The Good Fight



Prayer, Worship & Spiritual Warfare



Romans 12:1-2 New King James Version

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Creatio ex nihilo — "creation out of nothing"

Romans 12:3 New King James Version

3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

Don't confuse delusion with faith

Proverbs 23:7 New King James Version

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.

"Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his heart is not with you.

James 4:3-4 New Living Translation

3 And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.
4 You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God.

Agreement

Ephesians 2 New King James Version

By Grace Through Faith

2 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Matthew 6:24 New King James Version

24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

2 Corinthians 4:4 New Living Translation

4 Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

Ephesians 6:10-12 New King James Version

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Deuteronomy 18:9-12 New King James Version

9 "When you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. 10 There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer,

Deuteronomy 18:9-12 New King James Version

11 or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. 12 For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord, and because of these abominations the Lord your God drives them out from before you.

God takes this very seriously

Exodus 22:18 New King James Version

18 "You shall not permit a sorceress to live.

Leviticus 20:27 New King James Version

27 'A man or a woman who is a medium, or who has familiar spirits, shall surely be put to death; they shall stone them with stones. Their blood shall be upon them.'

1 Chronicles 10:13 New King James Version

13 So Saul died for his unfaithfulness which he had committed against the Lord, because he did not keep the word of the Lord, and also because he consulted a medium for guidance.

Witchcraft, Necromancy, Fortunetelling, Sorcery

Pharmakeia — Drugs

God

Satan

Job 1:12 New King James Version

12 And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 4:4 New King James Version

4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

1 Samuel 15:23 New King James Version

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For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft,
And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.
Because you have rejected the word of the Lord,
He also has rejected you from being king."

Genesis 3:5 New King James Version

5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Beware of the promise of secret knowledge

Self-realization / Spiritual enlightenment

Revelation 22:15 New International Version

15 Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

Acts 19:19 New King James Version

19 Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver.

Isaiah 8:19 New International Version

19 When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living?

Worship



Redeemed Heart

Love the Lord with everything

Mark 12:29-31

New King James Version

29 Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.

Sing, serve, play, pray, live...

3rd, true worship of God is the desire to glorify God with our words and actions. Serve Him

Desire to glorify God with our words and actions.

1 Corinthians 10:31 English Standard Version

31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

How?

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John 4:23-24 New International Version

23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

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