

## ENTERTAINING SPIRITS

Hosea 4:6

Ignorance often invites misunderstanding, fear, complacency, and deception. Many are content to stay ignorant of the seriousness of the occult and its affect on society as we know. However to do so invites curses and demonic activity within our family and our church, and more importantly it robs us of God's blessings in our homes and churches when we persist in walking in darkness rather than His light.

## FORBIDDEN PRACTICE

**Deuteronomy 18:9-11** This chapter contains the most powerful biblical passages outlining the occult. In these verses God gives us nine forbidden practices of the occult that we are to stay away from.

1. Human Sacrifice- We call that abortion today. 2. Divination- The heart of the occult. This is manipulation from demonic sources. 3. Astrology- Zodiac, horoscopes, etc. reading the stars. 4. Enchanter- Someone satanically endowed to produce seductive spells. 5. Witchcraft and Witches- Includes its modern version Wicca. 6. Charmer- One who manipulates objects using demonic power. 7. Consulter with Familiar Spirits- One who gets knowledge from demonic contact. 8. Wizards- Practitioners of magical arts. 9. Necromancers- Those who claim to be able to contact the dead.

**Deuteronomy 18:12** The word '*abomination*' means – a disgusting thing, unclean, wickedness. This language is the strongest condemnation language used by God in the entire bible!

**Ephesians 5:11** Paul writes that believers are to have no fellowship with the fruits of '*darkness*'. He exhorts us to reprove (scold them, reprimand them, rebuke them) keep them far away from us.

**II Corinthians 6:14-18** These verses leave no doubt that God wants His people to steer clear of any fascination or involvement with the occult.

**Deuteronomy 13:1-3** God warns His people about endearing themselves to false teachings or false teachers who delve into supernatural things. Notice verse 3 which relates to God's test of allegiance.

**Romans 1:32** This verse is very condemning in that God declares that those who '*entertain*' themselves with those who commit such vile acts are under the same judgment as those who do them! Doesn't that sound exactly like our culture today; having pleasure watching, being entertained by the very things that God condemns??? You may say to yourself, how does that affect me?

## THE SOURCE OF THE OCCULT

**Revelation 12:9** The obvious source of all occult activities is of course Satan. How does he deceive the whole world? He deceives through the occult, false doctrine, lies, false religion and false education.

**Isaiah 8:19** God was concerned about the occult twenty-seven hundred years ago and warned His people of it, however, today what does society look for and want to be entertained by, the occult.

**Psalms 106:35-41** This condemnation against God's people was because of their occult behavior.

**I Samuel 15:23** Saul was finally allowed to be killed because of his sin of 'witchcraft' in the occult.

The occult has invaded our culture in books, videos, advertisements, movies, magazines and T.V. Series and even cartoons. Millions of adults have taught their children that there is nothing wrong with Harry Potter pursuing activity in witchcraft and wizardry. God's screams that there is a price to pay!!

**Ephesians 2:2-3** Many think Halloween is just a fun time to dress up like witches and wizards. We spend hours watching murders, occultist shows and movies on T.V. and wonder why our loved ones are not saved and God is not working in our homes and churches. The hearts and souls of all of us are getting calloused and we have fallen right into the hands of the great deceiver. God help all of us.

**Acts 19:18-20** As we understand more about these terrible sins may we take action similar to the believers at Ephesus when they realized that they had been under the teachings of occultists.