

DEALING WITH COUNTERFEIT SPIRITS

Last week I shared with you a summary of the message I preached on pulling down strongholds. Today I present to you another summary of a message I preached called, Dealing with counterfeit spirits. It is centered mainly on familiar spirits. If you want the full audio message, please kindly send a request to allforchristyouthmission@gmail.com

The Holy Spirit is the C.E.O of God on earth now. Nevertheless, the devil also has his spirits. The two main counterfeit spirits of the devil are Familiar spirits and Religious spirits. The devil always seeks to impersonate God. The Anti-Christ is not against God but rather in place of Christ.

When you put on the defensive armour of God you don't fight, you stand (Eph 6:10-14). The offensive armour of the believer is the sword of the spirit which is the word of God (Eph 6:17). Prayer enforces what you know. Therefore, if you know wrong you pray wrong and enforce wrongly

The devil attacks the believer in three ways

1. Counterfeit spirit
2. Opposing spirit
3. Hindering spirit

The two main counterfeit spirits operate on a foundation of pride and fear, empowered by lies.

FAMILIAR SPIRITS

1. Lead the believer astray
2. Pull the believer from his stronghold.
3. Get the believer to move from rest and therefore miss God's best
4. Mimic the Holy Spirit and people by transforming themselves into angels of light (2 Cor 11:14)

The devil uses them to deceive, control and predict things in your life

BRANCHES OF FAMILIAR SPIRITS

1. Enchantment: Using demonic power or spell to control people and to cripple them (Exo 7:11)

2. Divination: Using evil powers to receive knowledge about people and trying to tell them their future using tools like palm reading, star gazing, observing time, zodiac signs, numbers (Isa 47:13)
3. Necromancy: Divination by means of communicating with the dead (Deut 18:10-11)
4. Magic: Use of objects deemed to be infused with special powers
5. Witchcraft: Using spells, charms, enchantments to control. Witchcraft is manipulation (Gal 5:20)

CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIAR SPIRITS

1 Sam 28:6-19, 1 Chronicles 10:13, Deut 32:1

1. They display too much information about people to impress and enslave them (Acts 9:11-12)
2. They predict the future People who pretend that they know everything are not from God
3. Their main weapon is fear.
4. They can mimic people in appearance and form.
5. They can come into your dreams and paints or show pictures, even with people's faces
 - a. They seek to defile and suppress you through dreams (Jude 1:8)
 - b. They also seek to ingest the spirit of lust in you
6. They can also hypnotize you
7. They are assigned to family altars and can manifest in dreams

The workings of God don't create fear, they release faith. Where there is genuine operation of God there is no negotiation with demons but only casting out. The most accurate prophets of God don't know everything. God reveals only what is necessary or needed for restoration, healing, deliverance. Seeing someone's face in a dream from God could convey a message of your spiritual connection to such a person (Heb 12:22-23, Rev 19:10). God can use the faces and form of men of God who are dead to minister or bring a message to us but we shouldn't seek to contact them.

HOW TO DEAL WITH FAMILIAR SPIRITS

1. The light of the knowledge of the word deals with familiar spirits
2. Denouncement