

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

Happy New Year and welcome to 2017! This coming June, it will be 10 years since I started working fulltime with LFM. A great deal has changed since then, and yet God has continued to bring freedom and healing for many people. I'm very grateful to continue working in this capacity and serving the Lord Jesus. He continues to send hurting people to LFM, and I'm glad to lend a hand.

Special Note:

Thank you so much for the end of year contributions. We are so blessed by the support to get us rolling into 2017 with the funding we need. Also, thank you for those who used AmazonSmile for your online shopping. For those who don't know, you can support LFM while shopping at Amazon.com. When you make purchases from Amazon.com, enter Amazon.com by going to www.lifeoffreedom.org and click on the AmazonSmile icon. Any purchase you make on Amazon.com while entering through this link brings a donation from Amazon to LFM at no cost to you, but the time for a few extra mouse clicks!

Praises:

I praise God for a very nice Christmas season. I certainly enjoyed my time with family and friends...it seemed to go by so quickly!

I praise God for how He blessed me through so many people with year-end donations. No matter the amount given, I'm humbled that people support LFM.

I praise God for Christmas "presents" of seeing hurting people be healed of spiritual and emotional wounds as well as being set free of tormenting spirits. For me, it helped to make the season bright.

Short Report:

From time to time in ministry sessions, it can seem that there is interference coming from the spirit realm. Sometimes I'm able to command the spirits involved to stop in Jesus' name and the interference stops. At other times, the situation is more complicated. One of the ways that it becomes more complicated is when a person has a blood tie with another person or group. A blood tie is where blood is drawn, even if done intentionally, between the two parties and the spirits use that as a bonding between the two. Blood ties are significant, very significant actually, in regard to the spirit realm. Blood was extremely important in the Old Testament, and for some reason demons enjoy using blood ties to afflict people. Ms. BB is an example of this. A man with whom she was at one time sexually active used the blood tie to do witchcraft against her. (It is my experience that people involved in witchcraft have a greater understanding of the spirit realm than Christians. They know how to use a blood tie for their advantage). The witchcraft caused a great deal of physical ailments for her. The blood tie was broken in Jesus' name and the evil spirits connected to it were cast out, as they admitted to Ms. BB they could not stay. There was a great deal more to address for Ms. BB. However, the spirits sent by the man could no longer interfere with the ministry sessions.

Something to Consider:

Leviticus 17:11—¹¹ *For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.*

Revelation 18:23—²³ *The light of a lamp will never shine in you again. The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again. Your merchants were the world's important people. By your magic spell all the nations were led astray.*

What exactly is witchcraft? Merriam-Webster online dictionary says: *the use of sorcery or magic, or communication with the devil or with a familiar spirit.* The *New Bible Dictionary* (NBD) says of magic and sorcery: *Magic and sorcery attempt to influence people and events by supernatural or occult means. The magician tries to compel a god, demon, or spirit to work for him; or he follows a pattern of occult practices to bend the psychic forces to his will. There is no doubt that magic and sorcery are not always mere superstitions, but have a reality behind them. They must be resisted and overcome through the power of God in the name of Jesus Christ.*

Simply put, witchcraft, magic, or sorcery is using evil spirits for a purpose. It is **not sleight of hand**. I use the terms magic, sorcery, or witchcraft interchangeably. Those involved in these dark practices may split hairs by their definitions, but they all are using evil spirits. Black magic/sorcery/witchcraft is intended to bring harm of some sort to a person, while white magic/sorcery/witchcraft is intended to undue the black work. The problem is both are the work of evil spirits and should not be done by Christians. The miracles that happen are counterfeits of the genuine miracles of God. If the miracle is a healing, it is not genuine and the affliction is shifted to another part of the person. As the *NBD* says, these dark practices are not just superstitions or deceptions. They can and do have real effects on people. Ms. BB was a good example: her physical maladies were very real, and went away when the blood tie and curses were broken.

The fact that magic is real can generate fear. Again referring to the *New Bible Dictionary*, we need to overcome by the name of Jesus Christ. We don't need to be fearful because we can overcome and even be set free as Ms. BB was set free. The spirits can do counterfeit miracles, but they are defeated spirits and we must apply Christ's victory in our lives.

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for scheduling for the winter season. It's not unusual for winter weather to cause us to reschedule ministry sessions, so during those times please pray for the Lord to see the clients through.

Please pray for me to have the strength and discernment needed in sessions. This could always be put on the list for prayer concerns, but I especially ask for it at this time.

Please pray for me to be patient as I work to get the office done between ministry sessions. I do enjoy the remodeling work, but do not want it to consume me.

Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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