



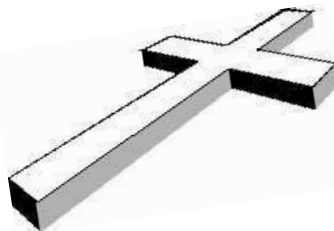
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*Proving what is acceptable
unto the Lord. And have
no fellowship with the un-
fruitful works of darkness,
but rather reprove them.
Ephesians 5:10-11*

"Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes." Song of Solomon 2:15

Foxes sometime in search of food would enter into the grape orchards and devour the grapes and spoil the crop. However, the little foxes were too small to reach the grape bunches so they would chew on the vines and it would kill the whole vine. Instead of the farmer just losing his crop, he would lose his vine which was more disastrous. Spiritually some things we do or allow, that we might think is little or insignificant, can also be disastrous for us. Some may consider celebrating Halloween as only a little compromise. However, it is the "little foxes" that spoil the vines and this little compromise can open the door to other evils. Many Christians do not realize that certain traditions that are celebrated in the world have evil origins. Just because our society partakes in certain activities does not make them acceptable for Christians. We must look to Christ and His Word to see if the traditions of this world are good or evil. One very evil tradition is the celebration of Halloween. No Christian should partake in the activities of this holiday, nor should they allow their children to do so. We can discern the evil of this day by taking a look at the festivities that are associated with its celebration. Children are dressed as witches, goblins, ghosts, little devils and fortune tellers. All these are representatives of Satan's kingdom. Games played at carnivals promote fear in children as they are ushered through spook houses and horror rooms. Skeletons, black cats and bats represent death and darkness. No carnival is complete without the gypsy who tells fortunes. Satan has gained man's approval to celebrate his day by simply making it a tradition that seems like a fun day. The opposite is true, however, as more damage and harm are done on this day each year than any other holiday. Because so many of us have grown up celebrating Halloween, and seemingly did not experience any negative effects, some feel that not celebrating Halloween at all is an extreme measure. However, we would encourage you to pray about this. Is any holiday that glorifies death and darkness (even in fun) a proper thing for a Christian to do since we have been called out of darkness into His marvelous light? 1 Peter 2:9: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." Whether we feel that we have been really hurt by celebrating Halloween or not, is only part of the issue. How does God feel to see His people making light of demons and witchcraft? Shouldn't we be thinking about how to honor Him and show our love to Him? Where do our loyalties lie? Most Satanists celebrate this as their high holy day and even offer human sacrifices to the devil. Until recently, most Christians have not questioned this traditional celebration, but rather have gone along with it by even bringing Halloween parties into the church. The earliest Halloween celebrations were not held by the early church, but the Druids in honor of Samhain, the "lord of the dead", and his demons, whose festival fell on November 1. Halloween actually means "holy or hallowed evening." Parents have a responsibility not to allow their children to be exposed to these evil celebrations. The CHURCH has a responsibility to warn of this danger. What might seem to some as innocent children's games is a "little fox" that can open the door to satanic influence and even demon possession in some cases. Children can be tormented with a spirit of fear that can come through this involvement that stays with them throughout their lives. It also introduces children to witchcraft, making it easier for them to become involved in cults and occultic activities. When children are taught it is alright to play with the things of darkness, it does not give them the repulsion and resistance that they need to stand against greater Satanic involvement. When the things of Satan are taken lightly, as games and fun, it sets our children up to accept evil rather than to resist it. This "little fox" is not only spreading evil to children but has been a curse for the church and our nation as well. As Christians, we should spread the word to others about the evil tradition of Halloween. Sister Betty Miller

**Church of the Covered Dish****Cousin Leroy**

Bubba kept having horrible paranoid feelings that someone was hiding under his bed. He finally went to a psychiatrist. He told the doctor that he just knows there is someone hiding under his bed at night. He said that whenever he gets the courage to look under the bed, he doesn't see anyone, but feels the person has probably climbed on top of the bed. So, while he's never seen the person, he knows he is there. The psychiatrist says, "This sounds like a very deep-seated problem. It'll probably take some intense therapeutic sessions, at least once or twice a week for a year or two to resolve the matter." Bubba said, "How much will this cost?" The doc says, "\$150 per session." Bubba gulps and says, "Doc, let me think on it." A couple of weeks later Bubba bumped into the doctor on the sidewalk and said, "Hey, doc. Good news! I'm cured, and it only cost me \$10." The psychiatrist was stunned and asked, "That's amazing. How is that possible?" To which Bubba replied, "I was telling my ol' granny about my problem and she said, "Why, honey, just cut the legs off the bed!"

Encouragement

A woman needed encouragement to keep pedaling the exercise bike in her gym. So her friend, the gym manager, said, "Close your eyes and imagine you're riding along Broadway in New York City. It will be more interesting." Inspired, the woman cycled on, but after a minute she stopped. "What's wrong?" asked the manager. "The traffic light's red," she replied.

Camping Under The Stars

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal they laid down for the night and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend. "Watson, look up and tell me what you see." Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars." "What does that tell you?" Watson pondered for a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant in comparison. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. Why, what does it tell YOU?" Holmes was silent for a minute, then spoke. "Well my dear Watson, it tells me that some knucklehead has stolen our tent!!"

The Three Sons

Three sons left home, went out on their own and prospered. They discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother. The first said: "I built a big house for our mother." The second said: "I sent her a Mercedes with a driver." The third said: "You remember how our mother enjoys reading the Bible. Now she can't see very well. So I sent her a remarkable parrot that recites the entire Bible. It cost me \$5,000 and it took elders in the church 12 years to teach him. Mama just has to name the chapter and verse and the parrot recites it." Soon thereafter, their mother sent out her letters of thanks. "Milton," she said, "the house you built is so huge. I live only in one room, but I have to clean the whole house." "Gerald," she said, "I am too old to travel. I stay most of the time at home so I rarely use the Mercedes. And that driver is so rude! He's a pain!" "But Donald," she said, "the little chicken you sent was delicious!"



Pitching Your Tent Toward Sodom

Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom. But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly. Genesis 13:12-13

When we teach or preach on the subject of "Halloween" the danger that we are speaking of goes far beyond just this one night of celebrating evil. The most critical danger of this celebration is the casual acceptance of the occult...what most of the church calls "fun" God calls an abomination and a cursed thing. Through entertainment...and the repetitive celebration of this unholy day the hearts of even many of the most devout followers of Jesus have been calloused to the occult and the works of darkness. Sadly many things that the early church would have refused and rebuked have become common place in todays modern day seeker sensitive church age. And let me be very plain in what I am saying...I could go into the history of Halloween and the evil roots of it but it can all be summed up in the resounding truth that HALLOWEEN is satanic, it is rooted and grounded in the powers of darkness and it goes against everything that God's Word teaches. With that being said, why is the occult and witchcraft so popular today? Not just in the world but the fact that it has made its way into the church? There are many reasons why the occult is so widely accepted. One of the reasons is that we have been so bombarded with it in our society that people have simply become "used" to it...it has become the norm instead of unacceptable. Looking into Gods Word we see a perfect example of how this has happened. We see this same thing happened to Lot, Abraham's nephew. When it came time for them to separate Abraham allowed Lot to choose the direction in which he wanted to go and the Bible says that Lot "pitched his tent toward Sodom"...in doing this we find that Lots soul becomes vexed...Why? Because he set his eyes upon the people...their ways...their conversation, their way of life!! And even though at first this may have been repulsive to Lot over time it became less and less offensive and he became more and more like them. So much so that he called them "brethren" and even went so far as to offer his daughters to the perverted men of that city. You see the longer you behold something...the more you are around IT...the more acceptable it becomes. Someone once said what one generation tolerates the next generation accepts! How true that is! We have been so exposed for so long to the occult that we no longer look at things the way our forefathers did. Wickedness and the things of darkness have become part of our everyday lives from movies, television, video games all the way down to the packaging on the food that we buy! Halloween is now the second biggest money making holiday in this country! And sadly many...MANY churches celebrate it with parties, haunted houses and more! Gods Word says "Suffer not a witch to live."...and you could fill in the word "witch" there with any practitioner of evil. Now am I saying stone them? No...certainly not but how can we justify petting them....consulting them...dressing like them...accepting them as nothing more than fun?? Stones aside this type of practice AND the condoning of such is STILL an abomination in the sight of God. Please take the time to pray about this...take the time to seek the Lord for His direction in this matter...take the time to read what His WORD says about this...and we are confident that you too will see that the occult and witchcraft along with the celebration of halloween are indeed the works of darkness and no born again believer should be involved in any of it. Until next time may the LORD bless and keep you is our prayer. Pastor Billy R. Douglas

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3 KJV

In John Chapter three, Jesus makes it plain that there is a natural birth and a spiritual birth. In the natural birth or first birth, we came through the water. In the second birth we came through the blood. In the first birth we came into this earth. In the second birth we entered God's kingdom. In the first birth we left a place of physical darkness and entered a place of light. In the second birth we left a place of spiritual darkness and entered God's light. Now, we walk in the light as He is in the light. Pastor Mike Vaughn

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REESIE'S RECIPES



Easy Woman's Cobbler by Vonnie St.Clair

1 c. flour
1 c. sugar
1 c. milk

1 stick margarine

1 (15oz) can of any fruit (fruit cocktail, peaches, cherries, ect.)

Mix together first 3 ingredients: pour into a 8x8 inch baking dish. Melt butter and add to flour mixture. Add fruit of your choice. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes or until done.

Rotel Chili

1 lb. ground beef
1 lb. Tennessee Pride sausage
1 chili roll
1 box of cut spaghetti
64 oz. can tomato juice
2 cans diced tomatoes, with sweet onion
1 can rotel tomato
1 cup ketchup
2 cans chili beans

1 envelope of McCormick mild chili seasoning

Brown ground beef, sausage in large skillet, drain well. Cook spaghetti as directed on package, drain. In a large pot combine meats, spaghetti and remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to simmer and simmer for 30 minutes.

Hawaiian Roll Casserole

2 pkg. Hawaiian rolls
1 lb. shaved ham
9oz. Grated or sliced swiss cheese
1 cup butter
1 1/2 T. poppy seeds
2 T. dried onion flakes
2 T. Worcestershire sauce
2 T. Dijon mustard

Cut rolls in half: Place the bottoms of the rolls in greased 9x13 pan. Layer with ham and cheese on top of rolls. For the glaze mix butter, seeds, onion flakes, sauce and mustard. Spread half of glaze on top of ham and cheese. Cover with tops of rolls. Spread the remaining glaze on top. Bake at 350 for 20 minutes.

Creamy Chicken Enchiladas

1 lb. chicken breast
1 onion, chopped
1 (8oz) cream cheese
1 (4.5oz) can chopped green chiles
1 (12 ct.) floured tortillas
1 cup shredded cheese

Preheat oven to 400. Cook chicken over medium heat with 2 tablespoons oil and onion until done. Add cream cheese and chiles. Cook and stir over medium heat until blended. Spoon filling onto tortillas, roll and place seam down in lightly greased 9x13 pan. Pour enchilada sauce over top and sprinkle with cheese. Bake for 20 minutes.



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7 Indictments Against God's People -- Amos 6: 1-7

Pride is the mother of all sin; every "lesser" sin springs from her devilish womb. It led to Israel's (and America's) apostasy. It breeds a discontent for God, contempt for His word, and an overwhelming urge to "walk" in our own ways. Pride is often hard to recognize within oneself and at times within one's nation. The spirit of pride is often found in the indulgence of excessive physical appetites and a love for ease. These two characteristics of pride have always resulted in spiritual decay, financial ruin and death. Even as God brought Israel out of Egyptian slavery by His mighty Hand of mercy, God also miraculously took a small country of thirteen colonies out from under England's tyrannical rule and the nation of the United States of America was born. Both Israel and America worked hard and faithfully worshipped the One True God, both lived humbly before God with a contrite heart; therefore, God prospered these nations. However, as prosperity often does, it planted, cultivated, and grew the seeds of pride and self-exultation which claimed the souls of both these great nations. Both have exchanged their God for those which are no gods and have gotten too big for their britches. Even as the prophets of Israel would call their people to repentance and a turning away from pride and a turning to the One True God, so America has had presidents, governors, and generals who have called the American people away from their pride to observe days of humiliation, fasting and prayer – encouraging the American people to humbly seek the face of Almighty God. Look at Amos 6:1-7, look at your own life to see if God's indictments which were aimed at Israel of yesteryear are aimed at you today. Certainly we can see these in our nation, but can we see them in ourselves? Remember Paul's admonition in Romans 15:4, "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." These warnings were written to Israel that we might see, be receptive, repentant, and finally, have hope in the Living Christ. God's indictments against Israel fall into three main categories: Self-indulgence, Secular revelry, and Shameful debauchery. Sadly these things permeate our once-great nation; sadder yet, too often these same things permeate the church of America and many of its members. Friends, let me first say that sin does not cease to be sin just because the church accepts it! When God says it is wrong...it is wrong! Indictment #1: They "Lie upon Beds of Ivory." They had expensive and far-fetched furniture. Abraham searched for and lived for a city whose builder and maker was God. These people chose to live in luxury here, neglecting their poor and hungry brothers. They wanted the best of everything. Sound familiar? Indictment #2: They "stretch themselves upon their couches" They embraced their lives with the love of ease and laziness. Seeking ease instead of seeking God, loving luxury more than loving the Lord, that is NOT what we are called to. Many in the church today are stretched out in front of the television when they'd be much better off being stretched out before God, seeking Him. Indictment #3: They "eat the lambs out of the field and calves out of the midst of the stall": They ate luxuriously and as gluttons. They had to have everything of the very best and abundance of it. They didn't eat to live, they lived to eat! They ate without gratitude and indulged in their appetites without restraint. Paul calls us to temperance and moderation but how does your food and drink measure up to moderation. Paul tells us to glorify God in ALL that we do (1 Cor. 10:31) Indictment #4: They "chant to the song of the vial" Israel devoted much time to entertainments, fun with music and dancing. They didn't have 24 hour television programming and DVD players. They didn't have MP3 players and smart phones or the internet. They didn't have their favorite sports with games being played year round. We have much more available to us today– do we use it for the glory of God or abuse it to the glory of self? Is it God-gratifying or self-gratifying? God gives us a general feeling of what our music should be in Colossians 3:16. The music wasn't used for the worship of God, it was ungodly and self-serving. Much music today either glorifies sin or is just silly and frivolous; same can be said for our entertainment. I would remind you of Paul's exhortation when it comes to ALL things: "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." (Colossians 3:17) As we look around our nation, this is a time for weeping not a time for merriment. Within the church there is much need of weeping as well. There is great joy in knowing Christ but there is place for great weeping as well as we see an unhealthy body. Indictment #5: They "Drink wine in bowls": Again, there was no moderation, only excess. Cups and glasses didn't hold enough. They had to drink from bowls. Not your normal cereal bowl either, these were the big bowls which were used in religious sacrifice. They robbed the altar of God that they might drink to themselves. When's the last time you fasted instead of super-sized? When's the last time you saved a couple of bucks and drank water instead? Have you ever robbed from God in either his tithes and offerings or even robbing from Him His holy day to live unto yourself? Indictment #6: They "anoint themselves with chief ointments": They were extravagant with perfumes and cosmetics. They were more intent in preparing the face to be admired by folks than preparing the heart to be approved of God. Regardless of how beautiful you make yourself on the outside, if your inside is ugly, God isn't impressed. Take into account God's word on the subject—1 Timothy 2:9-10 & 1 Peter 3:3-4. In all these indictments so far we see how luxury and selfishness leads to excess. Also remember that sensuality and mirth often lead to irreverence. What you must realize is that these things always lead to a sinful apathy of both our own condition and the condition of our brothers and sisters, apathy to Jesus Himself. This is what we find in God's last indictment to His people. Indictment #7: They were "not grieved for the affliction of Joseph vs. 6 They had no concern for the church, though it was in distress and peril. They had more sinful pride in taking care of their own wants than they had for meeting the NEED of their brothers and sisters. How often do you pray for and financially support the persecuted church throughout the world or in your own country? Do your support ministries which proclaim the True WORD of God, like VOTL? Do you have a real concern for the body of Christ? Don't be like the believers James talks about in James 2:15-16. Lay up your treasure in heaven, not here on the earth where its value diminishes. I often see God's people more concentrated on worldliness than concerned for the church! When will you really care about the state of our nation and of the body of CHRIST around the world? Too often people only care when it starts to hit their own home or pocketbook, by then it's too late. Today is the day to pray and fast. Today is the day to give up your sinfulness and the things which are offending the Holy God you say you serve. Today is the day to give all to the Lord and allow the Spirit to cleanse you throughout! Just because you can do something or even have the right to do something doesn't make it right! They were weighed in the balances, found wanting and guilty. Allow the Spirit to search your heart. Is it a heart of holiness and praise or one of carnality? Beware of carnality; it's enmity against God! Brother Steve Huston 103 N. Division Ave. Fremont, Michigan 49412



“Are You Listening For God?”

by Evangelist Mike Heltsley

And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. 1st Kings 19:11-12

Have you heard God speak to you today? If that question is a little upsetting, if you're feeling somewhat defensive or guilty... Probably, the better question would have been, "Have you been listening for God?" This is a very difficult subject, but I think it's a matter that can benefit all of us if we'll give it a little thought. For starters, if we're interested in how to hear God speaking to us, let's examine just how He does communicate with His children. Most loudly and clearly, God's voice thunders to us from the pages of His Holy Bible. Unfortunately, we too often close our ears when He speaks to us from Scripture. You want to hear from God? Read His Book. Memorize His Word. Obey His commands. That's the best way to really listen to God speaking. Well, you say, everybody knows that the Bible is the Word of God – that God "speaks" to us in the Scriptures. "But," you say, "that's just too conventional – that's no fun – I want a personal message to boom down from the clouds with maybe a little lightning and thunder thrown in to impress the neighbors. It seems like God could turn up the knob on His amplifier just a little bit. I don't want to strain to listen – I want stereo with hi-fidelity. I wouldn't mind if I even needed earplugs." But God doesn't speak to us like that. And I think we already knew it. If we pay attention, listen intently, we can hear God in the Bible. It's not glamorous. It's "blue collar" work. The Apostle Paul tells us in 2nd Timothy 2:14-16 - Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. [15] Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. [16] But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. Be one of God's "workmen" – a blue collar guy or gal – work at it, study the Bible, and you can hear God speak to you from His Word. Another way that God speaks to us is through answered prayer. If we don't faithfully and regularly go to God in prayer – how can He speak to us through answered prayer? Yes, God does answer our prayers. Sometimes He says "yes," sometimes He says "no," sometimes we have to wait. Probably, more than we like to admit, He answers, but we don't listen close enough to hear Him. We really do need that amplifier, don't we? But think about it – what wonderful, soothing "words" God provides when He answers prayer. What would you rather receive – a loud, 30-second sound byte from heaven proclaiming, "I feel your pain" – or the gentle peace that surpasses all understanding to calm your soul that only God can provide? How else does God speak to us? He speaks to us through His written Word – the Bible. He also speaks to us in the answers He is faithful to provide to our prayers. Sometimes the listening for the answer to prayers – the ability to pick out God's voice – becomes very difficult, especially when the answer to our prayer is "no." Nevertheless, some of you are still seeking an audible voice to speak directly to you, preferably in your own language, maybe something you could put on tape and play back, time-after-time. I don't think it's going to happen that way. Someone is going to say, "It just isn't fair – God used to speak out loud to His children." That's true. Right from the beginning, the Bible (God's voice today) has recorded examples of God speaking to various people here on earth. But it wasn't always pleasant. Shortly after Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden, God spoke to them as they were hiding in their nakedness. Genesis 3:9 - And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? Then God gave quite a lecture to the serpent as well as to both Adam and Eve, concluding in Genesis 3:19 - In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. To Adam and Eve that probably seemed as if God had every loud speaker in the universe turned on. Surely, they were able to hear God speaking. And He continued speaking throughout Old Testament times. Just a few years later He questioned Cain after he had killed Abel. In reply, Cain, we might say, smarted off to God by shouting back in Genesis 4:9 - And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? God didn't stop with Cain. He kept on speaking – clearly, loudly, distinctly – to Abraham, Moses, and many others. Many, many examples of God speaking are recorded in the Old Testament. In the New Testament, after the resurrection, we find Jesus talking to Saul on the road to Damascus in Acts 9:4 - And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And finally, in the Book of Revelation, we find these spoken words in Revelation 1:8 - I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. and in Revelation 22:20, John records Jesus saying: He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. But since that time, God's voice comes to us more like the voice of our conscience than from some celestial loudspeaker. That brings up another problem. By hardening our hearts down through the years, we've been able to pretty well drown out our conscience. Walt Disney gave Pinocchio a talking conscience in Jiminy Cricket. If we're going to be like Pinocchio and not listen to our conscience – we're in for something worse than our nose growing longer. Also, if the voice of our conscience has grown a little faint – how can we expect to ever hear God? Is there still today some way to hear God? That's a common question asked over and over again... C.S. Lewis said, "God whispers in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain." Someone else said, "to hear God, you must use the ears of your heart." The Book of Job tells us in Job 33:14 - For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not. I think you've realized by now that I'm not going to be able to tell you exactly how to listen to God. But I can say with a certain amount of certainty that, when He speaks, it may not be loud. You have to pay attention. The prophet Elijah learned this lesson in 1st Kings 19:11-13 - And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: [12] And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.[13] And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? Read your Bible, pray, and wait for God's answer to your prayers. Quiet yourself to listen for the still, small, gentle whisper of God. Don't miss it. God is speaking to you.

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Halloween And The Occult

Witchcraft is very real but greatly misunderstood. I know because witchcraft goes back on the paternal side of my family for over five generations to Chesterfield, Massachusetts in 1770. My great grandmother became a well-known witch in Wisconsin in the early days of this century. Caroline was a blind witch and used her fingers to read palms and also became adept at putting "the hex" on people. Many spooky things would happen in our family. Dishes would slide off from shelves, light bulbs would unscrew and fall to the floor, filmy apparitions would appear and vanish, and this sort of thing became a way of life. In one instance, my father was riding with my grandfather in a horsedrawn wagon, when a filmy white apparition appeared in front of the horse, causing the horse to rear up on its hind legs. Surrounded by electrifying fear, my grandfather cracked the whip and the wagon lurched forward and on its way. My father also watched in stunned amazement when, on another occasion, an unhitched wagon loaded with hay went up a steep hill by itself. Halloween was a special time for me, as I was growing up in Clintonville, Wisconsin. I had given my heart and soul to that day called "Samhain" (pronounced Sah-ween). I had learned that the pagan Sabot of Samhain was a time when the barrier between the mundane and astral planes was very thin and departed spirits easily crossed over. Halloween was my special time, when I felt drawn to become like my great grandmother. I wasn't interested in the silliness of the Catholic Halloween. I wanted real magic. The so-called "Christians" were cursing themselves and their children by copying the craft that their tenets forbade. I knew full well that so-called Christians were copying what my spiritual ancestors had done for many centuries. The powerful witches, known as Grand Druids or men of the oaks, that lived in the ancient British Isles gathered at Stonehedge on October 31st. These ancient witches practiced human sacrifice, hollowed out pumpkins and turnips, carving faces in them, and then used candles made from human tallow to illuminate them. The druids played games such as bobbing for apples, as they floated in a tub of October ale. The druids also practiced ritual sex known as the "Great Rite", as the fires blazed forth in the darkness of the giant stone monoliths of Stonehenge near Salisbury, England. The apple was thought to be sacred, because when cut in half cross-wise, the core would reveal the Pentacle or five pointed star. The five points of this star represented Earth, Wind, Fire, Water and Spirit. When I was 13 years old, I began to invite the spirits of my deceased great grandmother into myself. Soon I began to acquire powers and became an adept astrologer and palm reader. I also practiced numerology and was becoming a very powerful witch. Many people followed me — and the advice that I gave them. I had achieved a great measure of success. By the time I was 19, I had reached my first goal. I was a powerful witch. Then, very suddenly, the realization hit me that I was making predictions without looking at my charts. I would blurt out predictions in minute detail, and they would come to pass. I became frightfully aware that I had become a sending station and was dispatching spirits to make my predictions come true. I predicted accidents and tragedies, and suddenly I became filled with overwhelming fear. I did not know it at the time, but a dear old woman had been praying for me every day for a long time. She had known my grandparents, and God used her to pray me out of darkness. I was completely disabled by fear, which God, in His mercy, allowed to come upon me. A friend that I knew in high school persuaded me to come to church with him. It was a small apostolic church. I soon found myself on my knees repenting, as I had now found a power far greater than all witchcraft. One week later I was baptized in water in the name of Jesus Christ. The next week I was baptized in the Holy Ghost. I felt fifty pounds lighter, as many evil spirits fled from me as I yielded myself completely to my newfound friend, the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Now I have no fear and am a true minister of the Gospel.

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An Appointment To Keep

It was a busy morning, approximately 8:30 am, when an elderly gentleman, in his 80's, arrived to have stitches removed from his thumb. He stated that he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00 am. I took his vital signs and had him take a seat, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him. I saw him looking at his watch and decided, since I was not busy with another patient, I would evaluate his wound. On exam, it was well healed, so I talked to one of the doctors, got the needed supplies to remove his sutures and re-dress his wound. While taking care of his wound, we began to engage in conversation. I asked him if he had a doctor's appointment this morning, as he was in such a hurry. The gentleman told me no, that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. I then inquired as to her health. He told me that she had been there for a while and that she was a victim of Alzheimer's Disease. As we talked, and I finished dressing his wound, I asked if she would be worried if he was a bit late. He replied that she no longer knew who he was, that she had not recognized him in five years now. I was surprised, and asked him. "And you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?" A tear came to his eyes he smiled as he patted my hand and said. "She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is."



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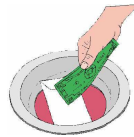
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