

“The Antidote for Witchcraft”

Witchcraft can be the practice of cursing others. This cursing may not necessarily come through the act of black magic (magic done with intent of harming a person or destroying property), but may come innocently through those who love us, have good intentions, and believe that they are helping us. Witchcraft in its unmasked state is rooted in control and manipulation. Additionally, one of its root definitions in the Greek is Python, which characterizes divination or witchcraft in the Hebrew translation. Therefore, it can function like a python (a serpent like spirit that is designed to bring spiritual death) as it squeezes the life out of whatever exists. That said, one of its main purposes is to stop our fellowship with the Holy Spirit. When the Spirit's influence is diminished, it causes our soul to be vulnerable - thus opening doors. A kind of spiritual death occurs as this evil spirit partners with the natural mindedness of people who choose to mistrust and not follow the lead of the Holy Spirit; but, rather depend upon themselves. As a result, a shift is made from being led of the Lord's Spirit into religious performance or self-reliance.

Galatians 3:1-5 says:

“You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you trying to attain your goal by human effort? Have you suffered so much for nothing – if it really was for nothing? Does God give you His Spirit and work miracles among you because you observe the law, or because you believe what you heard?”

Like the Galatians, we must surrender to the workings of the Holy Spirit instead of succumbing to witchcraft through our human frailties. We must recognize the symptoms of the poison of witchcraft that has been injected into our lives and remember that its primary purpose is to discourage and cause us to become hopeless. If the enemy can get us to despair (hopelessness), then the poison of witchcraft has completed what it was purposed to do.

Please understand there is a process that this dark spirit uses to infiltrate our lives with despair. Each poisonous injection brings us closer to total defeat. Witchcraft will use whatever means at its disposal to achieve its end.

Here is a list of some ways that the enemy uses to inject us with his toxins.

1. Discouragement
2. Confusion
3. Depression
4. Fear
5. Loss of Vision
6. Disorientation
7. Withdrawal
8. Disobedience
9. Rebellion
10. Despair

Can you see how each poisonous injection is purposed to cause you to become hopeless? When you shut the door to one or all of these symptoms you close the door to the poisonous process of witchcraft. Allow me to further define each demonic process.

1. Discouragement: *Deprived of enthusiasm.*
2. Confusion: *Misled, bewildered, feelings of disorder.*
3. Depression: *Conditions of deep dejection.*
4. Fear: *Anxiety.*
5. Loss of Vision: *We begin to doubt that God has called us to the task of any vision much less the one at hand.*
6. Disorientation: *To be confused about one's training, to make one unsure of where one belongs, to make a person feel ill adjusted.*
7. Withdrawal: *To renounce, leave, isolate, abandon, retract or descent. To operate in an independent realm.*
8. Disobedience: *Failure or refusal to obey.*
9. Rebellion: *Defying authority.*
10. Despair: *To become hopeless. Despair always leads to defeat.*

So if one or more of these symptoms exist, you can be sure that the toxic spirit of witchcraft has infected you. Your only hope is to recognize and resist these lethal demonic toxins by asking the Lord to inject you with His antidote.

The Holy Spirit serum that counteracts the poison of witchcraft is:

- Break denial that the spirit of witchcraft may be at work in your life.
- Apply the blood of Jesus to your life (Rev. 12:11).
- Verbally renounce witchcraft with scripture. Learn scriptures that will cause the enemy to flee (Ephesians 6:10-18).
- Love not your life (Rev. 12:11). We are called to take up our cross daily, to do all things for the sake of the gospel. To the degree that we remain self-centered, we will be vulnerable to demonic attack. For example, if you are easily offended you are open to witchcraft.
- We bless those who curse us. Don't allow anger, bitterness and vengefulness to manifest. If so, you are playing into the hands of witchcraft.
- Put on the mantle of praise. When discouragement comes, follow the example of David by learning how to encourage yourself. Read your Bible, play praise music, pick up a telephone, interact with others. Just do the opposite of what this evil spirit is telling you to do.
- Allow a spirit of compassion (love) to arise. Don't get even: buy a card or send some flowers.
- Learn how to expose the works of the enemy. Be open and vulnerable about your situation. This promotes humility. Pride will always open the door to control and manipulation (witchcraft).
- Flow with the apostolic anointing. Witchcraft must be discerned and judged. If not, it will bring death and division to the corporate body. If this spirit is not confronted, harm can come to new believers as well. One purpose of the apostolic anointing is to exert authority that deals with this spirit. As the apostolic anointing is released, it breaks the power and grip of witchcraft. The result is a free flow of the Holy Spirit within a person's life and in the corporate body. Examples of Apostolic Authority over witchcraft are found in Galatians 3:1-4 and Acts 13:8-11.

Conclusion

The "Antidote for Witchcraft" is not to be used frivolously; this is a serious attack from the enemy that needs to be addressed soberly and proactively. In all cases when the venom of witchcraft is present, we must allow the Holy Spirit to inject us with the antidote. We must break denial, acknowledge the blood of Jesus, and verbally renounce the enemy by speaking scripture. Further, we must be God centered and not self-centered, don't curse but bless, put on praise music, allow love to arise, expose witchcraft, and flow with, not against the apostolic anointing. Witchcraft as it works in conjunction with our soul can be a formidable foe. However, as we partner with the Lord against it, we will experience victory!

This ministry is not a formula; but, insight to be used against the enemy. We must act offensively in a solemn and serious manner because Satan wants to destroy the spiritual life in us. This should not be ignored; we must study, pray and proactively stand in faith to destroy it.

Please end this study by reading *Romans 8:28-39*.

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