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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. 15th 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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