

Session X: Cleansing The Home Of Cursed Objects¹

A. **The Purpose of This Session:** To help maintain a peace-filled home in which the Holy Spirit is made to feel welcome, thus promoting fellowship with God by every member of the household.

B. Defining Principles

1. Evil spirits are the agents satan uses to destroy peace in your home
2. But evil spirits get their authority to work from people (needs people to get authority to work his evil) to sow discord (cause fights, arguments, anger, etc.)
3. Here's a good illustration of how they work:

Proverbs 6:12-14

A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.

He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;

Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord.

A naughty person, (Lit. man of Belial = a child of the devil. Belial means “lawless or worthless”. The purpose of a man of Belial is to entice a person to serve another god – Deuteronomy 13:13)

a wicked (an idol, wicked, false, evil) man, walketh with a froward (perverse) mouth.

He winketh with his eyes (i.e. gestures, sends signals into the spirit realm),

he speaketh with his feet (more signals to the spirit realm),

he teacheth with his fingers; (teacheth=to flow as water, to shoot, to direct i.e evil spirits, similar to eastern religious and martial arts hand movements whose purpose is to call in supernatural help from demons)

Frowardness (perverseness, i.e. fraud, intent to deceive) is in his heart,

he deviseth (to conceal, keep secret)

mischief (adversity, affliction, calamity)

continually; he soweth (to send away for, reach for, shoot forth – to call in evil spirits?) discord. (a brawling, discord, contention, contest, quarrel, fighting)

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What's this all mean?

THE ENEMY, SATAN, HAS A SYSTEMATIZED WAY OF GETTING CHRISTIANS TO FIGHT AMONG THEMSELVES THROUGH AN ESTABLISHED SYSTEM OF SECRETLY CALLING IN EVIL SPIRITS TO HELP CREATE CALAMITY, HAVOC, AND STRIFE IN OTHERWISE GODLY RELATIONSHIPS.

What Gives Him the Right to do these things? YOU DO!!! -- Believers give it to him

How?? →→ One of the biggest ways is by getting Believers to bring cursed objects into their homes

It acts like a delayed mine, or a slow poison

Illustration – Doggie doo in fresh brownies

C. How Do Cursed Objects Affect God's People?

- Achan & the accursed thing – Joshua 6:17-19; 24; 7:1-13
- Cursed objects – the power satan gains from violation of the 1st and 2nd commandments – 20:4-5
- Cursed Objects are more than just idols – Acts 19:14-20
- Getting rid of cursed objects enables the Word of God to have freer course – Acts 19:14-20

Acts 19:13-20 PP15 Matthew Henry's Commentary:

Those that had conversed with wicked books.... that traded in the study of magic and divination, in books of judicial astrology, casting nativities, telling fortunes, raising and laying spirits, interpreting dreams, predicting future events, and the like....,brought their books together, and burnt them before all men. Ephesus was notorious for the use of these curious arts; hence spells and charms were called Literae Ephesiae. Here people furnished themselves with all those sorts of books, and, probably, had tutors to instruct them in those black arts. It was therefore much for the honour of Christ and his gospel to have such a noble testimony borne against those curious arts, in a place where they were so much in vogue. It is taken for granted that they were convinced of the evil of these curious arts, and resolved to deal in them no longer; but they did not think this enough unless they burnt their books.

- *Succeeding In Spiritual Warfare* page 65 and appendix I
- Cursed objects provide a legal portal for demonic authority against their possessors.
- Psalm 101:3 - *I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.*

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- Sons of Belial – who are they? What is their mission?
 - a. To cause God’s people to serve other gods – Deut 13:13; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18
 - b. They become agents to take down God’s children.
 - i. In Judges 19 & 20, they caused war between the tribes of Benjamin and the rest of Israel, causing the death of over 65,000 people.
 - ii. In I Samuel 2 they were the sons of the high priest and helped cause the moral decline of the people and loss of Eli’s priesthood.
 - iii. They resisted and publicly despised King Saul’s early leadership in I Samuel 10:27, and are people who will not listen to reason (I Samuel 25:17).
 - iv. They disrupt unity of a nation or people with wicked, demonically inspired ideas (I Samuel 30:22) and cause rebellion among the people (2 Samuel 20:1).
 - v. They cannot be captured and require men of (spiritual) iron to deal with them by force (2 Sam 23:6-7).
 - vi. They willingly fabricate false evidence and testimony in order to conduct political intrigue and murder (I Kings 21:6-14; 2 Chronicles 13:7).
 - vii. He (or she) sows discord and strife among the believers through secretive manipulations and signals in the spirit realm (Proverbs 6:12-15; see also the beginning notes of this session)
 - viii. In summary, they are often movers and shakers in a culture, children of satan who sow demonic plots and conspire to destroy God’s people. Their work is obvious in modern politics and one-world government advancements. But they are also active in popular culture, education, and all realms of influence in nations. Who, for example, produces such religious doctrines as evolution, communism, homosexual-friendly religious permissives, pornography, entitlement politics, rage/violence/promiscuity arts and entertainment culture, yoga and other eastern religious philosophies, Native American and tribal animism, New Age spiritualism, Freemasonry and other forms of witchcraft, etc. ?

Thus keeping a home cleansed of impure, cursed objects requires continuing vigilance. It requires discernment of every thing in the home – jewelry, music, television and movies, toys, books and magazines, internet and a strong stand against their invasion. Remember – the purpose of these things are to cause God’s people to serve other gods. Their effects include Christian complacency, apathy, and slumber. Only daily relationship with the Lord provides an antidote.

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I Samuel 15:22-23a

And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.....

Reference reading:

Succeeding In Spiritual Warfare (Norcross)

Marriage Seminar: How To Walk By The Spirit In Your Marriage (Norcross)

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