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PART 40: CURSED OBJECTS

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There is very little teaching on cursed objects in Christian churches so most people are totally ignorant in this area. In the previous sermon, we read about destroying cursed objects, but didn't look at it in detail. **Acts 19:17-20**

From these verses we learn the following:

1. It was the demonic manifestation that brought fear to Jews and Greeks who had already professed Jesus as the Messiah but they had not disposed of the occult objects in their possession.
2. "Curious arts" means magic or black art as practiced by people conjuring up demons and casting spells. This was common in the city of Ephesus.
3. Luke points out the monetary value of these cursed objects, and that the Christians didn't care about the great financial value, but destroyed them in the fire.
4. The result was that the Word of God prevailed against the darkness of witchcraft and demon worship.

WHAT IS A CURSED OBJECT?

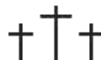
1. God hates idolatry and has specifically forbidden His people to create images from the spirit world. **Exodus 20:1-5**
2. God said in no uncertain terms that they were not to learn the habits of the heathens or to create the images they were worshipping. **Deuteronomy 18:9-13**
3. A cursed object is anything that God has declared to be cursed. **Joshua 6:17-27**

THE CONSEQUENCES OF KEEPING A CURSED OBJECT

God became furious when His people disobeyed; not only was Achan held responsible, but so was his family and the rest of the nation. **Joshua 7:1-26**

BUT AREN'T WE LIVING UNDER GRACE?

Ananias and Sapphira became cursed and were killed when they conspired to lie and keep back part of the money from the sale of their property. They were born again, had been baptized in the Holy Spirit along with the rest of the people in the church in Jerusalem, but grace didn't save them from losing their physical lives on earth. **Acts 5:1-11**



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WE NEED A HEZEKIAH REVIVAL

In reading the Old Testament, we can repeatedly see that the people of Israel couldn't resist dabbling in the occult, observing pagan religions and collecting cursed objects. As a result, there was a curse upon the nation and each individual as they were afflicted with poverty, war and disease.

King Hezekiah decided to follow the Lord, so he cleaned up the land and destroyed the idols. As a result, God blessed him and the people. **2 Kings 18:1-8**

WHAT KIND OF OBJECTS ARE CURSED?

1. Objects used in false religions like books, bibles and literature; pictures or statues of Mary and Roman Catholic saints. Crucifixes, rosary beads, elements used in the Eucharist of mass and holy water. Audio and video recordings that promote false religions.
2. Statues or paintings of beings from the spiritual world which are used for decoration or worship. This applies to all statues and pictures of different demon gods, including Buddha, demon deities from all types of pagan religions; trolls, elves, Santa Claus, statues of Mary and all other Catholic saints; Russian Orthodox icons, dwarfs, leprechauns, mermaids, voodoo dolls, etc.
3. Any object or material used in occult practices, including Ouija boards, Dungeons and Dragons material, tarot cards,
4. Any devices used for gambling like playing cards, dice, lottery tickets, pool tables, etc.
5. All types of drugs used for "recreation."
6. All pornographic material like pictures, videos, magazines, nude paintings, etc.
7. All items used on Halloween, Christmas, Valentines Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter and other pagan holidays.
8. The television is a cursed object when it plays ungodly programs featuring murder, fornication, adultery, divorce, violence, promiscuity, homosexuality, etc.

HOW SHOULD A CHRISTIAN LIVE?

There is no more fitting message, than what the apostle Paul sent to the church in Ephesus: ***Live a holy life!*** **Ephesians 4:22-32; 5:1-16**

It's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?