

# *Superstition Is Abomination*

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Leviticus 19:31 Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.

Leviticus 20:6 And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.

Leviticus 20:27 A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them.

Deuteronomy 18:9-12 When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

Isaiah 8:19-20 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

Isaiah 19:3 And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.

- I. We are far more involved with and influenced by familiar spirits, wizards, charmers, enchantment, and necromancers than we realize.
  - A. In the first place, we do not really understand what they are.

Familiar spirit - a mumble, i.e. a water-skin (from its hollow sound); hence a necromancer (ventriloquist, as from a jar): — bottle.

- B. A genie in a bottle; a ventriloquist; a fortune-teller, a crystal ball, any form of making people believe in a manifestation of some spirit, ghost, or supernatural being or supernatural power besides God.
- C. The Bible says they mutter and peep.

MUT'TER, To utter words with a low voice and compressed lips, To utter with imperfect articulations, or with a low murmuring voice.

Peep, - to coo or chirp (as a bird):—chatter, peep, whisper

- D. Familiar spirits is sort of a general term that includes all superstition.
  - 1. Witches, wizards, sorcerers, charmers, necromancers, ghosts, monsters, etc.
  - 2. All these different types of people mentioned do basically the same things.
  - 3. They are called “mediums” because they pretend to be able to enable you to communicate with the dead.

4. They pretend to be able to see into the future – your future.
  5. They also pretend to have the power to control and destroy others through magic, spells, and incantation, and of course, they will do it for you for a fee.
- E. We put up with them and allow them to entertain us and our children because they are presented as funny and make us laugh, or they excite us by scaring us and pumping our adrenaline.
1. We do not pause, even if they come across as evil or scary.
- F. We have been exposed to it so much that we have grown accustomed to it and we dismiss it as harmless and just entertainment.
1. We think it is harmless fun.
- G. But God says it is an abomination to God and that it defiles us and He commanded the death penalty on those with familiar spirits.
- H. So there is quite a deficit between the way God views these things and the way we view them.
- I. These are all things of darkness and they are present in direct proportion to the presence or absence of faith in God.
1. When the lights go dim in the churches the witches and charmers and soothsayers multiply and become more brazen and bold.
  2. When the light of the church is shining bright they retreat to their dark places and hide.
- II. We are defiled when we start believing and putting confidence in what those with familiar spirits try to make us believe.
- A. They are called charmers – those who use enchantment.
- charmer:— specifically (by means of spells) to fascinate, be compact, couple (together), have fellowship with, heap up, join (self, together), league.
1. There is always this issue of whether you believe or not.
  2. If you profess to believe in this stuff then you are “in” and you are “one of them.”
  3. This is understood in the presentation of it all and the invitation to participate – you must believe, and you must tell others that you believe.
  4. In order to believe in this wickedness we must doubt God – you cannot believe in both – they are mutually exclusive.
- B. All these things are declared to be wicked and evil and an abomination to God, therefore they are of the devil, who is a liar and a deceiver.
1. So it is all falsehood and deceit.
  2. It is all a show that is carefully orchestrated to make people believe their tricks and deny God in heaven and deceive their soul.
  3. They claim to have powers that they do not have.
  4. They claim to be able to know things and discern things by some supernatural means.
- C. I have seen them in churches, on religious television shows, etc.
1. There are charmers who are posing at preachers of the Gospel, and they are nothing more than wizards that peep and mutter.
  2. They claim to be so in tune with the Holy Spirit that He speaks to them and directs them step by step and reveals to them certain people in the congregation that have certain ailments or needs, etc.

- D. But we have grown so accustomed to seeing and hearing them in all their many forms and being entertained by them and laughing at them, that we do not recognize them when they disguise themselves as people of God.
- E. We are defiled in the same way that a wife is defiled when she is unfaithful to her husband.
  1. Our trust and our affection and our loyalty are given to another instead of the one who is true and to whom it belongs.
  2. Thus the language in Leviticus 20:6:

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- F. This is exactly what happens in the mind when we ignore this verse of Scripture and we regard them and what they say.
  1. There is just this great inclination to want to believe them.
  2. There is always the question in your mind, “What if...they are right?”
  3. Wouldn't it really be nice to have a genie in a bottle and get free wishes?
  4. Wouldn't it really be nice to hear my loved one's voice again and see their face?
- G. To turn to these people for these things is to turn away from God in a most offensive way.
  1. This was the final straw for Saul – he died right after this.
- H. The Scripture says not to “regard” them.
  1. So we should not fear any evil from them or hope for any good from them.
  2. We should abstain from all appearance of evil concerning them – never let them entertain us or charm us with their “innocent” words.
- I. We should be keen in our discernment about anything that is a bridge to these things that God says are most evil and abominable.

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.