

**Articles and Sermons :: David Wilkerson: Witchcraft in the Church!****David Wilkerson: Witchcraft in the Church! - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2010/3/15 23:35****David Wilkerson: Witchcraft in the Church!**

“A number of witches are going about the country today, warning that Satanists are infiltrating the church—especially charismatic churches. Some of these former witches have authored books telling of a diabolical plot by evil witches to enter congregations posing as super-spiritual Christians. Their purpose is to deceive and shipwreck pastors and to lead multitudes of naive believers into occult worship.

Many of these evil witches, they say, are already firmly established in numerous churches, controlling both the pastor and congregation and causing great confusion, wickedness, divorce—even death. We have received many letters in our office from people who say they believe their pastor must be under some kind of demonic influence—and I believe many of these letters are very legitimate.

Saints, we in the Body of Christ dare not allow the devil’s power to be magnified in the house of God! His power is limited, and he cannot penetrate a Holy Ghost wall of fire. When the disciples were sent out with power to heal the sick and raise the dead, they came back rejoicing: “Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name” (Luke 10:17).

The only pastor who can fall under the control of a witch is one who indulges in secret sin—who is driven by greed or success, or who has betrayed the Lord through unbelief or neglect! A man of God who has mortified the deeds of the flesh and wields the sword of the Lord will know the enemy. He will discern any trap and will stand against the wicked one, as Paul did with the witch at Philippi.

Here’s what happened: A slave girl possessed by the devil—that is, a practicing witch with a spirit of divination—sought to infiltrate Paul’s ministry! She followed after Paul and his companions, crying out, “These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation” (Acts 16:17).

But Paul’s spirit was disturbed. He discerned that the girl was not converted and that she had no right to touch holy things. He perceived a trap. So he turned and said to the evil spirit in her, “I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And (the demon) came out the same hour” (v.18).

Paul was unmoved by the demon powers. He was led by the Holy Spirit and full of the Word of God. But the Bible tells of one group of supposed ministers that was attacked—literally—and overcome by a demon. These were the seven sons of Sceva. When they tried to cast a demon out of a man, the evil spirit leaped on them, tore off their clothes and sent them running into the street in a panic—all because they didn’t know Jesus. They were not full of Christ!

**THOSE WHO WALK IN HOLINESS RESIST THE DEVIL**

Ministers of the gospel who fall into deep sin don’t actually have a demon “leap” upon them; they aren’t seduced by a witch. They are just led astray by their own lusts and desires! They have gotten off holy ground and have begun to cruise the devil’s territory!

No congregation that walks in holiness and the fear of God can be deceived or controlled by witches or evil spirits. Only pleasure-mad, Bible-and-holiness-rejecting churches are open to Satan’s attempts to move in.

Wherever the Word of God is exalted, wherever people separate themselves from wickedness and the world, wherever there is true repentance and obedience to the Holy Ghost—there Jesus will always manifest His presence!

A congregation that is bathed in the presence of Jesus doesn’t have to scream commands at wicked powers. The very power of Jesus drives out all that is wicked! Satan and his evil hordes simply cannot coexist with Christ’s presence. We resist the devil by being full of Jesus—by living and worshiping in His presence!

Are there really churches and pastors today that are falling under the control of witches and demons? Absolutely, yes!

I know of one large Pentecostal church wholly given over to Satan. The pastor has a lustful, evil spirit. He committed one act of adultery after another, and soon his wife became involved. The pastor and his wife introduced something into the congregation called "connections." They developed an entire doctrine around it.

First they brought ballroom dancing into the sanctuary. The pastor told the people to look into their partner's eyes until the Holy Spirit made a "connection." Pastors, leaders and deacons became involved. They began swapping wives, committing adultery.

Before long, it all became chaotic. Divorce became rampant. Parishioners began having nervous breakdowns. The pastor's son committed suicide. His daughter divorced and ran off with another man. More suicides broke out. One young mother was so distraught over her husband's leaving her that she drowned her baby in the bathtub so the baby's soul would be safe with Jesus!

That church has been utterly destroyed—it is embroiled today in numerous lawsuits—all because of the unbridled lust of a backslidden pastor! That one man, full of Satan, opened up his entire flock to demonic powers!

Beloved, be careful where you go to church! Be careful that you have discernment, because a pastor who has opened himself to Satan can open your heart to demonic powers.

Yet this message has to do with a kind of witchcraft that is even more dangerous than that. It is much more subtle.

It is brought into the church not by evil shepherds or by witches—but by multitudes of Christians who don't know that they are under the spell of witchcraft!"

the full article here: (<http://www.tsculpitseries.org/english/1990s/ts900305.html>) <http://www.tsculpitseries.org/english/1990s/ts900305.html>

**Re: David Wilkerson: Witchcraft in the Church! - posted by HeartSong, on: 2010/3/16 0:55**

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well said.May we be in Him.

**Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2010/3/16 18:13**

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I was indeed unaware but it definitely makes sense even if you disagree with your pastor there is still the opportunity for the door to be opened, please pray for me I may need to change churches soon if this be the case.