

## **Ephesians 6 (2-5-12)**

*The Spiritual Warfare Series*

## **DEVILS ARISING!**

(An Examination of the Salem Witch Trials, Nazi Germany, etc., with a sober warning for our age).

**TEXT: Ephesians 6:12** 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.**

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand **in the evil day**, and having done all, to stand.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

**John 8:44** Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

**Exodus 8:7** And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.

**Luke 21:11** And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and **fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.**

25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

Historians in the first century like Josephus and Tacitus, record chariots racing across the sky in A.D. 70!

**Numbers 23:23** Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel...

**1 John 5:18** We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God **keepeth himself**, and that **wicked one toucheth him not.**

- Salem Witch Trials of 1692.

"That there were fraud and deception [involved], no one will doubt; but there is now a tendency to trace an analogy between the phenomena then exhibited, and modern spiritual manifestations [seances]. No man of any reputation who lived in that generation, and saw what transpired at Salem...doubted that there was some influence then exerted which could not be explained by the laws of matter or of mind..."

(William F. Poole, 1870; Introduction to Hutchinson's, *Witchcraft Delusion of 1692*)

- After the "UFO" in 1639, supernatural things began to increase to such a degree that Increase Mather, in 1684, produced a book called *Remarkable Providences*:

"It is sport to the devils to when they see silly men thus deluded and made fools of by them."  
(Increase Mather)

"Enlightened reflection, common sense, natural prudence, would seem to be sufficient to keep men from meddling at all with practices, or countenancing notions, **from which all history proclaims that no good has ever come, but incalculable evil flowed...**There is no essential distinction between the old and the new belief and practice. The consequences that resulted from the former would be likely to result from the latter, **if it should obtain universal or general credence...**If there was any thing supernatural in the witchcraft of 1692, if any other than human spirits were concerned at all, one thing is beyond a doubt: **they were shockingly wicked spirits,** and led those **who dealt with them** to the utmost delusion, crime, and perdition; and this example teaches all who seek to consult with spirits...[in our day]..."

(Charles W. Upham, Salem Witchcraft, Vol. II, 1867; a Unitarian)

**Luke 13:11** And, behold, there was a woman **which had a spirit of infirmity** eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, **whom Satan hath bound**, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

**Matthew 9:32** As they went out, behold, they brought to him **a dumb man possessed with a devil.**

33 And when **the devil was cast out**, the **dumb spake**: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

**Luke 11:14** And he was **casting out a devil, and it was dumb**. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.

"In the tiny **New York town of LeRoy**, one thing is for sure; since October, 16 people suddenly have developed uncontrollable twitching and verbal tics. Three months later, they - and the rest of the town - are still wondering why. Doctors have diagnosed most of them with conversion disorder, saying that stress is the likely root of their physical problems...But the diagnosis has done nothing to explain why so many people from the same small town - 14 teenage girls, a teenage boy and a 36-year-old woman - started displaying these symptoms within the same time period...All of the teens attend LeRoy Junior-Senior High School, so the attention has turned there. School officials say everything is safe, but environmental organizations and some parents aren't so sure...the school hired an independent firm in December to test for volatile compounds, and the report found nothing dangerous. An air quality test also was normal...Prior to this week, these strange symptoms had been confined to the teenagers from LeRoy Junior-Senior High School. That all changed on Tuesday when a 36-year-old woman told CNN that she also has been diagnosed with conversion disorder...Fitzsimmons, a nurse, hasn't worked since being diagnosed...Her doctor told her that long-suppressed memories of abuse as a child had suddenly erupted like a volcano...'At this point I have to have faith in my doctors'...The girls were from different grades; some knew each other, others did not..."  
(CNN, Feb. 4, 2012)

**Mark 9:17** And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath **a dumb spirit**;

18 And wheresoever he taketh him, **he teareth him**: and he foameth, and **gnasheth with his teeth**, and **pineth away**: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

21 And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, **Of a child**.

22 And oftentimes **it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him**: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

**Mark 9:42** And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.