

## Demonism (part 4)

**12. There is massive ignorance and darkness throughout modern Christianity.** This darkness can be categorized into two areas: ignorance about the spiritual life and ignorance about the nature of God:

- a. Ignorance and darkness regarding how to live the spiritual life.
  1. In order for the Christian to live the spiritual life, he must be growing in Bible doctrine. Bible doctrine is the categorization of the Word of God. One cannot live the spiritual life if one has a fragmented view of the Bible. One cannot grow spiritually without growing in understanding of God's Truth. The believer who has a fragmented possession of Truth will have a fragmented view of life and God. He will be double-minded and unstable:

James 1:8 being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.
  2. The spiritual life is a supernatural way of life that is empowered by God the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:16-22). There are no spiritual dynamics apart from the ministry of the Holy Spirit. When the believer sins, he grieves or quenches the Holy Spirit and must confess his sins to recover.
  3. Characteristics of believers living in ignorance and darkness regarding the spiritual life.
    - ✓ Lack of doctrine, especially with regard to the mechanics of the spiritual life.
    - ✓ Unable to stay in fellowship for any extended period of time.
    - ✓ No time for daily doctrine or daily Bible studies because more important things fill up the life: TV, Facebook, social activities.
    - ✓ Failure to even think about confession of sins throughout the day. Believers who do not even think about confessing their sins for days are in reversionism.
    - ✓ Thinks they are in doctrine when they are really in religion with doctrinal terminology.
- b. As bad as ignorance among Christians about living the spiritual life is, ignorance concerning the true nature of God is far worse. Almost no Christians understand the true *nature* of God, e.g., *Esse*.
  1. Most Christians have confused and pagan views of God, cf., Finis Dake Study Bible.

2. Most Christians do not think the nature of God is worth the effort of studying philosophy and theology proper. Due to bad philosophical influences (e.g., John Locke and David Hume), they are inherently skeptical about philosophy and metaphysics. They think they do not do philosophy all the while doing philosophy of unbelievers whose philosophy is to treat philosophy as useless.
3. Most Christians' mindset have been brainwashed by the likes of David Hume and John Locke. I can tell you as pastor that this is very hard to break through; it is like granite. Just to mention these philosophers is likely to incite ire from some believers. They are so brainwashed by these philosophers that they do not even realize that they are using them in their skepticism of metaphysics and even in their understanding of Bible doctrine and worldview.
4. Most believers do not really care about objective learning about the nature of God in metaphysics. Because of their Humean and anti-intellectual mindsets, they do not see its relevancy. After all, their problems and issues are more important, so they think.
5. At Faith Bible Church, we are blessed to have many believers who are actually interested in learning about the truth nature of God, Esse. It is incomprehensible that any doctrinal believer would not be interested in learning about Esse. The only explanation is rank reversionism. What else would explain total disregard regarding the opportunity to learn about Esse? While I understand the difficulty in grasping metaphysics, I do not understand believers who are not interested in learning it to understand God. It is unfair for a believer to criticize or complain if he has not taken the effort to go over the notes before class or stay up on the ongoing series. The notes are available up to a day before Bible class for review.

### **13. Jesus Christ came to take the believer out of darkness regarding the nature of God and the plan of God.**

Matthew 6:30 "But if God so arrays the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more do so for you, O men of little faith? 31 "Do not be anxious then, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'With what shall we clothe ourselves?' 32 "For all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.

John 12:46 "I have come as light into the world, that everyone who believes in Me may not remain in darkness.

Acts 26:18 to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, in order that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.'

Ephesians 5:8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light

Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Col 1:13 For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

1 John 2:11 But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

**14. The believer is commanded to submit to the Lord for victory over the demonic realm.**

Before a believer can submit to the Lord, he must understand the nature of God and how to submit (Christian way of life).

- a. James 4:7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- b. Submission requires understanding the nature of God. Most believers have flawed views of God. "God" becomes but a projection of their own psychological makeup and wishes.
- c. Submission requires understanding the Christian way of life with its problem solving devices like fellowship and the faith-rest life.
- d. Ignorance always leads to pride, and it is pride that God fights against more than anything else.

James 4:6 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

- e. To submit to the True God with His grace assets is to move into the supergrace life, the life of abundant power and provisions.
- f. Only the believer who grows in understanding of the true nature of God as per metaphysics under the ministry of the Holy Spirit gains capacity for the deepest intimacy with God.
- g. To reject metaphysical knowledge of God (e.g., Esse) is to reject the basis for deep and profound knowledge of God.

- h. Satan loves it when he can keep the believer in darkness regarding the spiritual life and the true nature of God. There is no excuse any believer to reject knowledge of God on any level.
- i. Given the status of modern churches, it is no surprise than many Christians promote occult activities on TV—all in the name of their Jesus and superstition.

**15. The only solution to the massive darkness within Christianity is true knowledge of God. However, this requires true positive volition about God in His nature and person, and to walk with Him (John 17:3). These require Bible doctrine, the filling of the Holy Spirit, and philosophical realism.** All the rest is religion, even if outfitted with Christian names and fits in with what everyone else is doing, or if it even makes you feel better. It is not like God did not warn us about the gross apostasy:

2 Timothy 3:1-7 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, 4 treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; 5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; and avoid such men as these. 6 For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses, 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 And just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men of depraved mind, rejected as regards the faith.

2 Timothy 4:3-4 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths.

1 Timothy 4:1 But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to **deceitful spirits** and **doctrines of demons**

- ✓ Demons always seek to keep the believer from truly knowing the True God. Boy, have demons done a great job on modern Christians who in their pious, demonic, anti-intellectual mindsets pick ignorance over learning about the God who loves them so very much.
- ✓ They have also done a great job on Christians who no longer feel the need to confess their sins or make Bible study of doctrine a part of daily life.
- ✓ Demons via their doctrines is why there is so much reversionism and ignorance in Christianity today.