

NO OTHER GODS - III

Ex 20:1-6

Deut 18:9-12

1. WITCHCRAFT.

1. Narrow category including spells, enchantments, sorcery, divination.
 1. Witchcraft operates by spells and curses.
 2. Sorcery operates by objects such as charms; found in rock music.
 3. Divination - fortunetelling, predicting future.
2. Broad definition. Attempt to control people, to get them to do what you want them to do by any spirit other than Holy Spirit.
3. Examples in Old Testament (which occurs in New Testament Church).
 1. Magicians of Egypt.
 1. Lamenter, enchanter, witchcraft.
 2. (2 Tim 3:6 KJV) For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, (2 Tim 3:7 KJV) Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. (2 Tim 3:8 KJV) Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. (2 Tim 3:9 KJV) But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.
 3. (2 Tim 3:13 KJV) But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.
 2. Balaam. Witch doctor.
 1. (2 Pet 2:15 KJV) Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;
 2. (Jude 1:11 KJV) Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.
 3. (Rev 2:14 KJV) But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. (Rev 2:15 KJV) So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.
 3. Jezebel.
 1. False prophetess.
 2. (Rev 2:20 KJV) Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.
 4. Babylon.

1. Center of witchcraft.
2. (Isa 47:1 KJV) Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.
3. (Isa 47:12 KJV) Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail.
4. (Rev 18:23 KJV) And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

2. TWO SOURCES OF WITCHCRAFT.

1. Spiritual power that controls you.
2. Work of flesh.
 1. Works of the flesh manifest. (Gal 5:19 KJV) Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, (Gal 5:20 KJV) Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
 2. Rebellion and stubbornness. (1 Sam 15:23 KJV) 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.
 1. Rebellion. AI won't do it.@
 2. Stubbornness. AI'll do it, but my way.@
 3. Put the two together. ASelf will.@
 4. Rebellion rejects God's legitimate authority; sets up illegitimate authority.
 3. Witchcraft is power by which illegitimate authority operates.
 4. Witchcraft always usurps authority.
 5. Never produces anything positive, but corrupts what God has done.

3. THREE KEY WORDS ASSOCIATED WITH WITCHCRAFT.

1. Manipulation.
2. Intimidation.
3. Domination.

4. CONTEMPORARY EXAMPLES OF WITCHCRAFT.

1. Relationship between children and parents.
 1. Child manipulates by screaming and pouting (could be Adamic nature, or could be spirit).
2. Relationship between wife and husband.
 1. In over one-half the cases, wife is authority.
 2. AAgree that husband makes major decisions, but never major.@

3. Wife uses moods, pouting, sulking, withholding sexual favors.
4. Don't ask me to do something I don't want to do; I will make it miserable for you.
5. Dominating father.
6. When under authority, have authority; bypassing legitimate authority.
3. Mother controlling married adult children.
4. Spiritual gifts.
 1. Dictate by prophecy; usurping real authority; bypassing legitimate authority.
 2. Can confuse purposes of God for rest of service.
5. Preachers who work people's emotions a form of manipulation.
6. Media in American life.
 1. Usurps authority of government.
 2. Manipulates public opinion.
 3. Makes you buy what you don't really want or need.