

## **Superstition or Super-Spirituality Acts 17F**

**Acts 17:22 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. (or very religious in newer versions)**

**Explained of diviners; fortune telling; modern superstitions; tattoos; hexes; & paganism; etc.**

**1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:**

**Explained modern ways people try to drive the demons away.**

**Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;**

**James 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; & let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:**

**Mark 6:13 And they (12 disciples) cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed *them*.**

**Strong's #1174 deisidaimonesteros *dice-ee-dahee-mon-es'-ter-os***

**the compound of a derivative of the base of 1169 and 1142; TDNT-2:20;**

**AV- too superstitious 1; 1) in a good sense 1a) reverencing god or the gods, pious, religious 2) in a bad sense 2a) superstitious**

**Superstitious - the fear of demons. To protect from bad luck & get good luck.**

**Acts 25:19 But had certain questions against him of their own superstition, and of one Jesus, which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.**

**Strong's #1175 deisidaimonia *dice-ee-dahee-mon-ee'-ah* from the same as 1174; TDNT-2:20,137; AV-superstition 1; 1) in a good sense**

**1a) reverencing god or the gods, pious, religious**

**2) in a bad sense 2a) superstitious 3) religious**

**Study the Scriptures like the Bereans.**

**Matthew 23:5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,**

**Exodus 13:16 "It shall be as a sign on your hand and as frontlets between your eyes, for by strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt."**

**Deuteronomy 6:8 "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.**

**John Gill on Matthew 23:5 - they make broad their phylacteries: these were four sections of the law, wrote on parchments, folded up in the skin of a clean beast, and tied to the head and hand. The four sections were these following: the "first," was #Ex 13:2-11 the "second," was #Ex 13:11-17 the "third," was #De 6:4-10 the "fourth," was #De 11:13-22. Those that were for the head, were written and rolled up separately, and put in four distinct places, in one skin, which was fastened with strings to the crown of the**

head, towards the face, about the place where the hair ends, and where an infant's brain is tender; and they took care to place them in the middle, that so they might be between the eyes. Those that were for the hand, were written in four columns, on one parchment, which being rolled up, was fastened to the inside of the left arm, where it is fleshy, between the shoulder and the elbow, that so it might be over against the heart. These, they imagined, were commanded them by God, in #Ex 13:16, De 6:8 whereas the sense of these passages only is, that the goodness of God in delivering them out of Egypt, and the words of the law, should be continually before them, in their minds and memories, as if they had tokens on their hands, and frontlets between their eyes; but they understood them literally, and observed them in the above manner. These the Jews call "Tephillin," because they use them in time of prayer, and look upon them as useful, to put them in mind of that duty: they are here called "phylacteries," because they thought they kept them in the fear of God, preserved in them the memory of the law, and them from sin; yea, from evil spirits, and diseases of the body. They imagined there was a great deal of holiness in, and valued themselves much upon the use of them; and the Pharisees, because they would be thought to be more holy and religious, and more observant of the law than others, wore these things broader than the rest of the people.

**Summarized of Hezekiah & Jehosephat going to God in prayer & how God wrought a mighty victory for each of them.**

**Matthew 10:37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.**

**2 Kings 17:24-25 And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, & from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, & placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof. 25 And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not the LORD: therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which slew some of them.**

**1 Kings 13 is another example of God sending lions.**

**2 Kings 17:26-28 Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, & placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, &, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land. 27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither 1 of the priests whom ye brought from thence; & let them go & dwell there, & let him teach them the manner of the God of the land. 28 Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came & dwelt in Bethel, & taught them how they should fear the LORD.**

**1 Kings 12:31 Jeroboam made priests in Bethel And he made an house of**

high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi.

**2 Kings 17:29** Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt. **30** And the men of Babylon made Succothbenoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima, **31** And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. **32** So they feared the LORD, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places. ( Like Jeroboam did. ) **33** They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence.

**Summarized of King Nebuchadnezzar Daniel2:47** The king answered unto Daniel, & said, Of a truth *it is*, that your God *is* a God of gods, & a Lord of kings, & a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldst reveal this secret.

**2 Kings 17:34-36** Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the LORD, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel; **35** With whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them: **36** But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice.

**Luke 4** devil desired Jesus to serve & worship him.

**2 Kings 17:37-41** And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods. **38** And the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods. **39** But the LORD your God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies. **40** Howbeit they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner. **41** So these nations feared the LORD, and served their graven images, both their children, and their children's children: as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

**Many religions bound by religious articles.**

**SUPERSTITION INSTANCES OF** - Israelites, supposing that their defeat in battle with the Philistines was due to their not having brought with them the ark of the covenant #1Sam 4:3 with #1Sam 4:10,11.

Philistines, refusing to step on the threshold of the temple of Dagon after the image of Dagon had repeatedly fallen upon it #1Samuel 5:5.

The belief of the Syrians concerning the help of the gods #1Kings 20:23.

**Jews, attributing their calamities to having ceased offering sacrifices to the Queen of Heaven #Jer 44:17-19.**

**2 Chronicles 7:13,14 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; 14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, & pray, & seek my face, & turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.**

**Nebuchadnezzar, said the spirit of the gods was on Daniel #Dan 4:8,9.**

**Exodus 32 get rid of Idols in Heart like Moses did the golden calf.**

**Jeremiah 1 God has plans for people long before they are born.**

**The sailors who threw Jonah into the sea #Jonah 1:4-16.**

**The disciples, supposing they saw a ghost when Jesus came walking upon the lake #Matthew 14:26 & Mark 6:49,50.**

**Herod Antipas, imagining that Jesus was actually John the Baptist risen from the dead #Mark 6:14,16.**

**The Gadarenes (Gerasenes, Gergasenes), because Jesus expelled demons out of the man who lived among the tombs #Matthew 8:34.**

**The disciples who were frightened at the appearance of Peter when the angel free-ed him from jail #Acts 12:14,15.**

**The Ephesians, in their sorceries #Acts 19:13-19.**

**The people of the island of Melita (Malta), in assuming that Paul was some sort of god #Acts 28:6**

**Mark 16:18 They shall take up serpents; & if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, & they shall recover.**

**People today are taking old covenant items making them important now.**

**Religious scam artists now use items as fetishes to trap the people.**

**We have our Lord Jesus now, His name and His blood, we do not need the old fetishes.**

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

**Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our faith*; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**God gave Paul His all sufficient grace. 2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.**