

Satan's Hidden Influence Lesson #2

The Spirit World

In this lesson we are going to look at what the word of God calls the spirit world. Many people today do not believe in a spirit world we have been led by Hollywood, fiction authors, and cartoons to believe that all the stuff about spirits, demons, magic and things alike are all fake or make believe. Now we are not saying that every magician or fortune teller is real many are just using tricks of illusion and cons to amuse or take advantage of people. But the spirit world is still very real and Satan has got many today just simply believing that this stuff is not real.

Let's just think about the movies and cartoons and top selling fiction books that are out there right now. Most of them either deal with vampires or other demonic creatures or magic with witches and sorcerers. For example the book series twilight and is now a movie series also. Then there is the Harry Potter series also just to name a few. Satan is bombarding us with all this influence that we take as just fiction because it is, and then when the real satanic influence shows up no one even realizes that it is satanic or wrong because we are so used to seeing it everywhere we look.

In this lesson we hope to show you that the spirit world is very real and that Satan is behind the big push to connect people with this world and that he does it from a behind the scenes position. Also we are going to show what God thinks of these things and how to spot signs of demonic or satanic influence.

Ephesians 6:12 "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

From this verse we see that as saved born again children of God that our battle is not against flesh and blood principalities and power. So exactly where do these powers reside. The verse tells us that they are in high places. This is a reference to the 2nd heaven which is outer space. From the study that we did on creation we know that the sun the moon and the stars are in the firmament called heaven and that the birds fly in the heaven also. We know that birds do not fly in outer space and that since **2 Corinthians 12:1-4** says there are 3 heavens, then our atmosphere is the 1st heaven and outer space would be the 2nd heaven and where God dwells would be the 3rd heaven.

Isaiah 24:21 shows us that God makes a difference between kings of the earth and the host of the high places. This explains why the bible says that the stars are not pure in his sight (**Job 25:5**). This is why in most movies and fiction novels the monsters are all ways in outer space. Therefore we see clearly that there is a spirit world and it is very real.

In the Old Testament there is a good example of how this spirit world exists around us and we do not see it. In 2 Kings 6:13-17 we see that Elisha and his servant are at Dothan and they are surrounded by horses and chariots from the Syrian army sent by their King. Now the servant of Elisha was scared and in a panic. Then Elisha prayed and asked the Lord to open the eyes of the servant and the servant saw that the mountains were full of horses and chariots of fire round

about them. So we must remember that as Satan and his demons work in this spiritual world our God also has angels that operate in this spiritual world.

A good question that comes up at this point would be if the Lord uses the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us and the devil uses evil spirits to guide and influence us then how do we know which is which. In 1 John 4:1 we are told to try the spirits to see if they are of God. The only way to try the spirits is by the word of God. This is why we must study the word of God so we can know which spirit is which. If we are influenced or guided to do something that is contrary to the word of God then you can guarantee that it is not the spirit of God that is leading you to do whatever it is you are being led to do.

In handout 1 for this lesson you will find a list of biblical examples of spiritual world terms and their definitions. Study over them and look up each reference and see how these terms are used in the scriptures.

These things found in the list are very prevalent in our society today there are many that claim to be witches or practice pagan religions now this should not surprise us as we have a warning that in the last days some would depart from the faith giving head to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils (**1 Timothy 4:1**).

Below we will list some verses for showing what the word of God says about these sort of things.

- 1) **Exodus 22:18** (Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live)
 - Under the Old Testament Law they were to stone a witch.
- 2) **Leviticus 20:6,27** (Here God warns not only those participating in the practice of these things but also those that go to those for help or advice)
- 3) **Deuteronomy 18:9-14** (Here we see that these things are an abomination to the Lord)
- 4) **1 Corinthians 10:20** (Have no fellowship with devils)
 - Now here is a New Testament church age passage telling us to have no fellowship with devils. So even though we are not under the Old Testament law we are still not to fellowship with these kinds of things.

Here are some sign to help show you the evidence of satanic or demonic influence.

- 1) They like to work in the dark (**John 3:19-21**)
 - This is why most crime is done at night. This is why most teenagers get in trouble after dark. This is also why find the color black and dark things associated with satanic or other demonic things.
- 2) They deny the personality of Satan as an evil being and just make him a spiritual influence.
 - Many say that there is not a real creature called Satan that it is just an influence of some sort. These people need to study the word of God and wake up.

- 3) They hate the name Lord Jesus Christ or the expression “blood of Christ”.
 - Many will use the title Christ but only a few will use the whole name the Lord Jesus Christ (note **1 Corinthians 12:3**)
 - If you read in the gospels you will find that Judas Iscariot always called Jesus Master but never Lord.

- 4) They will deny that Jesus is come in the flesh (**1 John 4:3**)
 - Many of the modern day new translation attack verses that speak of Jesus being God manifest in the flesh this plainly shows us what spirit is behind those translations.

Therefore we need to be aware of Satan’s hidden influence concerning things of a spiritual nature and avoid them at all cost. Remember a little leaven, leaveth the whole lump (**Galatians 5:9**)

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Examples of spiritual world terms and definitions [Ruckman Reference Bible, App. 98, pg 1834-35]

- 1) Wise men (**Exodus 7:11**)
 - Men who used magic to counsel rulers.
- 2) Magicians (**Exodus 7:11**)
 - Sacred Scribes or priest who used ritualistic magic in worship.
- 3) Sorcerer (**Exodus 7:11**)
 - In the New Testament the use of drugs and potions to practice magic.
- 4) Witch (**Exodus 22:18**)
 - Someone who invoked the power of the spirits of nature through spells and incantations.
- 5) Devils (**Leviticus 17:7 ; Deuteronomy 32:17**)
 - Demonic beings that can both posses and influences people.
- 6) Familiar Spirit (**Leviticus 20:27**)
 - A demon who comes at the call of a person.
- 7) Observer of times (**Deuteronomy1 8:10**)
 - A diviner who uses signs and omens.
- 8) Necromancer (**Deuteronomy1 8:11**)
 - Form of devil worship through contacting a dead body.
- 9) Wizard (**Deuteronomy 18:11**)
 - “Knowing one” Someone who practices magic from arcane knowledge found in books.
- 10) Charmer (**Deuteronomy 18:11**)
 - Someone who uses charms and amulets in practicing magic or someone who cast spells on people to bring them under his power.
- 11) Diviners (**Deuteronomy1 8:14**)
 - People who tell the future through communion with spirits.
- 12) Astrologer (**Daniel 1:20**)
 - People who predict future from stars and planets.
- 13) Stargazers (**Isaiah 47:13**)
 - People who predict future from looking at constellations.
- 14) Monthly Prognosticators (**Isaiah 47:13**)
 - People who predict future using the moon.

