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THOSE WHO “SEE” SPIRITS: SEERS/PROPHETS

Some people are born with a degree of ability to, “see,” spirits (See: Numbers 24:3-4; II Kings 6:12-18).

14 Therefore sent he (*the king of Syria*) thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

II Kings 6:14-17 The BIBLE

9 Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, “Come, and let us go to the seer:” for **he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer** (“*Seer into the spirit world*”).

I Samuel 9:9 The BIBLE

2 ... and the spirit of God came upon him (*Balaam*).

3 And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam¹ the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:

4 He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open:

Numbers 24:2b-4 The BIBLE

¹ • **BALAAM, SON OF BEOR**

Balaam, the son of Beor, a very unGodly Canaanite seer, was willing even to curse the Israelites for the promise of reward, if only God would let him, something for which he repeatedly begged God! - Numbers 22:5-23; 24:2b-4; Joshua 13:22; II Peter 2:15; Jude 11; Revelation 2:14

The degree of that ability varies between those individuals; each seer is different. Their ability to, “see,” spirits isn’t based upon their relationship with God, for they have the ability when they are born;² it is often hereditary. Christians can be born with this ability and nonChristians can be born with it (for, of course, we are all nonChristian at birth). And their relationship with God, or absence of such a relationship, similarly has nothing to do with this ability, for it is an innate, lifelong ability, the basic endowment of which is not dependent at all upon their spirituality or relationship with God. In other words, it’s not based upon their, “holiness,” or because they are supposedly, “Godly/spiritual,” or even destined for heaven! It is an ability from birth. And, while they are always uniquely conscious of the spirit world and sense its spirits, the specific times or occurrences, or events when they *more graphically than usual* see visions and/or dreams, or “see,” the spirit world’s spirits, are decided only by God:

31 Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam,¹ and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on

² .

- A “SEER” IS BORN, NOT MADE: HE HAS THE ABILITY TO SEE INTO THE SPIRIT WORLD FROM BIRTH;
- THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT ARE GIVEN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AFTER THE HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM/INFILLING*; ONE IS NOT BORN WITH THEM!

The ability to see into the spirit world as a Seer is not a, “Gift,” something given a person after the **HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM/INFILLING***; the Seer is born with that ability. The word, “gift,” is used too profligately and inaccurately today, amongst both Saved and Unsaved, as in such sentences as, “They are a gifted artist.” Even many Christians use the word ignorantly and incorrectly, implying that a certain natural ability/talent is related to the, “Spiritual Gifts,” of I Corinthians 12; 14. Spiritual Gifts are NOT natural, genetic, NOR present at birth; they are given **only by the Holy Spirit, after the HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM/INFILLING*! (I Corinthians 12:4-11)!** And that very **HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM/INFILLING***, itself, is a gift (Acts 2:38), received only **after** salvation! Any one of the Spiritual Gifts can be requested and received at any time after salvation and the **HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM/INFILLING***; but the roll of, “seer,” the ability to, “see,” into the spirit world cannot be; it is either present at physical birth, or it is not, and will not be given. However, when a seer/prophet has received the **HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM/INFILLING*** his prophetic ministry can be enhanced by receiving and exercising the various Gifts of the Holy Spirit. That **BAPTISM/INFILLING*** will both give him more Spiritual abilities with which to minister in the Spirit, and, if possible, make him even more cognizant and conscious of the spirit world. And the **BAPTISM/INFILLING*** will greatly increase the likelihood that a person will experience visions and Spiritual dreams:

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit.

Joel 2:28-29 The BIBLE

We find, therefore, that this enhanced consciousness is not as strong in those who have not received the **HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM/INFILLING**.†

An individual may indeed, sometime in their life, experience a vision^φ, a Spiritual dream, or even see an angel or Jesus Himself! But, if they have not been given the general ability since birth, such experiences will be more unusual.

***THE HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM/INFILLING**

www.Micaiah.com/filled.htm

www.Alelujah.com/files_what_next/be_filled.htm

† www.Micaiah.com/covering-ii.htm

www.Micaiah.com/choosing_a_church_04.htm#Baptist-Type%20Churches%20and%20Denominations

φ www.Micaiah.com/dreams.htm

his face.

Numbers 22:31 The BIBLE

Another variable is how such individuals interact with the spirit world, with those spirits, including God Himself. While such a person will still, as always, have a unique ability to see into the spiritual world, the degree of such a person's ability to hear the voice of God can be compromised if there is sin in his life:

19 Quench not the Spirit.

20 Despise not prophesyings.

I Thessalonians 5:19-20

11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

I John 2:11 The BIBLE

32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

I Corinthians 14:32 The BIBLE

God alone decides who will or will not see the deeper spirit world, or the spirits in it. Satan indeed blinds the eyes of the unrepentant to the spirit world in general.³ But God has the final say, closing the eyes of the unrepentant to the spirit world in general, but also opening the eyes of the repentant (Jeremiah 29:13, 33:3; I Corinthians 2:9-16) to His existence, and His working in their life.

10 And the disciples came, and said unto Him (*Jesus*), Why speakest Thou unto them in parables?

11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.

13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

Matthew 13:10-17 The BIBLE

And God alone decides who will or won't, "see," even deeper into that spirit world. When He decides, and for His purposes, our Heavenly Father opens the eyes of some, but not of others, to see even more deeply. Daniel wrote of seeing an angel, while those with him did not:

³ 3 But if our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, Who Is the image of God, should shine unto them.

II Corinthians 4:3-4 The BIBLE

5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:

6 His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

7 And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

Daniel 10:5-8 The BIBLE

Similarly, Saul of Tarsus (later called the Apostle Paul), experienced a vision, while those with him did not:⁴

3 And as he (*Paul*) journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I Am Jesus Whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

Acts 9:3-7 The BIBLE

A RESPONSIBILITY TO OTHERS

But, “seers,” people with a measure of that ability to see into the Spirit world, and to experience firsthand the interactions of those spirits (God, angels, demons) with the physical world are given this ability in general, and each specific time, not for mere recreation or entertainment. They are expected to do battle in the Spirit (Genesis 18:1-2, 16-33), to educate others on the subject in general, and to act according to the specific occurrences. Often, the present author will see a brief vision of a snake, or part of a snake; when I see this I know that I the Lord is showing me that I am being influenced or attacked by

⁴ • PAUL’S SPIRITUALITY

Paul later was shown much more of the Spiritual world. Out of modesty, here, Paul speaks of himself as though he speaks of another man:

1 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. 5 Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.

6 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me.

II Corinthians 12:1-6 The BIBLE

One wonders to what extent or with what regularity Paul was perhaps blessed by God to be able to see into the Spiritual world. He is indeed referred to as an, “Apostle,” but those who regularly see into the spirit world are generally referred to as, “Prophets,” and I Corinthians 12:28 says that Apostles are one level above Prophets in preeminence. And, in fact, his ministry of boldly preaching the unpopular wherever he went is, after all, characteristic of the Prophet.

satan, and that I need to both rebuke satan, and ensure that my mind is dwelling on the holy, rather than the ununholy. When shown a demon in a location or in a particular situation, a seer has thus been given the responsibility to get rid of that demon for their own sake, and/or for the sakes of others. If they are shown a demon because of sin in their life *they will know it, their conscience bearing them witness* (Jonah 1:7-10), and they are expected to repent of their sin (I Chronicles 21:14-17), or seek out the specific sin in their life for which they were shown the demon:

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalms 139:23-24 The BIBLE

16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

Acts 24:16 The BIBLE

They may be shown the presence of the Person of the Lord or of an angel, perhaps to answer their prayer (Genesis 18:9-15), or just to give comfort, as an angel did to Jesus before His crucifixion (Luke 22:43). Or just the presence, there, of God's messenger may convey a message:⁵

4 And it came to pass that night, that the Word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying,

5 Go and tell My servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build Me an house for Me to dwell in?

II Samuel 7:4-5 The BIBLE

In this way seers are able to enlighten others regarding the deeper spirit world, and are, indeed, obligated to do so. Woe to the unsaved with this ability! They have received much; if they fail to use it as God wishes, for His glory and ministry to others, the Saved, in particular, they have no excuse!

⁵ In the New Testament (now), with the Holy Spirit's indwelling God's people (John 14:15-17) our Heavenly Father naturally works within our spirit, changing our motives and desires to influence us to automatically do what He wants:

13 For It Is God Which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

Philippians 2:13 The BIBLE

So the Christian usually does do, automatically, what God wants. For this reason it is quite/most often that when God's supernatural messenger is sent to direct someone, it is not to tell them TO do something, but because God is having to tell them to NOT do something!

21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

Isaiah 30:21 The BIBLE

There is no other way they will listen and obey! The Lord showed David the angel He had sent to slaughter Israelites because of David's disobedience. Our Heavenly Father had to get angelic with Balaam on the road to Moab to prevent his cursing Israel, and personal with Saul on the road to Damascus to make him repent of killing Christians, and turn his life around. So, receiving overt supernatural guidance from a messenger of God isn't always something to delight over; it's quite often something to be ashamed of! Better, obedience, than God's correction! See, also: "**The Spirits We Allow or Invite Into Our Life**," in this message.

Our Heavenly Father sent an angel to this present author to tell him to beware, and to soon rebuke him for making modern-day reinterpretations of His Holy Word! To read about this see, also: "**The Arrow that Flieth By Day**" - www.Micaiah.com/arrow.htm

“48 ... For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required”

Luke 12:48 The BIBLE

7 So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the Word at My mouth, and warn them from Me.

8 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

9 Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

Ezekiel 33:7-9 The BIBLE

However, it must be done with wisdom, as many will not believe these people. Such are the unsaved:

1 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

12 And the men (*angels*) said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place:

13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.

14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

Genesis 19:12-14 The BIBLE

4 In whom the god (*satan*) of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, Who Is the image of God, should shine unto them.

II Corinthians 4:4 The BIBLE

Such are the unsaved, but also those carnal Christians who have not progressed far in their Christian walk. They have not given Holy Spirit full reign in their lives. Before Jesus rose from the dead, and put the Holy Spirit into the hearts of His Disciples, drawing them closer to Him, and to Spiritual things,⁶ He knew which of His disciples were already able to receive and believe, concerning the deeper Spiritual world; for the rest, that time would come, but not yet:

1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart,

2 And Was transfigured before them: and His face did shine as the sun, and His raiment was white as the light.

3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with Him.

4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if Thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This Is My beloved Son, in Whom I Am well pleased; hear ye Him.

6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

⁶ John 14:15-17; John 20:22-25 The BIBLE

9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

Matthew 17:1-9 The BIBLE

22 And when He (*Jesus*) had said this, He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe.

John 20:22-25 The BIBLE

1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able!

I Corinthians 3:1-2 The BIBLE

11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

John 3:11-12 The BIBLE

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

I Corinthians 2:14-15 The BIBLE

10 And the disciples came, and said unto Him, Why speakest Thou unto them in parables?

11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.

13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

Matthew 13:10-17 The BIBLE

There is an entire dimension of creation that Christians do not normally see nor recognize in their daily life, a world of constant Spiritual intrigue and battle, a world that oversees and and controls and is affected by all that happens in the mortal, physical world:

7 And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

9 Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

10 And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands.

11 And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.

12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.

Daniel 10:7-14 The BIBLE

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Ephesians 6:12 The BIBLE

And even the Christian therefore usually has little or no concept of exactly what or how much that dimension is central and basic to the everyday function and activities of the (physical) dimension that he does see.

When a person, "sees," spirits, he doesn't necessarily, "see," spirits with his physical eyes, as one sees the physical world around, for spirits aren't physical. God does indeed occasionally show people His angels and demons in physical, or physically visual form, just as God occasionally speaks in an audible voice, but these are generally the exceptions, not the rule. Jesus said that "God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship *Him* in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23-24), just as He said, "Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21). Our Heavenly Father *is* Spirit and so are His children. So our Heavenly Father speaks most often to His children by means of His Spirit, to our spirits.

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be **BORN AGAIN**.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

John 3:5-8 The BIBLE

14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

16 The Spirit Itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Romans 8:14, 16 The BIBLE

26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit Itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Romans 8:26 The BIBLE

But our Heavenly Father opens the eyes of some, further.

Permit me to relate a few personal experiences:⁷

A DEMON IN CHURCH

During praise and worship in church one Sunday, I was standing, worshipping with my eyes closed, when I suddenly sensed a spirit in front of me. I opened my eyes and saw that, while the pew ahead of me was fully occupied, there was an unoccupied seat right where I sensed the spirit. I knew that the spirit was demonic, because it had an evil, fleshly feeling to it, almost as if it were a dog,⁸ so I rebuked it in Jesus' Name (quietly, so as to not disturb those around me; anything out loud is loud enough to be heard by a demon). And of course the demon immediately left, as the Name of Jesus, in the mouth of a **BORN AGAIN** Christian, has all power over satan⁹ and his demons. However, it's not every day that one

⁷ • **THE NECESSITY OF EXPERIENCE**

FOR A CORRECT UNDERSTANDING OF SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES

As an example: being **BORN AGAIN** is not laid-out in Scripture in a point-by-point outline and full explanation in one place, but is best and fully understood only after one has been **Born Again**, when one's correct understanding of Scripture has been led and established by that Experience, and, even then, must be drawn out from many places in Scripture before being put into one cohesive Scriptural explanation. So, also, a full and correct understanding of the concepts and workings of the spirit world, is possible only after experience in it, and after reading Scripture in that light. Until then Scripture's limited coverage of the subject will very easily lead one into misunderstandings and incorrect dogmas. The Word, even the pure Word of Life, is dead if it has not been made alive by experience in the Spirit of God.

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

James 2:26 The BIBLE

2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:

5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

II Corinthians 3:2-6 The BIBLE

See Also: ***"The Central Role of Experience in the development of Christian Doctrine"***- www.Micaiah.com/tonquesi.htm

⁸ • In ancient Egyptian religion the dog-headed god was their demonic 'god of death.'

⁹ • **WHY NO CAPITAL LETTER FOR "SATAN"?**

The reason I personally don't capitalize satan's name, the way I capitalize God's Name, is that satan wishes to exalt himself (Isaiah 14:12-20) into the position of Jehovah God, Who Alone Is God. I refuse to give satan any suggestion at all that he has succeeded!

experiences such a blatantly explicit manifestation of a demon so, fascinated by this experience, I, in effect, willed it back; my disappointment at it's having left was sufficient permission for the demon to return. And, of course, given the opportunity, it returned (demons CANNOT dwell in or at a location they are forbidden to by a child of God, but readily do take advantage of any opportunity given to them to be there)! Realizing what I had done, I naturally repeated my demand, and it left. However, I am ashamed to admit that I ended up quickly allowing it to return. And it did. Once more, I rebuked it and it again disappeared. I cannot remember whether the second time was the last, or whether I in effect permitted it to return a third time, but I soon came to my senses, and finally completely denied it permission to return. After the church service I told my mother, a mature Christian, what had happened and she told me that during the service she had sensed an evil presence and had felt compelled during the rest of the service to stand against the evil, and pray in tongues. She said, also, that a friend of hers had told her that she had inexplicably felt a deep anger against the pastor during the service, which, she too, had had to resist. So, those of us who had sensed the evil, in whatever way each of us had been shown it, had been tasked with the responsibility of ousting the demon from our midst.

Demons can indeed read our mind; it is not solely a Divine ability, reserved only to God. Scientists are now able to read thoughts, and to even record them, using encephalographical medical devices and steadily-improving computer interfaces. Thoughts are merely coded electrical impulses. So since thoughts are so physical, readable by man, and now not known only by our Heavenly Father, they are of course accessible also to angels and demons. Satan and his demons know when we love sin, and they know the sin that we love; they can SENSE it. And they watch when we commit it (they are in fact the instigators of it)! And they jump right on it and use it! So even David, who had the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon him, recognized the need to pray:

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalms 51:10 The BIBLE

Our Heavenly Father expects us to not only keep from sinning, but to also HATE sin. Even mere enjoyment or acceptance of sin invites a demonic presence and involvement in our life. In fact, it is a vicious circle: temptation to sin is both a result, and a cause, of demonic influence. Jesus' temptation to sin in the wilderness is a classic example of this: it was both the result of satanic oppression on Him, and it begged for acceptance of satanic control.

15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but Was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:15 The BIBLE

We know that prayer for forgiveness must include repentance: a revulsion at the very thought of our sin! And with it must come a desire to change from our sin, along with a commitment to change; repentance must be from the heart! Without also repenting of our sinful heart that caused the sin in the first place, sin which therefore promises to draw us into sin next time also, we have, like the hardened criminal, expressed sorrow merely that we were caught; we're hoping we'll get leniency from the judge this time around, until we're caught sinning next time!

With repentance must come a hearts' sincere desire to change! And without true repentance there is no forgiveness of sin! *Praying for forgiveness must include **repentance for both A) the Sinful Action and B) the Sinful Heart Attitude.***

As we grow in Christ, and our understanding of the spiritual world increases, we come to realize, also, that God isn't the only One Who knows our heart, and treats us accordingly, but that so also do satan and his angels (demons). Just as God Himself treats us according to the condition of our heart, satan also knows when he is welcome in our heart and life! And he immediately responds, and invades when, and in what parts of our heart, he is welcome!

So not merely our actions must reflect Christ, but, in order to be safe from satan and his attacks on our holiness and our very life, our very heart must be sincere, **hating all sin, and therefore unwelcoming of satan and his presence in our life!** Or he will come in. satan, the Great Counterfeiter, will use the very Words and actions of Jesus, and satan will say, "Behold, I stand at the door of your heart, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and **whosoever LOVETH and maketh a lie.**

Revelation 22:15 The BIBLE

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, **not only do the same, but HAVE PLEASURE IN THEM that do them.**

Romans 1:32 The BIBLE

7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, **but the LORD looketh on the heart.**

I Samuel 16:7 The BIBLE

12 For the Word of God Is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, **and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**

13 **Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him** with Whom we have to do.

Hebrews 4:12-13 The BIBLE

12 For our transgressions are multiplied before Thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them;

13 In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, **CONCEIVING AND UTTERING FROM THE HEART words of falsehood.**

Isaiah 59:11-13 The BIBLE

18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth **from the heart; and they defile the man.**

19 **For out of the heart proceed evil** thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

20 These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

Matthew 15:18-20 The BIBLE

16 **Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?**

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

Romans 6:16-19 The BIBLE

SATANIC ATTACK UPON THE MINISTERS OF GOD

satan and his demons will make a point of disrupting a pastor's family in such ways as he hopes will make their ministry less effective. The pastor's family will often experience disruptions on a Sunday morning before church. He may find himself in conflict with his wife; his children may be more contentious than usual. Congregation members, friends, neighbours, etc., might cause problems. The pastor or his wife may even receive a request in person or by phone call from a person needing ministry or attention: immediate care or attention! satan can and will use any possible means of disrupting the ministry of the Gospel, even if it involves using ministry to disrupt ministry! When a ministerial distraction occurs, in which someone or something appears that seems to require immediate attention that will nonetheless interrupt or delay the church service the pastor and or his wife, family, church elders, congregation, etc., must recognize it for what it is, and address it accordingly. Perhaps a church member or elder can be quickly assigned to address the need, outside or away from the congregation. Or, if nothing else, that individual may have to be assured they will be helped when the pastor is available and finished his present exercise in divine ministry.

The enemy attempted to make Nehemiah afraid, to hinder the work of God (Nehemiah 6:8-13), using a false prophet to supposedly warn him of danger, hoping to separate him from the work of God. The Pharisees, also, tried the same thing pretending a love and concern for Jesus, seeking to hinder His ministry:

31 The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto Him, Get Thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill Thee.

32 And He said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils,

Luke 13:31-32b The BIBLE

Mary and Martha, sincere women of God, sought to drag Jesus away from what He was doing, and away from His purposes, in order to minister to their brother. They didn't realize that their request would actually hinder the work of God. When, two days later, Jesus started started for Bethany to indeed minister to Lazarus and to his sisters when it was Jesus' time to minister to them, His disciples tried to caution Him away from doing so, again for fear of His safety. satan will use even the sincere and Godly to accomplish his work of disrupting the ministry of God, and the man of God must be cautious always, and sensitive to the spirit world, and so be able to realize what is happening in that world and not be seduced or waylaid by it. There is a time and a place for everything, and just because it is, "ministry," one should not automatically feel obligated to leave the present work of God in order to answer the call of the other.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil
Ephesians 6:11 The BIBLE

40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

I Corinthians 14:40 The BIBLE

When pastoring I often had to remind my children of this on a Sunday morning, when they were arguing amongst themselves, unable to get along, and they'd immediately remember what I'd told them regarding this, and they'd make a point of reconciling. Even the children, themselves, could see what was happening – when it was called to their attention by someone sensitive to it!

11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

II Corinthians 2:11 The BIBLE

When I was a young man, and serving as youth pastor and living in the head pastor's home, I developed a curiosity about the supernatural. One day while studying a Christian book on the subject the door to my room slammed shut; there was no wind or other physical force present to cause this; I realized the cause of it, and curtailed this study, and concentrated more on Scripture, Itself. Yes, satan was attempting to scare me, and to declare his power to be greater than me (which is untrue, as I am a child of God), but nevertheless I recognized that, by my study, I was involving the home of someone other than myself, in an attack of satan. And my focus was being diverted away from the One Who, on the cross, accomplished my salvation, and who gave me the power over the evil one. It has been said that satan employs two tactics: he attempts to either convince the individual that he doesn't exist, or he seeks to make the person overly-interested in him.

So it is especially important when one is in ministry, or about to minister, to bathe one's self, one's family, and one's ministries, in prayer, and to invite the Presence and the protection of the Holy Spirit. This is especially important when one is about to study or teach about satan and demonic involvement. This present author, while writing and teaching on this subject throughout his ministry, including writing this present message and placing it upon the Internet, has encountered many attacks, both obvious and subtle, and in many different ways, upon his personal life and health.

GOD COMMUNICATES BY HIS SPIRIT

Communion between God and the Christian NATURALLY and AUTOMATICALLY takes place by means of the Holy Spirit's interaction with the spirit of the Christian. When God communicates with His child He speaks through His Spirit, speaking not necessarily even in word or in thought. But the Christian KNOWS what His Heavenly Father is saying to him! In just this same way, also, conscience, itself, is God's voice speaking to Christian and nonChristian. Conscience isn't voice, nor words, nor is it even thoughts. But it is God's voice speaking to man, Christian or not, as long as his sin hasn't scarred over his conscience much as a hot iron creates a scar and destroys the touch receptors that register feeling and pain (I Timothy 4:2). If the spirit speaks, it may be in a recognized language, or it may be in mere knowledge of what is being said, without any actual Words' being said. In a similar way, God reveals His angels/spirits, or satan's demons/spirits, however God wishes to reveal them. In doing this, usually God enables the spirit of His servant to sense the presence of one of these angels, His or satan's. That person will sense the presence, and often will also be able to sense something more about them. This 'more' may be fear, peace, strength, guidance, identity, etc. When Jesus appeared to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, He was unidentifiable in appearance, even though the disciples had long followed Him before His crucifixion, and they said, afterwards, "Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way!" (Luke 24:32).

WHY WE CAN'T ROUTINELY SEE INTO THE SPIRIT WORLD

So God will reveal spirits to man in various ways for various kinds of ministry: to some, **1)** He will reveal spirits sparingly because their particular ministries don't require them to sense/see spirits regularly. **2)** Others will tend to 'live in the spirit world,' sensing/seeing angels and demons, or God Himself, on a

regular basis. But **for both, sensing or being affected by the spirit world will be i) a rebuke, ii) a routine, or iii) a reward.**

Most Christians long to be able to see an angel, and wonder what exactly they look like. However:

Our Heavenly Father is very gracious toward us in that He lovingly prevents us from routinely seeing into the Spiritual world. He has two basic reasons:

- a) *Our very salvation requires faith and hope, and visual confirmation usually hinders or prevents faith and hope:*

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He Is, and that He Is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 11:6 The BIBLE

24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Romans 8:24-25 The BIBLE

- b) *The spirit world is terrifying to mortal man, whether Saved or Unsaved.*

Whenever we read in Scripture of an angelic visitation (incident in which man has interacted with and visually seen an angel/s) the first thing the angel says is usually, "Be not afraid!" Our Heavenly Father realizes this natural inclination of ours toward fear and is gracious and loving toward us by hiding from our physical eyes that spiritual world and its creatures! It is because of our fear of spirits that our Heavenly Father sometimes chooses to disguise His angels, or even Himself, in the form of man (Genesis 18-19; 32:24-30; Matthew 14:26-27; Hebrews 13:2).

For this reason, when our Heavenly Father does indeed reveal to us angels or demons He will generally shield or insulate us from that fear by not showing them to us in all their angelic glory or demonic depravity; praise God, He generally conceals from us all but the mere *presence* of an angel or demon! We have already read (above) of, or even experienced for ourselves the terror of the spirit world.

7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

II Timothy 1:7 The BIBLE

GETTING RID OF SATAN

So because even just considering sin is the result of a sinful heart, and encourages demonic influence, even considering or taking pleasure in sin requires repentance. And often it necessitates our rebuking satan.

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

James 4:7-8 The BIBLE

All that's necessary to gain power over satan and his demons is to resist them; just don't accept them! A simple, "The Lord rebuke you, satan! In the Name of Jesus, go ("clear out/leave/get lost," etc.)!" is sufficient to make them leave (if your heart is just as opposed to them as your words)! (Say it out loud to ensure they hear you; a simple quiet whisper is sufficient. The spoken Word of God created the

world, and by it, Jesus performed His miracles; it is all-powerful.) They quite possibly will attempt to return; just resist them again, both in word and in your heart! But don't try talking with them; they're far older and therefore wiser than you are (and especially because we are not permitted by God, to talk with them [Deu. 18:11], except in actually casting them out, and, even then, as little as possible!); just tell them to leave, in Jesus' Name. And don't insult them; we are not permitted to insult principalities and powers, whether physical/earthly/political or spiritual, good or evil (II Peter 2:9-22, Jude 8-19).

When we realize that our mind is beginning to drift into sinful thoughts, or our heart is finding pleasure in sin, we need to quickly catch ourself and ask our Heavenly Father to both forgive us, and to not merely purify our thoughts, but also to purify and change our heart, as all sin comes from the desires of the heart. And if we later find that our heart or mind is again taking thought or pleasure in that sin, we need to recognize the satanic/demonic source, and to say, out loud (but perhaps quietly if we are with others), "The Lord rebuke you, satan. In Jesus' Name, get lost!" or something similar. While the exact *wording* used isn't important the necessary requirements are **a)** the use of *Jesus' spoken Name*, for HIS power, and **b)** a refusal of permission, *from the heart*.

17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy Name!

Luke 10:17 The BIBLE

c) In response to His three temptations from satan Jesus, each time, quoted out loud to satan a verse of Scripture that spoke against that particular temptation to sin.

And if Jesus Himself found doing that necessary and effective in overcoming the temptations of satan, how much more us, His children! So search the Scriptures, and find verses that speak against those particular sins with which satan typically tempts you in particular, and quote one of them out loud when you are tempted! That's what Jesus did!

4 But He (*Jesus*) answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.

11 Then the devil leaveth Him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him.

Matthew 4:4,7,10-11 The BIBLE

NIGHTTIME DEMONIC ATTACKS

■ NIGHTTIME DEMONIC PRESENCE

The various levels of sleep are often the time during which we are best able receive communication from the spirit world. It is during this time when our conscious is least active, when we are not concentrating on the temporal, physical world with which we interact with our conscious mind. The time that we are half-asleep/awake is therefore the time that God is usually best able to speak to us. This is because God, Who Is Spirit, speaks most often to our spirit, rather than to our conscious mind and thought processes. When we have asked Him for direction He'll usually wait, whether day or night, and answer when we're not concentrating on that matter, when we're not seeking the answer through our own devices, or our physical senses.

For the same reason, this is usually also the hour that, if satan is going to attack us, he will do it with overt (“amateur”) *obvious* attacks, the attacks which can accomplish little more than merely scare us (his usual attacks, during which he tempts and pushes us to sin, are usually and routinely accomplished throughout the day, while we are awake, when we are able to actually physically carry out the sins he is tempting and pushing us to do).

During one of these, “amateur and harmless,” attacks of his, you may awaken at night, to feel a strong, demonic presence in the room. It will generally be accompanied by a very real fear or terror. You alone may feel it, or it may be felt by others, also, especially by those most able to, “see,” into the spirit world. You may actually see satan or a demon. The answer to these experiences is very simple and straight forward: simply verbally (not silently) rebuke it in the Name of Jesus! “The Lord rebuke you, satan,” and the presence will go. You need say it only once; that is how all-powerful the Name of Jesus is, in the mouth of His servants! (Saying it more than once may indicate that you doubt the power of God, or doubt His power in you.) Jesus said,

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

Matthew 6:7 The BIBLE

When you pray to God you don’t need to keep repeating yourself, as though you don’t believe the power of God to answer your prayer! And when you rebuke satan you don’t need to keep repeating your command to him, as though you don’t realize and believe the complete power you have over him in the Name of Jesus. Jesus had and used His authority over the demons, and you, too, are to do the same thing!

27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth He even the unclean spirits, and they do obey Him.

Mark 1:27 The BIBLE

15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man (*or demon*) despise thee.

Titus 2:15 The BIBLE

When dealing with a dog you use your authority; the animal can sense it, just like it can sense your fear and doubt. Demons and dogs will respond to authority.

It’s also a good idea to follow this up with some worship of your Saviour, or simply just repeating the precious Name of Jesus a few times, inviting His presence, in the stead of the evil one you have just booted out of your home; you will wish to shift the focus from satan to Jesus! Once you have rebuked the demonic presence, roll over and go back to sleep; you are perfectly safe!

NIGHTTIME DEMONIC ATTACKS

▪ “THE HAG”

You might see, “The Hag.” This is a demonic apparition who appears as a small, shrivelled, wrinkled old woman, who may move in fast motion, laughing. As usual for the Christian not living in sin, the demon is harmless, and apparently intended to do little more than scare and/or intimidate you, as there is nothing more than it can do to you, a Christian!

31 The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto Him, Get Thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill Thee.

32 And He said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils,

Luke 13:31-32b The BIBLE

Remember, because you are **BORN AGAIN**¹⁰ you are covered by the blood of Christ, and have ALL power and safety in the Name of Jesus!

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.

Matthew 28:18 The BIBLE

17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy Name.

18 And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

Luke 10:17-20 The BIBLE

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

James 4:7-8 The BIBLE

7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.

Psalms 34:7 The BIBLE

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night;
nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

9 Because thou hast made the LORD, Which Is my refuge,
even the Most High, thy habitation;

10 There shall no evil befall thee,
neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For He shall give His angels charge over thee,
to keep thee in all thy ways.

Psalms 91:5, 9-11 The BIBLE

These verses of Scripture of course don't mean that satan won't attack you in these obvious, perhaps, "visible," ways, any less than he attacks you secretly in your everyday life! What these verses do tells us is that, when trusting daily in Christ and living in His holiness, you will be able to overcome the evil one when he attacks you either obviously/"visibly," or invisibly, day-to-day!

¹⁰ • "YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN!" - JESUS

3 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.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be **BORN AGAIN**.

John 3:3, 6-7 The BIBLE

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7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

James 4:7-8 The BIBLE

NIGHTTIME DEMONIC ATTACKS

▪ **TEMPORARY NIGHTTIME PARALYSIS**

Remember this power of yours in Jesus' Name, if attacked by the temporary nighttime paralysis which satan may throw at a Christian. You may wake and, either half or fully awake, find yourself paralyzed and unable to move even your tongue! Regardless of exactly what the attack consists of, work to speak the Name of Jesus. All you need to say is, "Jesus;" that's all! And keep repeating it as often as you wish, as you find it giving you comfort! Your tongue and, indeed, your entire body may be temporarily paralyzed, preventing your saying even that, because the enemy of God, "the accuser of the brethren," will be attempting to prevent you by, "holding your tongue!" But don't let him stop you! Don't let fear prevent your speaking the precious Name of Jesus, your all-powerful safety! Rely on That Name! Force your tongue into moving. (While you are doing this, if you remember, pray to your Saviour for help and protection.) And you will break through, and you will speak the Name of Jesus, and you will vanquish the evil one! You have ALL power through the Name of Jesus!

19 Thou believest that there is One God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

James 2:19 The BIBLE

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My Name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

Mark 16:17 The BIBLE

Any of a number of manifestations may appear as a result of your sin. Or they may appear because satan and his demons have been granted access to a person or a place nearby by the witchcraft of astrology, fortune telling, indigenous or occult ceremony, etc. Or, conversely, they may appear because you have been battling the enemy in the spirit world through prayer, evangelism, ministry, etc. But, regardless of the reason for their appearance, God still has COMPLETE power over them, and over their manifestation, so YOU, also, have complete power over them in Jesus' Name! As long as you rely on your Heavenly Father, and your power in the Name of Jesus, and your daily attentiveness to His sanctification and holiness in you!

NIGHTTIME DEMONIC ATTACKS

▪ **SEXUAL ATTACK BY A DEMON**

The kind of sin you have been committing, even just in your thoughts, can have a bearing on what kind of demonic attack you might suffer, because, of course, our sin invites demonic attack. Sexual demons, appearing as either males or females, can and do appear in dreams, and/or can and do have actual, physical sex with humans. These sexual demons are known by a certain name which this author will not discuss. They are often invited by satanists to participate in sex, and they can invite themselves to do so simply by a person's sexual thoughts, regardless of whether the person follows Jesus. It is highly dangerous to engage in sin, whether in thought or in deed. satan simply likes to keep that fact secret!

NIGHTTIME DEMONIC ATTACKS

▪ **KNOCKING – A DEMON ASKING PERMISSION TO ENTER**

I have found, as I have grown closer to my Lord over the years, that, if I permit my mind to wander into **1)** impure thoughts, that that very night, when I am asleep, I will receive a demonic visitation. That night I will be awakened by a knocking, as if on the wall or on the door: a demon will be asking permission to enter. Enter my home? Enter me?

7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door....

Genesis 4:7a The BIBLE

It will be merely a knocking, or it will even be the presence of a demon. When I awake I may or may not feel any demonic presence, but I will be very conscious of the evil presence that I have just been subjected to, much as one is jolted to attention by almost stepping on a snake. And I will be in no doubt of the reason for the visitation (my sin). Of course, like any Christian, all I have to do is to rebuke the demon in the Name of Jesus, and I'm rid of the enemy. So I do so, and I'm immediately able to return to sleep; I have gotten rid of the enemy, and he has no ability to enter my place: I have invoked the Name of Jesus! But, at the same time, I also must repent of my sin, and I make sure to do that before I return to sleep; I am shamed that I have enabled the demon to get even that far!¹¹

Other times after which I have received similar knocking visitations have been after **2)** performing exorcisms, either of people or of places, or **3)** merely carried on a conversation with a possessed person, or **4)** at a ceremony where there was an aboriginal earth-religion prayer *despite my praying against that earth-religion prayer while it was being performed!* I will often be awakened by a knocking, by a demon who has followed me home and seeks a place to take up lodging. Jesus, Himself, described this:

43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places,¹² seeking rest, and findeth none.

¹¹ • **ASKING PERMISSION**

It is perhaps no coincidence that Jesus describes Himself, also, as knocking at the door of our heart, when asking permission to come in and take possession of us and make us a child of God.

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.

Revelation 3:20 The BIBLE

The Holy Spirit Himself will not take possession of a person without the person's permission, and does not allow any evil spirit to do so either.

¹² • **INHABITING THE DRY PLACES**

²⁴ When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

Luke 11:24 The BIBLE

It is not unexpected that the 'centre of sin' in the USA, "Sin City," (Las Vegas, Nevada) is located in a desert, a, "dry place." And the very Northern reaches of that desert, the Okanagan Valley of Canada's Province of British Columbia, is replete with stories told by the local indigenous people, of spirits throughout that desert valley. The Valley's 'Skaha' Lake is named after the local indigenous peoples' word for 'horse;' those people tell how a white spirit horse, followed by a herd of spirit horses, is occasionally seen at night rising out of the lake. Those spirits, they say, will briefly prance around on land, and then return into Skaha Lake. That desert area's Okanagan Lake is said to be inhabited by a serpent (Rev. 12:9, 20:2) similar to that of Loch Ness. The Valley was settled in the 19th century by séance-performing necromancing Spiritualists, who named one of the

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45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

Matthew 12:43-45 The BIBLE

Demons crave a home. And a man's spirit/worship deplores a vacuum; it must be filled! So a man without God is in danger of that vacuum's being filled, not by the Spirit of God (for which it was built) but by an evil spirit. (This is yet another reason that Eastern Mysticism, and its practices of yoga and Transcendental and other meditations, in which the mind is cleared, and entities are invited into mind, body, and spirit, including the spine-entwining *serpent*, are so incredibly unGodly and desperately dangerous!) But the Christian has ALL power to resist them, and to deny them entry and dwelling place inside him or his home. However, that does not mean that they will not attack, or request or attempt entry one (or generally more) time(s)! It is absolutely foolish to once welcome them, or even experiment with any of these practices! Not to mention engaging in rebellious disobedience to your Saviour!¹³

28 And when He was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way.

29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with Thee, Jesus, Thou Son of God? art Thou come hither to torment us before the time?

30 And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding.

31 So the devils besought Him, saying, If Thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

32 And He said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.¹⁴

Matthew 8:28-32 The BIBLE

(But when demons request permission to enter after something like an exorcism, their knocking can sometimes also be heard *by others*)! While I was still young, living with my parents, and therefore under their authority, my mother, who was close to her Lord, once complained the morning after I had per-

towns, "Summerland," their word for heaven. When I pastored in the Okanagan Valley, between Okanagan Lake and Skaha Lake, my family and many of the families in my church suffered very blatant attacks of demons. The desert-dwelling Bedouin of the Middle East fear the, "jins," ("genies") that inhabit their deserts.

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

I Samuel 15:23 The BIBLE

¹⁴ • **DEMONIC POSSESSION, AND SUICIDE**

Suicidal thoughts and desires are typical of demonic possession (as we see here, even for animals). God is the source of all good and life, so, satan, the exact opposite of God, is the source of all evil and death. Fear is another typical result of satanic possession, and suicide is often the ultimate fate of the person thus tormented. There is nothing glamorous about witchcraft/satanic involvement!

formed an exorcism on a possessed home,¹⁵ that I had brought home demons from the exorcism, as they had awakened her, knocking, during the night. As she was the spiritual matriarch of the home (my Dad's relationship with the Lord was not nearly as great) she was the one the demon(s) were asking for permission from to enter the home!¹⁶

¹⁵ • **WHAT ARE GHOSTS, DEMONS, ETC.?**

DEMONS can possess homes much as they can possess a person; these are what are commonly said to be the, "ghosts," of, "haunted houses," etc. They are NOT, as supposed by some, the disembodied spirits of the dead; they are demons. Because they are often familiar spirits, they can masquerade as any dead individual, pretending to be that individual's spirit. ALL spirits are either God, God's angels, satan, or the angels who followed satan into rebellion (Revelation 12:4a, Jude 6). There are NO other spirits, "ghosts," etc. satan can disguise himself as an, "angel of light," (II Corinthians 11:14) which he once was, and therefore so can his angels, the demons/devils. The Bible speaks in many places of, "familiar spirits." I believe that many or every person, especially Christians, is shadowed/followed throughout his life by a particular, "familiar," spirit (demon) assigned to him, who thus becomes completely familiar with his mannerisms, weaknesses, temptations, etc., and is therefore able to, and always attempts to, tempt him where he is most vulnerable. This spirit is thus able, after the person's death, to flawlessly impersonate him should someone attempt to contact him via séance, etc. Scripture says:

6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

II Corinthians 5:6-8 The BIBLE

So a person's spirit is either on earth, in his body during his lifetime, or he is, "with the Lord," or in hell, after his lifetime. There is no other option. And there is no so-called, "Purgatory," that concept is merely nonchristian ROMAN CATHOLIC pagan fantasy; Scripture teaches us the opposite of the ROMAN CATHOLIC, "Purgatory," heresy. The dead go immediately to either heaven or hell (Luke 16:19-31, 23:43), and we cannot earn our salvation (Ephesians 2:9) and we cannot pay for our sins; that was Jesus' job (Hebrews 9:28; I John 1:7, 2:2), and He fully accomplished it in His death! That is why Protestants do not pray for the dead; they follow Scripture, not the invented false doctrine of man's religion. According to Scripture, by the time, a person has died their soul is in either heaven or hell; no amount of prayer can or will change that, nor make any difference to their soul!

¹⁶ • **SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY IN THE HOME AND CHURCH**

The home's spiritual authority is intended by God to be the husband/father (Genesis 3:16; Job 1:5; I Timothy 2:12). However, the wife/mother is often/usually more spiritual in nature than the man, more conscious of the spirit world, and more likely to seek contact with it; this is the reason that witchcraft in all its forms has usually been associated with women. Our Heavenly Father is not adverse to using the Christian wife to take authority over malign spiritual forces if her husband has not claimed power over them, or if he has failed to take Spiritual authority and responsibility in the home (Matthew 27:19), as seems to have been the case in the household of Timothy's parents (Acts 16:1, II Timothy 1:5-7). God won't leave a Spiritual vacuum, but will use whomever is available to accomplish His purposes (Matthew 21:15-16, John 11:47-52). His Word will not return to Him void or unsuccessful (Isaiah 55:11).

5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee (*Timothy*), which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

II Timothy 1:5-7 The BIBLE

WITHDRAWAL OF INSULATION – A REBUKE FOR SIN!

So, when I have allowed myself to sin, when I have allowed my mind to wander into the impure, my Heavenly Father has used the particular ability He has given me, the ability to sometimes sense the presence of spirits, to rebuke me! At these times our Heavenly Father has dropped from me some of the, “insulation/shield/buffer,” that He usually gives to His children, an **IN**ability to sense spirits (which He gives us so that we are not kept in a state of terror by seeing the spirit world around us). When God therefore drops that shield/blindness I am then able to see/sense demonic activity. Actually, more accurately, it is in this way, at the time of my sin, that my Heavenly Father has shown me the greatly increased demonic presence and attack upon us that we routinely invite when we sin! So it is apparent that when we even so much as THINK of sin, simply lusting in our heart, we thus invite into our life, and perhaps into our very family, and our home, a demon’s presence. We invite a demon to come in and find a resting place. We invite demonic Oppression (demonic attack from outside) or even demonic Possession (demonic dwelling in our home, or even in US!)

We see this kind of thing illustrated very graphically in the Bible:

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

14 But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him.

I Samuel 16:13-14 The BIBLE

In I Samuel we read how the covering, protecting Spirit of God, Who had dwelt upon Saul since he had been anointed king (I Samuel 10:6-10) was now taken from him,¹⁷ because of his rebellion and sin

God will also be forced use female leadership in the local church if male leadership is lacking**. He will use the leadership available (even if it is secular, if necessary)***! But His use of unBiblical leadership is in no way an endorsement of the unBiblical leadership in itself; simply put: ‘Our Heavenly Father will use whatever is available.’

40 And He answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

Luke 19:40 The BIBLE

And, if and when Biblical leadership is restored to the home or church He expects that that temporary, unBiblical, leadership will step aside, or be put aside by others, in necessary, to enable the installation of what is Biblical.

**See, also: [“Women In Ministry” - www.Micaiah.com/women_02.htm](http://www.Micaiah.com/women_02.htm)

***See, also: [“Is God’s Blessing Vindication - Or Is It Just God’s Love?” - www.Micaiah.com/bleasing.htm](http://www.Micaiah.com/bleasing.htm)

¹⁷ • THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND SALVATION

As Jesus had not yet been raised from the dead (this would happen hundreds of years later) and therefore the New Testament had not yet begun, the Holy Spirit would not yet dwell *within a person, permanently*, enabling them to be **BORN AGAIN**; the Holy Spirit would only dwell *UPON* a person, *temporarily*, so the Holy Spirit *could* indeed be removed from a person! But now, in the New Testament, the Holy Spirit has been sent to dwell *permanently WITHIN the child of God* (John 16:7-14, John 20:22). So fear not! If you are **BORN AGAIN**, the Holy Spirit *cannot* and WILL NEVER be taken from you; your salvation is assured!

29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

Romans 11:29 The BIBLE

against God, now enabling an evil spirit to trouble/Oppress him. We are told elsewhere also during this time that God sent an evil spirit to attack Saul (see the I Samuel 16, 17 Scripture references, following). The idea of 'an evil spirit from the Lord,' can be confusing until we look at these passages in the light of I Samuel 16:13-14, quoted above. God didn't send the evil spirit to Oppress Saul; God simply removed from Saul the presence of the Holy Spirit, God's insulation between Saul and the spiritual world (much as He temporarily permitted Job to be attacked by satan – Job 1-2), no longer preventing (not causing) an evil spirit from taking the Holy Spirit's place, dwelling upon Saul (Oppression) or even within Saul (Possession), who was acting in rebellion to God. Saul's tendency to personally permit satanic involvement (while officially outlawing it – I Samuel 28:3,9, during the life and influence of the Prophet Samuel, who had anointed him king) is seen in his readily seeking out a medium (I Samuel 28) when Samuel was no longer there to advise him Spiritually. While the Holy Spirit had been on Saul the protection of the Holy Spirit and God's angels had kept from him demonic presence and influence. Even now, God doesn't *send* evil spirits/demons, but He may *remove from a person His gift of insulation, of concealment*, (which had protected him from seeing and being terrified by the spiritual world), thus enabling the sinner to now see, or experience, the presence of the demon(s) that are wanting access to him! Or God may even remove some of His protection from the Christian, to get his attention and compel him to repent (I Corinthians 5:2-5). (In Saul's case God's removal from him of the Holy Spirit enabled to take place the attack by the demon (*familiar spirit?*), the demon that had been hovering around, ready to pounce on him and make him miserable... and to incite him to murder.)

16 Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.

I Samuel 16:16 The BIBLE

9 And the evil spirit from the Lord was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand.

10 And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.

I Samuel 19:9-10 The BIBLE

The Apostle Paul spoke of this:

2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.

3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed,

4 In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

22 (*God*) Who hath also sealed us, and given the guarantee of the Spirit in our hearts.

II Corinthians 1:22 The BIBLE

13 In Whom (*God*) ye also trusted, after that ye heard the Word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation: in Whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,

Ephesians 1:13 The BIBLE

30 And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, Whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Ephesians 4:30 The BIBLE

5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

I Corinthians 5:2-5 The BIBLE

Any spirit, whether God (the Holy Spirit) or Satan and his demons, who wishes far greater influence in our life than he already has must first get our permission. A person must give a demon permission by either consciously and/or verbally saying so, or simply by sinning, whether or not they fully realize the full consequences of their sin.

THE SPIRITS WE ALLOW OR INVITE INTO OUR LIFE

One point in my life was extremely discouraging. I had a young family, wasn't pastoring, and was unable to find even secular work with which to adequately supply for my family. And this had gone on for far too long, in my opinion; I was incredibly discouraged and didn't know what to do. One night, during this particularly frustrating time, I took a long walk, and prayed. During this prayer walk I laid my heart bare before the Lord, and let Him know exactly how I was feeling. After a while my prayer developed into an inaudible, "screaming," at the Lord, in which I, "shouted," silently to/at the Lord, telling Him my frustration, and challenging Him: "You don't give me ministry for Your people and others, You don't give me work for my family, You're not using me at all! I'm USELESS! So why don't You just TAKE ME HOME! You're not using me here, so why don't you just TAKE ME, GET ME OUT OF HERE; I'm USELESS!!"

That night I was awakened by God's Death Angel. Large, black, and imposing, he stood just inside the DOOR to the bedroom. "Are you coming?" he asked, thus offering to give me the premature departure, and admittance into heaven for which I'd earlier challenged God. I paused, considering the offer, but realized that my children needed me, so I said, "No." And God's Death Angel disappeared.

We must be extremely careful what spirit we invite into our life, and into the lives of our family.

Jesus tells us that He Himself stands at the door to our heart and knocks, asking permission, not to take us out of life, but for Him to come in and give us life:

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.

Revelation 3:20 The BIBLE

15 I (*Jesus*) pray not that Thou (*God*) shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

John 17:15 The BIBLE

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Luke 11:13 The BIBLE

Revelation 3:20, above, refers both to salvation and to the "Infilling of the Holy Spirit," a second experience after salvation, often referred to as the, "Baptism in the Holy Spirit." (*See, also, Micaiah.com's "Be Filled With The Spirit"*¹⁸) In this Second Experience we give God far greater control over us than we gave Him at our salvation/Born Again¹⁰ experience, and He both makes us far more like Him than we were before (the, "Fruit of the Holy Spirit" - Galatians 5:22-25), and He gives us abilities to do miraculous things by the power of the Holy Spirit ("Spiritual Gifts" - I Corinthians 12:8-11), because of the greater permission we have given Him in our life. This experience of giving God greater control is mirrored by

¹⁸ www.Micaiah.com/filled.htm

satan, the Great Counterfeiter, in the form of demonic, "Possession," a concept with which we are well familiar. "Oppression," is when satan or a demon/demons of his 'latch onto' a person, and regularly influence him to sin more, and torment him, without fully entering him and, "Possessing," him. And this is the ultimate danger of sinning: that, in giving satan increased power in our life through increased sin, we risk giving him permission for demonic Oppression, and even Possession, regardless of whether we realize fully the implications of what our sin is doing! Sometimes a person makes a conscious decision to now give satan permission to enter him in greater measure and Possess him. Sometimes he becomes Possessed by becoming involved in such things as fortune telling. And sometimes a person becomes Possessed simply by merely giving himself over to a steadily increasing amount and degree of sin, little realizing that he isn't merely devoting himself more to sin, but actually devoting himself more to satan! satan accomplishes Possession sometimes blatantly and obviously by his victim's conscious surrender to him. But he also often accomplishes it in subtle and gradual steps, by managing to induce his victim to indulge in ever greater amounts of sin!

So, in other words,

- 1) When we sin we simultaneously invite DEMONS into our life, and into our home; they piggy-back in, on the backs of sin.
- 2) We don't even have to sin to welcome demons into our life, and into our home! Our mere *acceptance of their presence* is sufficient to permit them to enter and to stay! And they *know* our attitude toward them; they can *feel* it! And they rush in!
- 3) Have you ever noticed how, after you have sinned, you likely from then on have a taste and a desire to commit that sin again? You have permitted demonic temptation/oppression, and demons have accepted the invitation! Their active working on you now is the source of your desire to commit that sin again.

So, what do we allow into our life, and into our home? What do we allow to come in via TV, videos, music? Do we realize that, when *merely allowing* the presence of sin in our lives, we *invite in* demons? Demons piggy-back in on the backs of sin. Sin isn't just in our own mind. Sin is not even just between us and another. Sin invites demons: to come in and Oppress or even to Possess, and to tempt us to continue in that sin! When we watch, and therefore permit into our life a horror movie or a show depicting demonic Possession or sexual sin we are permitting into our life the presence of demons. When we permit sin of any kind entrance into our home and into our life we invite demons and their torment and temptations to sin. Depiction of such things in entertainment isn't mere entertainment; it may be fictional, but if it depicts sin or demonic reality, and we allow the concepts to have place in our life, we allow the presence of demons.

When we sin, no matter what kind of sin, we resist the Presence and influence of our Heavenly Father, and we permit the presence and oppression by satan and his demons. And we permit demons to tempt us in this area of sin (whatever it is), from now on. They watch us; they know our weaknesses. They know what we permit.

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

14 But every man is tempted (*by satan and his demons*), when he is drawn away of his own lust (*lust for anything at all*), and enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

James 1:13-15 The BIBLE

Sin involves more than just ourself; it involves an entire committee, consisting of God the Father, us, the Holy Spirit and God's protecting angels, and satan and his angels (and the people we hurt or involve in our sin!). It involves the people in our home and in our life. When we sin we push away, to varying degrees, our Heavenly Father, and the covering and protecting presence of the Holy Spirit and His angels, and we permit the presence and influence of satan and/or his tempting familiar spirit assigned to us by satan, and potentially other demons, also (unlike God, satan isn't everywhere; he is only a fallen angel. Where he is not present he must rely on the delegated evil work of the demons who follow him).

43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.

45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

Matthew 12:43-45 The BIBLE

Because the child of God is indwelt by the Spirit of God, he is automatically protected from satan and his evil angels/spirits/demons.

7 The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.

Psalms 34:7 The BIBLE

14 Are they (*angels*) not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Hebrews 1:14 The BIBLE

This presence and protection by God and His angels will never be taken totally from the truly born-again Christian. But we can grieve the Holy Spirit, and push away, to a certain extent, the Presence and protection of God, by our sin.

3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

4 Whilst it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

Acts 5:3-5 The BIBLE

30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Ephesians 4:30 The BIBLE

Just how far we can push God away, and welcome the presence, influence, and torment of satan and his demons, depends on how close we are to God. But this is not something that should be chanced. Pursue God out of *love* for Him, not out of *fear*!

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

II Peter 1:10-11 The BIBLE

So keep yourself pure and holy, in mind and deed. Accept only the Presence of God and the ministering angels of God in your life and in your home. Fear not. Be at peace. You have all power over the enemy. Jesus said so.

49 But when they saw Him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out:

50 For they all saw Him, and were troubled. And immediately He talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.

Mark 6:49-50 The BIBLE

2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Hebrews 13:2 The BIBLE