

## **CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY**

**Joshua 24:15**

**To-day, there are many religions & much spiritual activity. But what's of God, & what isn't? Matthew 7: 21 to 23 -Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Be careful, Matthew 7: 15 - Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.**

**2 Corinthians 11: 13 to 15 - For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.**

**I do not talk too much about satanism, black witchcraft etc. as I was thankfully never in it. And Our Lord has a warning for us. Deuteronomy 18: 9 - When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.**

**Did you catch that, do not learn, not even para-psychology. Well what do you learn then? Deuteronomy 4: 9 & 10 - Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons; Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.**

**The Bible contains most of the information that we need to know about it. And there are testimonies of people who really have been freed by Jesus Christ. "Occult ABC" has the accounts of how a queen of darkness and a satanist got saved and freed from their bondage.**

**I won't get into all the details, as it only caters to people's morbid curiosity. My main concern is occult involvement in Church. Win Worley has a booklet #41, "Witchcraft Working in the Church". Here he describes how prayer and Scriptures are being mis-used, and are actually hitting people as charismatic witchcraft. God shows how this works.**

**Ezekiel 13: 17 to 23 - Likewise, thou son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, which prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy thou against them, And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe to the**

women that sew pillows to all armholes, and make kerchiefs upon the head of every stature to hunt souls! Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and will ye save the souls alive that come unto you? And will ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear your lies? Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against your pillows, wherewith ye there hunt the souls to make them fly, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt to make them fly. Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life: Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

So you see, we don't have to be afraid of occult activity, because Our Lord has promised to deliver His people. And I prefer Win Worley's methods.

My own background was with Protestants and Presbyterians, and it was lacking of information on the occult. For example, nothing was considered wrong with halloween.

So how bad is it to-day? What is God's standard?

Deuteronomy 18: 9 to 14 - When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or 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: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God. For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.

Does this still apply to-day?

Deuteronomy 18: 13 - Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God.

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.

1 Corinthians 10: 14 - Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

So the answer is yes, God's standards are still in effect.

The occult is comprised of 3 areas; witchcraft, sorcery and divination.

Win Worley has 2 booklets on them; #2 & #3.

**And the good news is that God through the shed Blood of Jesus Christ provides forgiveness for the past, peace for to-day, and hope for to-morrow. He also offers deliverance and freedom from occult bondage. Kurt Koch, has written books on the occult. One of these, "Occult ABC" is a reference work which explains these in detail. His approach is to show how much trouble believers get into, when they or their ancestors were involved in it. Let's take a brief look at what God finds so offensive. Christians provoke God when they go to the devil for help, instead of from Him.**

**Deuteronomy 18: 10 - There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,**

**Many nations sacrificed their children to their gods. To-day, abortions do the same thing. God doesn't want His people to kill their children, but to dedicate them to Him. Divination or observing of times, is trying to make decisions by various ungodly means; such as; rods or pendulum, etc.**

**At the beginning of the year, the voodoo priests cut up animals, study their innards, to predict the year's happenings. They were calling for a lot of death and destruction, with a lot of world leaders being killed.**

**When we saw that, we cancelled and broke off their plans, in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Shortly after, the massive earthquake hit Haiti.**

**Why didn't those voodoo priests predict that quake.**

**And When curses are broken, and sent back to the sending demons, interesting things can happen.**

**Enchanters, witches etc.; or nature worshippers. Nature worshippers! Are you saying that the environmental movement is involved? On Earth Day; who is worshipped? The Lord Jesus Christ, as the Creator; or His creation, the earth? There are many books out there on the connection between the environment movement and the occult. People need to be informed on this subject, as almost everything is subject to Environment Impact Studies.**

**What about charms? Does anyone wear a charmed bracelet?**

**A consulter with familiar spirits. How many programs are out there to help people to connect with their spirit guide? Silva Mind Control has been around for years now doing this. Native Indians have a practise of praying and fasting until they get their spirit guide.**

**What concerns me is how the young children in school are being infested with these demons, known as QR, or Quiet Reflex.**

**A wizard, a necromancer. Necromancy is consulting, enquiring with or praying to the dead. Some cultures worship their ancestors. Some pray to their dead saints. Both are an affront to Our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**What does God really think about these activities?**

**Deuteronomy 18: 12 - For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive**

**them out from before thee.**

**What about halloween? It is considered an important day for pagans, witches, and satanists. October 31 is an important day. It is Reformation Day. It is when Martin Luther, nailed up his thesis on Roman Catholic errors. I wonder why he stopped at 95?**

**Now most Christians have no problem with halloween. They think that what happened in the past has no relevance for to-day.**

**Well, let's take a look at other religious holidays; like Christmas and Easter. Why is there so much opposition about what happened 2000 years ago, that people don't want any mention? There must be some relevance for to-day. So there has to be something active with halloween to-day. And that's why Christians are not to have anything to do with it. What are people to do; blissful ignorance is no longer an excuse. Non-compliance is not an option. First, Christians need to stop all involvement with the occult, & confess their sins, and the sins of the fathers.**

**Win Worley has a prayer for renouncing the occult.**

**Feel free to follow along with me.**

**Thank you Lord Jesus for dying for my sins, for your glorious resurrection; and for making me a new creature in Christ by faith in Your precious blood.**

**Dear Lord I confess that, in the past, through ignorance, stupidity or wilfulness, I have sought supernatural experiences apart from You. I have disobeyed Your Word and ask You to help me as I renounce all these things. Lord, cleanse me in body, mind, soul and spirit. Satan, I am closing any door which I may have opened to you and your demons through contacts with the occult.**

**I renounce all contact with witchcraft, magic, ouija boards and other occult games; I renounce all kinds of fortune telling, palm reading, tea leaf readings, crystal balls, Tarot and other card playing; all astrology, birth signs and horoscopes; I renounce the heresy of reincarnation and all healing groups involved in metaphysics and spiritualism.**

**I renounce all rock music, including acid, hard and Jesus rock;**

**I renounce all yoga, transcendental meditation, Zen and all eastern cults and religious idol worship; I renounce all forms of the martial arts, including Judo, Kung Fu and Karate; I renounce all water witching or dowsing, levitation, table tipping, body-lifting, psychometry (divination through objects), automatic handwriting and handwriting analysis;**

**I renounce all literature I have ever read and studied in all of these fields and vow I will destroy such books in my possession. I renounce astral projection, soul and out-of-body travel and other demonic skills.**

**In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I renounce all psychic heredity that I may have and break any demonic hold on my family line back to seven generations on both sides of the family.**

**I do now renounce and forsake every psychic and occult contact that I know about and those which I do not know about;**

**I renounce every cult that denies the blood of Jesus Christ and every philosophy which denies the deity of the Lord Jesus.**

**Lord, I confess seeking from Satan the help that should have only come from God. I confess as sin {name all occult contacts and occult sins committed} and also those occult sins I cannot remember. Lord, I now repent and renounce all these sins and ask You to forgive me. I renounce Satan and all his works. I hate all of his demons; I count them my enemies. In the name of Jesus Christ I now close the door on all occult practices and command all such spirits to leave me in the name of Jesus Christ.**

**As born-again believers, we do not need to be afraid of the occult.**

**Numbers 22: 12 - And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed.**

**Luke 10: 19 - Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**

**So what are the legal grounds that the demons use to stay in. Personal sin and sins of the fathers are major factors. Exodus 20: 2 to 5 - I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;**

**1 Samuel 15: 23 - For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.**

**There was a large RC family that all got saved, and got into deliverance, except the father. Every day, when he went to mass, the rest of the family felt a heavy oppression. The sins of our leaders give lots legal ground.**

**2 Samuel 24: 10 to 17 - And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly. For when David was up in the morning, the word of the LORD came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, Go and say unto David, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three things; choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee. So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days'**

pestilence in thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me. And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man. So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men. And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite. And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.

And when we see others in sin, we can pray. 1 John 5: 16 - If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

Again, believers are not to have anything to do with the occult

Acts 15: 20 - But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

Pastors are to warn their people of the dangers of the occult. Hosea 4: 6 - My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

1 Corinthians 10: 14 - Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

Therefore Joshua's challenge is still valid.

Joshua 24: 14 & 15 - Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

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