The counterfeit is seen all throughout our world today. It is Satan’s method to copy and distort the ways of God. In this foundational teaching on witchcraft—unveiling it, identifying it, and its results—Derek Prince shares how Satan has used witchcraft to destroy the church (and a nation) from within. These notes are to accompany the audio teaching of Derek Prince found here. We encourage you to listen to the teaching, and consult these notes for your study, prayer points, and meditation.

I. Jesus’ work on the Cross is the total, eternal, irrevocable defeat of Satan and his kingdom. It is absolute perfection. It has completed and met every need that could ever arise in our lives. Because of this, Satan tries to obscure the work of the Cross. If Satan can obscure the work of the cross, he can reinsert his control over humanity.

II. Satan’s Counterattack Manifested (Gal 3:1–5)

A. “Bewitch”—power of the “evil eye”
How did Paul know they were bewitched? (Gal 3:2)

1. Legalism—Behind legalism is the work of witchcraft. Paul viewed it as a greater threat than immorality. Legalism: Either attempting to achieve righteousness with God through a set of rules or adding extra requirements (Rom. 4:22–25).

2. Carnality—the carnal nature cannot bring forth good fruit. More negative rules feed the thing you are trying to prevent.

3. The Results of Legalism: A Curse (Gal. 3:10 [Compare Jer. 17:5]) The Galatian church had known the supernatural grace of God but turned to legalism and fell under a curse. We see this in the church today. When we come out from under the promise of God, we subject ourselves to cursing.

III. Three Aspects Of Witchcraft Realm

A. Witchcraft—power arm
Operates through spells and curses
B. Divination—predictive arm
1. Fortune tellers, etc.
2. Pronounce Satan’s destiny on you. This is what fortune tellers do—pronounce Satan’s destiny on you. It is real power. Do not partner with this. Do not submit to Satan’s destiny for you.

C. Sorcery—operates through things to gain control of people
1. Potions
2. Charms
3. Talismans
4. Drugs
5. Music

IV. Nature Of Witchcraft (1 Sam. 15:23)

A. Work of the flesh (Gal. 5:20)
1. Linked to rebellion and stubbornness (1 Sam. 15:23)
   A stubborn person makes idols out of their own opinion. Rebellion and witchcraft are twins. Where one exists you most often find the other. Rebellion is the rejection of the righteous government of God in your life. There has to be an authority. When you throw off God’s authority, you subject yourself to the authority of witchcraft. It is a counterfeit and a substitute for Satan to gain illegitimate authority. (Gal. 5:19)

2. Substitute for legitimate power to maintain illegitimate authority—operates in:
   a. Family relationships
   b. Inside the church: pastor vs. members, “prophetesses” and “super-spiritual” people
   c. Preacher building his ministry: pattern of Abraham and Isaac

3. Characteristics of witchcraft
   a. Manipulate—the weaker one will manipulate
   b. Intimidate—the stronger one will intimidate
   c. Dominate—the result is always the same—to dominate

4. Guilt: a main tool of Satan

B. An evil spiritual power (Gal. 3:1)
1. Satan and his angels seek illegitimate dominion
   Satan is the original rebel and he has set up a kingdom with illegitimate authority. Witchcraft is the normal religion of unredeemed humanity. It is a counterfeit and spiritual force that relates to the illegitimate kingdom.
   a. Natural religion of fallen man
   b. All forms of occult are part of this illegitimate kingdom. If it isn’t from God, it is powered from the illegitimate kingdom of Satan.

2. Church—witchcraft results in legalism (Gal. 5:19–21)
   a. Restores illegitimate dominion of flesh over spirit (Rom. 7:5–6)
   b. Produces slaves instead of sons (Rom. 8:14–17; Gal. 4:1–11)

3. Aspects of illegitimate dominion—where do we see this?
   a. Promotes carnal and suppresses the spiritual
   b. Prefers Ishmael over Isaac (this is represented and seen in the counterfeit of Islam)
   c. Setting up human theology over divine revelation (Gal. 1:11–17)
   d. Promotes education training above personal discipling (serving) (Rom. 8:7–8)
   e. Exalts psychology over spiritual discernment (word of knowledge)
   f. Prefers programs above supernatural direction
   g. Exalts eloquence of speech over supernatural power (1 Cor. 2:4–5)
   h. Focus on reasoning over a walk of faith (2 Cor. 10:4–5)
   i. Exalts legalism above love (Gal. 5:6, 14; 1 Tim. 1:5–6)

Pray for freedom, for deliverance, and for truth, and plead the blood of Christ over yourself as you seek the true kingdom of God over the counterfeit kingdom of Satan. Pray into this teaching and next, we will be sharing how we can counter this counterfeit in part two of this important study.

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