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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

The cooler, colorful weather is here. Farmers have begun harvesting their crops. Football is back in action. Autumn is a beautiful season which I enjoy. It also a season where the powers of darkness are celebrated openly. In most cases it is done ignorantly, but sometimes it is even done with great intention to honor evil. This month's newsletter is intended to address the matter of issues in the spirit realm connecting to the physical realm. Perhaps you've already been able to sense when something is off spiritually, and I hope this newsletter can help explain what it might be that you feel.

Praises:

I praise God for His ministering to a man who was severely scared as a child when he witnessed a friend conjure a spirit in a cemetery. Even as he shared the experience with me, it was clear how much fear had gripped him when it happened.

I praise God for His intervention for clients recently who were spiritually attacked while trying to help others. As I address in "Something to Consider" below, on the surface, it would not have appeared to be a spiritual issue. However, when addressed in the authority of Jesus Christ in confrontation of any spirits involved, the clients were freed from the burdens.

I praise God for His ministering to me in the last month through my Bible study, Bible study with my wife, and listening to different podcasts. It's incredible that without intending to, the studies blended to minister to me.

Amazon Reminder:

If you are one who makes purchases through Amazon.com, please consider using smile.amazon.com. This is especially true if you do Christmas shopping on Amazon. Every quarter, Amazon donates to LFM based on the amount of purchases made. Without any cost to you but a few extra steps in the purchase, you can support LFM financially. Every little bit helps the ministry to continue. Thank you!

Short Report:

Touching an occult object can have some consequences. Ms. KK learned the hard way. After touching the object, she needed help to be free from the spirits that plagued her. They were causing some major problems. At night when trying to sleep, one spirit, who looked like a big spider to her, would sit on her chest and suffocate her. Another was sexual in nature attacking her in her sleep as well. A third was causing her mind to not work properly. She felt the enemy had made a "nest in her head." I helped her to cancel the curses on her for touching the occult object. Then we confronted the spirits and found at least six (I didn't ask how many helpers each had). The first was Death. He was the one who appeared as the spider and tried to suffocate her. Incubi was the sexual spirit, who repeatedly attacked her at night and tried to cause very embarrassing situations for her. Delusion attacked her mind. There also was Sickness, Arrogance, and

Retaliation. They all admitted that their legal ground was cancelled and they had to go. Ms. KK was well aware of the reality of evil spirits, and even knew what needed to be done to be free. She simply needed someone to help her fully confront the spirits so they would be evicted. We shouldn't take lightly the fact that occult objects allow evil spirits to attack us. However, if we do experience problems like this, we can trust the Lord Jesus has defeated these spirits and in His name, we can be set free.

Something to Consider:

Ezekiel 13:20—²⁰ "'Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against your magic charms with which you ensnare people like birds and I will tear them from your arms; I will set free the people that you ensnare like birds.

Acts 19:19—¹⁹ A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas.

Do objects in and of themselves have power? No, they do not, but they do convey the power of the one they represent. For Ms. KK, the object she touched wasn't powerful. In Ezekiel the charms the women used to trap people weren't by themselves powerful. The sorcery scrolls didn't have power. It was the spirits of darkness that were attached to these items that held the power and caused the items to have real life effects. The same is true for Christian symbols and objects. Anointing oil does not have power in itself (though some treat it as if it does). The power is in the One the oil represents, the Living God. The trouble is that when we come into contact with objects that are connected to evil, the spirits use that contact to afflict people as much as possible.

Therefore, this season is a season where we need some level of caution. I'm not promoting fear and paranoia, just an awareness and caution about the dangers of occult/demonic/satanic objects. Is the affliction always as bad as Ms. KK had? Not at all. Nonetheless, if you are sensing that something is off or not right, it very well could be that an accursed object is around. The believers in Ephesus publicly burned the sorcery scrolls. There are times that this is necessary because the presence of these objects are allowing evil spirits to afflict the people who are present. Sometimes, the object is someone else's and can't be destroyed. At the very least, one needs to cancel any curses, or rights, claimed by evil spirits to do the afflicting and command them to stop and be gone. Again, we don't need to be frightened by the possibility of a demonized, accursed object. We must be aware and address the matter in the victory that Jesus Christ has won on Calvary's cross.

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for God's intervention in a month that is full of evil activity.

Please pray for a particular client who has serious health, housing, and spiritual issues.

Please pray for me for discernment on some possible ministry opportunities that may be developing.

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,

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