

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

THE DOCTRINES OF THE BIBLE

Titus 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

Study 34

DRUGS/WITCHCRAFT

Tonight we will discuss **DRUGS & WITCHCRAFT** as it is taught in the Scriptures.

1) DRUGS AND WITCHCRAFT GO HAND IN HAND IN THE BIBLE.

Jeremiah 27:9 Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon:

SORCERER (Def) a conjurer, magician

2) GOD'S WORD CONDEMNS WITCHCRAFT.

Deuteronomy 18:9 ¶ When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

10 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,

11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

DIVINATION (def) The act of divining; a foretelling future events, or discovering things secret or obscure, by the aid of superior beings, or by other than human means. The ancient heathen philosophers divided divination into two kinds, natural and artificial. Natural divination was supposed to be effected by a kind of inspiration or divine afflatus; artificial divination was effected by certain rites, experiments or observations, as by sacrifices, cakes, flour, wine, observation of entrails, flight of birds, lots, verses, omens, position of the stars, etc.

OBSERVER OF TIMES (def) one who is superstitious.

ENCHANTER (Def) one who has spirits or devils at his command, one who pretends or performs surprising things by the agency of devils, the use of magical arts, spells, charms.

WITCH (def) A woman who by compact with the devil, practices sorcery or enchantment.

WITCHCRAFT (Def) 1. The practices of witches; sorcery; enchantments; intercourse with the devil. 2. Power more than natural.

CHARMER (Def) one who fascinates by spells.

CONSULTER WITH FAMILIAR SPIRITS (Def) one who raises the dead

WIZARD (def) a conjurer of ghosts.

NECROMANCER (Def) one who communicates with the dead

God's Word says all that do these things are an abomination to Him!

Daniel 2:27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king;

28 But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;

ASTROLOGERS (Def) one who forecasts the future by the stars

SOOTHSAYERS (Def) a fortune teller, the foretelling of future events by persons without divine aid or authority, and thus distinguished from prophecy.

3) THERE ARE UNCLEAN SPIRITS IN WITCHCRAFT.

Acts 16:16 ¶ And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

4) WITCHCRAFT LEADS TO EVIL BEHAVIOUR BY THOSE WHO PRACTICE IT.

2 Kings 17:17 And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

5) REBELLION IS AS THE SIN OF WITCHCRAFT.

*1 Samuel 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.
23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.*

6) DRUGS OPEN THE DOOR TO UNCLEAN SPIRITS COMING INTO A PERSON'S LIFE.

Matthew 12:43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.

45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

The Unclean spirits enter through doors. These doors are...

1. DRUGS

2. ALCOHOL

3. SATANIC MUSIC

4. WITCHCRAFT

5. IMMORAL PERVERION (such as internet pornography/ unnatural sexual lifestyles)

7) JESUS HAS POWER OVER UNCLEAN SPIRITS.

*Mark 1:23 ¶ And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,
24 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.*

25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

28 And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.

8) NOTICABLE BEHAVIOR OF ONE WHO HAS AN UNCLEAN SPIRIT.

Mark 5:1 ¶ And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.

2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:

4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.

5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,

7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.

9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.

10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.
 12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.
 13 And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.
 14 And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.
 15 And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.
 16 And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine.
 17 And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.
 18 And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.
 19 Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.
 20 And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

1. **Associates with death** (vs 2-3)
2. **Uncontrollable** (vs 3-4)
3. **Unusual Strength** (physical endurance, not easily stopped) (vs 4)
4. **Nightlife activities** (vs 5)
5. **Emotional extremes** (vs 5)
6. **Cutting** (self harming) (vs 5)
7. **Violent behavior** (vs 13)
8. **Restless** (not calm) (vs 15)
9. **Unclothed** (not properly dressed) (vs 15)
10. **Unreasonable** (not in right mind) (vs 15)
11. **Unspiritual** (not interested in being close to Jesus) (vs 18, 20)

Luke 8:26 And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee.
 27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.
 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.
 29 (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.)
 30 And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.
 31 And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep.
 32 And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them.
 33 Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked.
 34 When they that fed them saw what was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city and in the country.
 35 Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.
 36 They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed.
 37 Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again.

38 Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying,

39 Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.

9) JESUS HAS GIVEN US POWER OVER UNCLEAN SPIRITS.

Mark 6:7 ¶ And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;

10) UNCLEAN SPIRITS HARASS AND TORTURE PEOPLE.

Luke 6:17 And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;

18 And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.

Acts 5:16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

11) GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE WITH BEHAVIOR THAT IS CONDUCIVE TO UNCLEAN SPIRITS.

Revelation 18:1 ¶ And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

12) SINCE OUR BODIES BELONG TO GOD WE SHOULD NEVER HARM OUR BODIES WITH DRUGS NOR GIVE OUR BODIES OVER TO UNCLEAN SPIRITS.

1 Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 3:16 ¶ Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

13) ONE SHOULD NEVER USE HIS LIBERTY FOR AN OCCASION TO THE FLESH AND ITS SINFUL DESIRES.

Galatians 5:13 ¶ For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

14) THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT DRUGS ARE ALRIGHT ARE DECEIVED AND LEAD OTHERS INTO BONDAGE INSTEAD OF LIBERTY.

2 Peter 2:18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.