

Doctrine of Demonism (part 1)

1. There is great darkness in America and in “American Christianity” today.

- a. This darkness is not only demonstrated by the “mystery of lawlessness” in government, but by the ignorance and irrationality of much of current American citizenry. The root problem is spiritual.

2 Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.

Romans 1:28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; 32 and, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

Isaiah 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

- b. What is even more concerning is the darkness in today’s churches regarding the true nature of God or the mechanics of the spiritual life. This results in millions of Christians living for mammon with no clue that they are in idolatry and thus, living under demon influence (Matt. 6:24; Col. 3:5; 1 John 5:21).

Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Colossians 3:5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

1 John 5:21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

- c. Most Christians have very pagan views of God and have no clue about the need for Bible doctrine or even what doctrine is. When a Christian does not know God or how to live in fellowship with Him, it should not be surprising they end up living under demonic deception with all of the resulting mental and psychological problems.

- d. The fact that “Christian” TV regularly broadcasts occult activity in the name of Jesus Christ and prosperity, and Christians do not even recognize it only highlights the problem. The fact that sweet and nice Christians say we should not judge them because they use the name of Jesus, are sincere, or doing some good only demonstrates that these Christians do not know what Christianity or truth really is.
- e. At Faith Bible Church we are in the midst of examining the true nature of God, which has been so distorted by contemporary Christians who regularly dress God up in their own emotional and superficial psychological projections. With all of this in mind and with the introduction of Satan in Job, I have decided to do the doctrine of demonism. We will examine demonism from the Word of God, and **then I will expose the demonism in churches today and even among some “doctrinal” anti-intellectual believers.**
- f. The Christian is not to live like the unbeliever who lives under the demonic influence of the kosmos diabolicus.

Ephesians 4:17 This I say therefore, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; 19 and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality, for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

- g. Note the characteristics of a person living under demon influence in Ephesian 4:17-19: futility of mind; darkened in understanding, excluded from the life of God; ignorance; hardness of heart; spiritually calloused; sensate life, a life dominated by emotions; and greed—they are never happy, they want more and more and more. It is one thing for an unbeliever to live like that, it is quite another for a Christian. Yet, this describes contemporary Christianity. It is one thing for unbelievers not to care to engage in talk of reality (metaphysics), but for a Christian not to care about Reality is nothing short of “bizarre”! For Christians to care more about their temporal issues than learning about the true nature of God demonstrates that they are, and probably have been, under demon influence for a very long time. The unbeliever, like the ignorant Christian, has no clue that he lives under the influence of Satan. It is no accident that anti-intellectualism among Christians is the leading cause of severe psychological problems. Why do so many believers have mental problems? Futility of their minds? How bizarre that a Christian would think that God is not worth the hard thinking it takes to really understand His nature. Why so many Christians superstitious about the very nature of truth? It can all be traced back to anti-intellectualism. When emotions run the soul, the believer will become psychologically unstable and will eventually crash and burn, though he will never lose his salvation.