-enterprize, and they say "press one for English, press two for Spanish ..." you can thank Lucifer."

24. And the next time your children or grandchildren attend one of the giant Universities and they try to make heads or tails out of what the foreign-born teacher is trying to say, here again you can thank the prince of this world.

25. God's plan is for nations to exist with unique languages, customs, laws and music. These are characteristics which serve to strengthen national identification and pride. The elimination of the first League of Nations was God's plan just as at the tower of Babel. Satan is not easily dissuaded for next came the United Nations.

26. Our nation was originally begun by people coming from all over the world to seek a new life. And therefore, we are called the melting pot. In Thomas Sowell's Book *Ethnic America* this tall brilliant black man points out how acculturation is paramount in determining success or failure in any new land. Today we celebrate quite the opposite. 27. Thomas Sowell speaks to the causes of poverty among immigrants who come to America. He also talks of the many success stories among many immigrants. Satan loves to get people all hot and bothered over the lack of immediate equality for all.

27.1 God however, is not impressed with equality. He knows there are differences in people, i.e., IQ's, education, drive, expectations etc. The Bible teaches that even in the perfect environment of the millennium and the perfect environment of heaven, there is no equality.

Jer 31:34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the **least** of them unto the **greatest** of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

28. Satan loves international organizations of all types, certainly to include political, economic, military, religious and social. The question must be asked? When does a national leader become a "nation builder" or as some might say "a nation rescuer."

29. How has internationalism and world government fared over time? The Persian Gulf Coalition of George Herbert and George W. Bush come to mind.

30. George Herbert asked permission from the United Nations to oust Iraq from Kuwait and George W. sought a coalition of nations to attack Iraq and Afghanistan. Well, we ousted Saddam but more than 10 years later we are still fighting in the latter two Arab nations and American's are still dying. 31. Another example of international insanity is Israel being pressured to cede territory to a group of people called Palestinians who then used the territory to fire rockets into southern Israel.

31.1 The world is a crazy place and it would seem every time that we get involved with the UN, NATO and/or SEATO Americans die.

32. Americans died in Korea, Americans died in Viet Nam, Americans died in the Persian Gulf and recently George W. Bush and Bill Clinton had the idea soldiers could go to Somalia defeat the bad guys and feed the poor - American rangers died, an American ranger's body was dragged through the streets and desecrated. And so, we tucked our collective tails between our legs and we cut and ran.

33. Interestingly enough international organizations seem to pick and choose where they will intervene and when they will not intervene. Some are determined not worthy of protection. In Rwanda 500,000 people died and no one sent a single soldier to their rescue. I am not being critical of such non-intervention decisions. For clearly from God's revealed intentions, it is up to the citizens of each nation to resolve their own problems; not the global community's. Satan is still alive and well on planet earth.

34. President Obama gave billions of dollars in cash to Iran, the world's most infamous supporter of terrorism and now we find Iran in Lebanon threatening Israel from the north while the Palestinians threaten Israel from the south.

35. Why am I pointing all this out? Because the futility of internationalism is evident and has been since the end of the war to end all wars - W.W.I. And we seem to learn nothing from history or the Bible.

35.1 We have had wars in spades since the beginning of time and will continue to have wars until the Lord Jesus returns. You have Jesus' promise on this.

36. Before we grab for our **drug of choice**, let's put a positive face on things. What should we as a nation do?

37. We as the United States of America should act nationally from a position of moral and military strength to support policies deemed in our national interest.

38.This should be done without a whit of concern for the national interests of any other nation. That's the Biblical perspective.

39. Well, now that we have exposed internationalism as the farce that it is. Will there ever be a time when it will be successful and the answer is yes! The first 3 and 1/2 years of the Tribulation under the leadership of the Antichrist will have a tacit success, but that success is short lived.

40. In the middle of the Tribulation Satan is cast out of heaven and begins working on motivating the nations of the world to attack and eradicate Israel. At the last battle of Armageddon Jerusalem is surrounded and the Lord of the Armies Jesus Christ intervenes to save Israel; for God shall send a deliverer out of Zion.

41. Let's look at a few verses from Zechariah where the attack and deliverance are described.

Zec 12:2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem ... Zec 13:9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God ...

Zec 14:2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Zec 14:3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

Zec 14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

Zec 14:5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal ...

Zec 14:6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark:

Zec 14:7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light. Zec 14:8 And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

Zec 14:9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

End Lesson

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