
Unmasking the Darkness: The Truth About Witchcraft

WHAT IS THE ROOT OF WITCHCRAFT?

- Rebellion against God's authority!

1 Samuel 15:22–23 (NLT) “But Samuel replied, “What is more pleasing to the Lord: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams. **23 Rebellion is as sinful as witchcraft, and stubbornness as bad as worshiping idols.** So because you have rejected the command of the Lord, he has rejected you as king.”

WHAT DOES GOD THINK ABOUT WITCHCRAFT?

God Forbids Witchcraft...

Deuteronomy 18:9–12 (NLT) “Do not let your people practice fortune-telling, or use sorcery, or interpret omens, or engage in witchcraft... Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord.

Witchcraft angers God...

2 Chronicles 33:6 (NLT) “Manasseh practiced sorcery, divination, and witchcraft... and did much evil in the Lord's sight, arousing His anger.”

Witchcraft will be destroyed one day...

Micah 5:12 (NLT) “I will put an end to all witchcraft, and there will be **no more** fortune-tellers.”

2 Timothy 3:1 (NKJV) “... in the last days ***perilous times*** will come...”

1 Timothy 4:1–2 (TPT) “The Holy Spirit has explicitly revealed: At the end of this age, many will **depart** from the **true faith one after another**, devoting themselves to **spirits of deception** and **following demon-inspired revelations and theories**. 2 Hypocritical liars will deceive many, and **their consciences won't bother them at all!**”

HOW ARE WE TO RESPOND TO THIS MESSAGE?:

First: Understand that we are Jesus' answer to the problem.

Isaiah 60:1–2 (NKJV) “Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.”

Second: Dare to be different!

Genesis 6:8–9 (NIV84) 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. 9 ... Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people **of his time**, and **he walked with God**.

Third: Be willing to take a stand against Satan and his kingdom!

Ephesians 6:11 (NLT) “... stand firm against **all** strategies of the devil.”

1 John 4:4 says... *“Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world!”*