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Wednesday, August 23, 2023 - Group Study

**Lesson Series: Deception Of The Heart**

Lesson Series Text: (*Jer. 17:5-10*)

**Lesson 2: Witchcraft**

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***All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.***

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- I. Saul started out right. (*1 Sam. 10:1-11*)
  - A. The Spirit of the Lord came upon him. (6)
  - B. He had a good heart. (9)
  - C. He prophesied under the anointing of God. (9-10)
  - D. There was none like him among all the people of Israel. (24)
- II. Saul, for the second time wanted to please the people more than God. (*1 Sam. 15:10-24*)
  - A. Saul changed God's commandments to fit his desires. First failure, (*1 Sam. 13:8-14*). Now, he spared Agag and the animals. (*1 Sam. 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter*)
- III. Witchcraft – magic, sorcery, a magical or irresistible influence, attraction or charm.
  - A. Rebellion – An act or show of defiance toward an authority. Rebellion usurps or subverts (undermine) authority.
  - B. Authority and responsibility goes hand in hand. If you don't have one, you don't have the other.
    - a. Example – father as head of the home; pastor as leader of the congregation.
- IV. Witchcraft contains three attributes:
  - A. Manipulation – uses guilt, fear, embarrassment, sympathy, etc.
  - B. Intimidation – physically, financially, and emotionally.
  - C. Domination – by forcing your own selfish will on another; by leaving them no other choice.
- V. Every person has a need of three things in their lives: love, security, significance.
  - A. When we don't find these things in Christ; we will use witchcraft (manipulation, intimidation, or domination) to get them.
  - B. Witchcraft is a means of control of your life situations and control of others to acquire these three items in your life.
- VI. Witchcraft is used in the church.
  - A. Prophetically –
    1. People will use the gift of prophecy to control others.
    2. People will use the gift of prophecy for material gain. (*Ex: Balaam*)
  - B. Legalism – (*Gal. 3:1-5 - law and flesh.*)
  - C. Deception – (*Act 16:16-18*)
- VII. Witchcraft seeks to have spiritual power without obedience to God.

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