

# UNHOLY SPIRITS

## THE DARK SIDE OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

*“Put on the whole armour of God,  
that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”*

*~ Ephesians 6:11*

### **1. Beware Evil Spirits**

- a. There is just as much nonsense about unholy spirits as there is about the Holy Spirit
- b. Believe not every spirit! - Prov 14:15, 1 John 4:1
- c. Devils (not demons) can perform miracles, give physical strength, do wonders, heal
- d. Paul's ministry was to deliver people from the power of Satan - Acts 26:18
- e. Unholy spirits exist, and they rule this world - Eph 2:2

### **2. What Devils Do**

- a. *"we are not ignorant of his devices"* - Are we? 2 Cor 2:11
- b. The Devil does not need to work very hard (if at all) to encourage sin, men do that well
- c. His devices: confusion, ignorance, contention, rebellion, deception, pride, religion
- d. For what purpose? To rule and control - (Isa 14:14), Col 1:13, Eph 2:1-3, 6:12
- e. The Devil and God promise the same end, only the means are different - Mt 4:8-9
- f. They teach doctrine - 1 Tim 4:1-5, they (mis)use the word of God - 2 Cor 2:17, 4:2
- g. Though the Devil sins, sin is not the Devil. He gives "liberty", "love", "light"

### **3. Discerning Spirits**

- a. It used to be according to the kingdom gospel of his name - 1 John 4:1-2
- b. It used to be a gift of the Holy Spirit - 1 Cor 12:10
- c. It is always by the knowledge of the truth - 1 Tim 2:4, 2 Cor 4:3-4
- d. The word of truth rightly divided is necessary - 2 Cor 11:3-5, 11:13-15
- e. What are you looking for? What drives men, what controls them that is not natural
  - i. The tool missing from secular naturalistic psychology - truth of spiritual things
- f. Paul identifies a child of the devil by his opposition to truth - Acts 13:8-10
- g. Discerning the Spirit as of God or evil requires the wisdom of God - 1 Cor 2:7

### **4. Standing Against Unholy Spirits**

- a. When the Spirit of the Lord departed, an evil spirit came - 1 Samuel 16:14
- b. There is a spiritual warfare going on - in yourself, but also around you
- c. The weapons we use are not carnal (nor religious) - 2 Cor 10:3-5
- d. The only time exorcists appear in the Bible it is among religious men who fail at it
- e. Jesus prayed that Peter's faith would fail not, faith in what? - Luke 22:31-32
- f. Our battle is waged with truth - Eph 6:11-18
- g. Deliverance from the Devil's snare is done by teaching truth - 2 Tim 2:24-26
- h. It is as easy as walking in the Spirit - 1 Cor 3:16, Eph 5:18, Col 3:2
- i. Not giving place to the devil requires renewed minds by the Spirit of God - Eph 4:17-27
- j. They are not the highest authority - you are complete in Him - Col 2:10