

✓ Familiar Spirits

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What are Familiar Spirits?

I. Introduction

1. Deliverance Stories

- [Jhn 10:10](#) *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*
 - **Young Woman with Familiar Spirit-suicidal**
 - **Young Man wanting to visit medium**
 - **Readings in the Park**

2. OT Warnings

- *Leviticus 19:31 – “Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them.”*
- *Leviticus 20:6 – “I will set My face against the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits...”*

3. Key Passage

- [Act 16:16](#) *Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a **certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.***
[Act 16:17](#) *This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation."*
[Act 16:18](#) *And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I **command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.**" And he came out that very hour.*
[Act 16:19](#) *But when her masters saw that their **hope of profit was gone**, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities.*

4. What was the Background of this Miracle?

- The Culture of Divination
- **Philippi was the a large city in the area of Macedonia**
 - **Philippi** had Roman temples and was influenced by Greek mythology and Roman imperial cult worship.
 - It was **known** for traditional Greco-Roman religion, emperor worship, and occult practices.
 - **Divination** was an important cultural and religious practice
 - **People** came from all over the region to consult the fortune tellers regarding,
 - Business, relationships, political issues, military issues,
 - **Fortune-tellers** were revered as channels of divine knowledge.
 - **The slave girl** made her masters much money by fortune telling
 - She was a what we would call a **Psychic**
- Paul identified the hidden source of power was not mystical, not divine, but an unclean demonic spirit
 - *Spirit of Divination= Spirit of Python*
 - *“Greatly annoyed”.....to toil with great labour, become worn down*
- **The demonic spirit was affecting and hindering Paul’s ministry**
 - Disrupting and causing spiritual heaviness in the prayer meeting
 - Speaking “spiritual” things but creating confusion and drawing attention to self
 - Seeking to control and shut down the moving of the Holy Spirit
- **Natural Python:**
 - Gets a hook into people and then wraps around them
 - It progressively squeezes the victim and stops circulation of blood to the heart, and blocks breathing
- **Spirit of Python:**
 - Gets a “hook” into people and then oppresses, limits, and squeezes spiritual life out slowly
 - It mimics the Holy Spirit bringing false “revelation and prophecy”
 - It seeks to use people and exploit them financially

6. Paul did not counsel, He confronted and cast out the spirit

- [Act 16:18](#) *And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour.*
- **By casting out the spirit, Paul directly confronted both demonic influence and the economic and spiritual power structures of the city**
 - *"in the name of Jesus Christ"*
 - *This spirit represented the Principality over the region: Divination*
 - The deliverance resulted on hostile opposition from people who felt threatened (Vs.19-20)
 - They made false accusations:
 - Racism,
 - Trouble making and
 - Cultural insensitivity and destruction

II. What Are Familiar Spirits?

1. Key Verse

- [Lev 19:31](#) *'Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.*
- **Familiar Spirits defile people**
 - *"Defiled"....become unclean, contaminated, polluted,*

2. What are Familiar Spirits?

- They are higher level occult unclean demonic spirit beings
 - They attach to individuals, families, bloodlines and tribes
 - They become closely attached and familiar or knowing the intimate traits of family members
 - They often impersonate the dead, predict the future or give deceptive guidance
 - They operate as counterspy Spirit Guides drawing people into bondage and dependency and rebellion against God
 - Once they become attached they refuse to leave until forced to by the Power of God

3. What do Familiar Spirits Do?

1. Watch and Observe People

- **They gather information:**
 - How they live,
 - What they say,
 - What they do
 - Their habits and weaknesses
 - Their divine assignments
- **They remember and keep a record of all the activities of people**
 - They use that information to accuse, manipulate and block destiny
 - They report activities within their hierarchy of Spirits (Eph.6:12)

2. They Communicate

- **With People**
 - Paranormal experiences and dreams
 - Intruding Flow of thoughts, pictures and premonitions
- **With other Demons**
 - They watch and keep record of the activities and reactions of people
 - They scheme together how draw people into sin and sabotage their calling

3. They Impersonate Dead Relatives or Ancestors

- They may appear after the death of a family member in the form of that person
 - They may have accurate personal information about that relative
 - They may appear as a 'False Jesus'
 - They may manifest in a way that causes terror and trauma

4. They Act as Counterfeit Spirit Guides seducing people and drawing them into bondage

- They are associated with mediums, necromancers, psychics and spiritists
 - They offer psychic and prophetic experiences that do not come from God
 - They seduce and draw people to become dependent upon them
 - God warns His people not to **prostitute** themselves with familiar spirits
 - [Lev 20:6](#) *'And the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people.*

- God views engaging familiar spirits as spiritual prostitution
- Engaging in an intimate act in return for pay or reward

5. They Establish Demonic Footholds in Families for Generations

- Once a person engages familiar spirits they open a spiritual door
 - Violating God's law regarding familiar spirits gives them legal rights to access
- Once a foothold is established in a family the demons continue to oppress generations
- Any person who is born into that family may experience oppression by spirits that are familiar to that family

6. They May Sexually Molest People they are Attached to

- **Incubus (male) and Succubus (female) spirits are specific familiar demons that seek sexual union with humans, often in dreams or sleep.**
 - Their goal is to defile, enslave, and hinder individuals through lust, fear, shame, or torment.
 - These spirits pervert God's design for intimacy and covenant.
- **How do these Demons Impact People?**
 - Sexual defilement in dreams and sleep.
 - Torment: sleep paralysis, fear, shame.
 - Pervert sexual identity and intimacy.
 - Hinder godly relationships or marriage.
 - Lead to addiction to lust or fantasy.
 - Block spiritual progress and intimacy with God.
 - Lead to despair and to eventual suicide

III. How do Familiar Spirits Gain Access to People?

○ Key Doorways

1. Personal Occult Involvement

- Fortune telling
- Astrology
- Ouija Boards
- Seances
- Consulting mediums

2. Generational Iniquity and Curses

- **Family History of**
 - Occult involvement
 - Idolatry
 - Divination
 - Sorcery
 - Occult rituals
 - Freemasonry
- **Cultural Spiritist traditions**
 - Ancestor worship
 - Offering sacrifices on behalf of dead relatives
 - Calling upon or speaking to dead ancestors
 - Spirit Guides and Shamanism

3. Blood Covenants

- A Covenant is a binding agreement between two people often accompanied by the shedding of blood
 - People sometimes invite familiar spirits into their life to empower them
 - Sometimes they reinforce their agreement by cutting their wrist and shedding blood
 - This establishes a blood covenant with the demon that must be broken before deliverance is possible

4. Trauma or Deep Grief

- When people experience deep grief through loss of a loved one;
 - Turn to mediums to contact the lost one
 - Unresolved grieving over the lost one
 - Talking to a lost one as though they were still present
 - Imaginary friends
 - Tattoos to remember lost loved ones
- Many mediums and psychics prey on grieving people claiming to be able to contact dead relatives

5. False Religious Practices

- Worship of idols (1Cor.10:20)
- Worship of Spiritual leaders (Saibaba)
- Worship of Mary (Jer.7:18)
- Worship of Dead Saints
- Kissing Dead Bodies
- False "prophetic" or "spiritual" experiences

5. Bitterness and Rebellion (Act.8:23)

- Deep rejection can lead to bitterness, rebellion and seeking spiritual power
 - Desire for hidden knowledge
 - Desire for spiritual power and control
 - Deep rejection, bitterness and rebellion against God

6. Curiosity about the Spiritual Realm

- Seeking spiritual experiences out of curiosity
- Engaging with divination or sorcery, casting spells
- Excessive Video Games focussed on sorcery

7. Sexual Defilement

- Sexual relationships with someone involved with the Occult
- Sexual Abuse and Trauma
- Pornography, masturbation, and sexual fantasy.
- Ungodly soul ties (past sexual partners, abusive relationships).
- Cursed or sexualized objects.

IV. What are the Consequences of Hosting Familiar Spirits?

- Spiritual defilement by demons. (Lev.19:31)
- Hindrances to relationship with God (Lev.20:6)
- Paranormal dreams and manifestations
- Bondage to confusion, fear and darkness. (2Tim.1:6-7)
- Torment and Bondage
- Loss of Destiny and inclusion in the coming Kingdom (Gal.5:20-21)

V. How do you become Free of Familiar Spirits?**1. Key Foundations**

- [Mrk 9:23](#) *Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."*
- [Jas 4:7](#) *Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*

2. Action Steps

- **Repent**
 - Acknowledge and turn away from all involvement with occult practices or interest in familiar spirits (Acts 19:18–20).
- **Renounce**
 - Verbally reject and break any agreements made knowingly or unknowingly with these spirits (2 Cor. 6:14–18).
 - Verbally renounce any generational or bloodline agreements, dedications, sacrifices, covenants with demons or idols
- **Remove**
 - Destroy or remove any objects, books, charms, or items associated with occultism (Deut. 7:25–26).
- **Resist**
 - Stand firm in God's Word and resist the devil in Jesus' name (James 4:7).
- **Receive**
 - Be filled with the Holy Spirit. Invite God's presence to fill every place that was occupied by darkness (Luke 11:24–26).

V. Ministry**1. Salvation Altar Call****2. Ministry Altar Call**

- **Familiar Spirits**
- **Family and personal idolatry**
- **Family and Personal spiritism.....mediums, psychics.**
- **Witchcraft**

