

## Seven Steps To Revival – Volume 2

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— Study Note Outline —

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### *Three Tape Series*

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### Witchcraft In Disguise

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- I. **Legitimate Dominion vs. Illegitimate Control (Gen. 1:27–28)**
  - A. Witchcraft proceeds out of rebellion (1 Sam. 15:23)
    1. The religion of rebellious fallen man
    2. Its objective: control over:
      - a. Forces of nature
      - b. Course of life
      - c. Other human beings
  - B. Many different forms
    1. Some element of the supernatural
    2. Counterfeits true God-given religion
    3. Uses: sacrifices, oaths, covenants, curses, spells, incantations, potions, drugs, some forms of music (hard rock)
    4. Atmosphere of fear and darkness
  - C. Witchcraft can disguise itself in Christian forms.

Satan can do more harm to the church from inside than from outside (compare Acts 16:16–18)
- II. **What Witchcraft Is**
  - A. A work of the flesh (Gal. 5:20)
  - B. An evil spiritual power
  - C. Three key words:
    1. Manipulate – *means*
    2. Intimidate – *means*
    3. Dominate – *objective*
  - D. Forms witchcraft takes
    1. Manipulation can begin at birth; e.g., a baby crying
    2. Contemporary culture
      - a. Advertising: appeals to pride, covetousness
      - b. “Want what you don’t need, buy what you can’t afford”
      - c. Leads to addictions: nicotine, alcohol, shopping
    3. Husband/wife relationships
      - a. Husband: rage, violence, jealousy, sulking, criticism—basically *intimidation*

- b. Wife: hurt feelings, tears, emotional sickness, listing husband’s misdeeds to produce guilt—basically, *manipulation*  
Sometimes inherited by birth through female line, e.g.
  - (1) American “Deep South”
  - (2) Matriarchal societies
- c. Both: withholding sex (compare 1 Cor. 7:3–5)
- 4. Children: rebelliousness, temper tantrums
- 5. Parents: possessiveness, cultivating dependence, exploiting affection, and so projecting guilt, making love a “reward”
- 6. In the church
  - a. Appealing for money
    - (1) “There are 5 people here . . .”
    - (2) Harrowing descriptions—guilty if you don’t give
    - (3) “You will receive your healing if . . .”
  - b. Fear and threats
    - (1) “If you leave this church, you’ll never prosper.”
    - (2) Demand for unquestioning loyalty
    - (3) “Covenant breaker”
      - (2) and (3) are marks of cults
  - c. Spiritual operations
    - (1) Interpretation and prophecy to control
    - (2) Controlling by prayer, e.g. group of “spiritual” women around a pastor
    - (3) “Charismatic fortune telling”
      - “False vision or flattering divination” (Ezek. 12:24)
      - (a) Beware of flattery (Prov. 29:5)
      - (b) The Holy Spirit exalts Jesus (John 16:14)
  - d. Sexual seduction
    - (1) Male leaders through counseling, etc.—sexual freedom “for the mature”
    - (2) Females through being counseled or serving a male leader
    - (3) Warnings: Prov. 2:10–11, 16–19; 7:21–27—witchcraft’s targets are *strong men*
    - (4) We all need to protect ourselves—none of us are immune

## The Prayer Of Desperation

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#### I. Personal Background: How I Learned This Principle

- A. The Lord waits to hear from Israel a prayer of total desperation (Zech. 14:1–3)
  - 1. No other hope—no other source of help
  - 2. This applies also to individual salvation
- B. The Lord waits—in order to show grace and mercy (Is. 30:18).  
We also must wait—this intensifies longing and dependence.
- C. The Lord allows His people to come to the verge of utter destruction (Deut. 32:23–27)—then intervenes to silence the boasting of the adversary

- D. The utter helplessness of God's people provokes His compassion—also exposes the total ineffectiveness of all false gods (Deut. 32:36–38)
- E. The Lord alone has the power of life or death—salvation or destruction—our prayer must be based on this realization (Deut. 32:39–40)
- F. Ultimately the Lord will avenge all injustice to His people (Deut. 32:43)
- G. God waits for iniquity to become fully ripe (Ps. 92:7)
  - 1. Rev. 22:10–12; 14:14–16
  - 2. Isaiah 63:1ff—the winepress of the wrath of God
- H. We must learn to see the wicked from God's perspective (Ps. 73:12–20)
- I. The Lord waits until all His elect have been gathered in (2 Pet. 3:9)
- J. God through the Holy Spirit grants grace, supplication, revelation—we cannot produce these by our own carnal or religious efforts (Zech. 12:10)

## **II. The Moment And Place Of Desperation—The Moment Of Truth—God Waits Till We Come To This Place**

- A. Individual
  - 1. Deliverance from sin and its consequences
  - 2. Crisis in marriage, family or personal situation—ask God to show you if there is a specific barrier
- B. National (Britain)
  - 1. Judgment according to light received (Matt. 11:20–24)
  - 2. Greater privilege carries greater responsibility (Luke 12:4–8)

*Who is willing to pray this kind of prayer?*

## **How To Live In A World Falling Apart 4377**

### **I. Scriptures That Describe Our World Today**

- A. Features of our time: (Luke 17:26–30)
  - 1. Infiltration from Satan's kingdom (Gen. 6:1–2)
  - 2. Every thought evil (Gen. 6:5)
  - 3. Filled with violence (Gen. 6:11)
  - 4. Sexual perversion (Gen. 6:12)
  - 5. Blatant aggressive homosexuality (Gen. 19:1–11)
  - 6. Materialism (Luke 17:27–28)
- B. Corruption of human character (2 Tim. 3:1–5)
  - 1. Corruption is irreversible
  - 2. The root problem: love of self
    - a. Leading to breakdown of family
    - b. Leading to breakdown of society
    - c. Leading to anarchy
    - d. Leading to tyranny (antichrist)
- C. One unique feature: restoration of Israel (Jer. 30:3, 24b)

### **II. How To Respond**

Nothing new—only the old directions underlined

- A.** Align with God’s two primary objectives
  - 1.** The establishment of God’s kingdom on earth (Matt. 6:10)
    - a.** The only kingdom that will not be shaken (Heb. 12:25–29)
    - b.** God will shake all nations (Hag. 2:7)
    - c.** The kind of person who cannot be shaken (1 John 2:17)
    - d.** Right priorities (Matt. 6:33)
  - 2.** A people for the kingdom (Tit. 2:11–14)
    - a.** Purified by Christ for Himself
    - b.** In response, we must purify ourselves. This is the scriptural evidence that we are genuinely looking forward to Christ’s return (1 John 3:2–3)
- C.** Seven marks of preparation (2 Peter 3:11–14)
  - 1.** Holy conduct
  - 2.** Godliness
  - 3.** Looking for . . .
  - 4.** Hastening . . . (Matt. 24:14)
  - 5.** In peace
  - 6.** Without spot
  - 7.** Blameless
- D.** Final counsel (1 Cor. 7:29–33)
  - 1.** Not tied to anything earthly
  - 2.** Without “personal agenda”
  - 3.** To marry or stay single?  
Let God choose for you.