

Do Not Take Chances Spiritually.

People often think that the world just goes on and on and what we do is just a matter of choice. That is not true. God all the time wants what is best for us, but there are spiritual forces that are against us. We need to be purposeful in the direction we take. We are in a spiritual battle and not a physical conflict. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NKJV says, "For though we walk in the flesh, **we do not war according to the flesh**. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, **casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God**." What is the knowledge that God gave us to win the spiritual war in our minds? It is God's commandments. Deuteronomy 4:6 NKJV says, "Therefore be careful to observe them; **for this is your wisdom and your understanding** in the sight of the peoples who will hear **all these statutes**, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'"

The Bible says there are spiritual powers that are against us. Some say there is no such thing, but God reveals them to us so we do not get tricked by them. James 4:7-8 NKJV says, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners." Devil spirits have rebelled against God, and they try to influence people to rebel against God's good commandments too. God wants what is best for us and these rebellious spirits do not want what is best for us. Deuteronomy 5:33 NKJV says, "Walk in all the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live and **that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days**."

The devil tries to destroy people's lives because we are created in God's likeness with the ability to create, decide, think, be kind and so much more (see Genesis 1:26). Mankind is also susceptible to being influenced to do evil. The devil is often behind the suffering and evil in the world by getting people to sin. Isaiah 14:12 NKJV says, How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!" When people disobey God's commandments, they can do it of their own accord, but sometimes they are so entrenched in that sin that they give place to devil spirits.

Yeshua cast out the devil spirits of people who were demon-possessed. Matthew 8:16 NKJV says, "When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick." The Jews of Yeshua's time knew what He was doing. They obviously could see what was happening. They said in Mark 1:27 NKJV, "For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." Unclean spirits is referring to devil spirits.

Yeshua gave His followers power over devil spirits. Matthew 10:1 NKJV says, "When He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. Luke 10:1 and verse 17 NKJV says, "After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them." Then in verse 17 it says, "Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." If there is no such thing as devil spirits, then how could the demons be subject to them in the name of Yeshua?

People living in sin can be possessed by devil spirits. God's commandments help turn them from the power of Satan and from devil spirits to God. Yeshua said in Acts 26:18 NKJV, "To open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me." So, we are each in a spiritual battle. Ephesians 6:11-12 NKJV says, "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

At times people ask me about the existence of other beings besides devil spirits. The Bible talks about other created beings. One of those is called a Cherubim. Ezekiel 1:5-6 NKJV says, "And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man. Each one had four faces, and each one had four wings." And it goes on to describe these creatures. So, we know there are other creatures that exist besides these devil spirits. Some beings such as the Cherubim are good creatures and in the case of devil spirits, they are not good creatures.

The good creatures of the universe worship God for who He is, the God and creator of all that exists. Nehemiah 9:6 NKJV says, "You alone are the LORD; You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and everything on it, the seas and all that is in them, and You preserve them all. **The host of heaven worships You.**"

Sometimes I get asked about all the strange things that happen or strange things that are photographed. Some may be produced by evil spiritual powers to get us off track. Some may be something else. I do not know. I have heard of objects appearing and disappearing and some of that can be attributed to devil spirits. Many people have had encounters with angels. Both my brother and I have had encounters with angels. After the angel got done talking to my brother the angel disappeared. Abraham encountered angels and God in bodily form. God in the Hebrew of Genesis 18:32-33 is the exclusive name for God, Yĕhōvâh. After God got done speaking to Abraham, He went His way. Genesis 18:32-33 NKJV says, "And He said, 'I will not destroy it for the sake of ten.' So the LORD went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham." God can appear as a man if He wants because He is God. Angels often appear as men as was the case for both me and my brother. Again, God can have them appear that way because He is God.

Israel heard God speak from the sky at Mount Sinai and they, "Heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire;" Deuteronomy 5:23 NKJV. Also, we know that God does supernatural things for His people every day. For lots of examples, please see our [Divine Healing Prayer Class](#) online.

In regards to signs and wonders done by those who do not follow the true God. They lead people away from God and we are not supposed to listen to them. Their so-called miracles or information is devil spirit backed and sometimes it is just trickery. Years ago, someone was telling people that he could heal them by placing his hand on a part of a person's body. He would palm something that came out of an animal, put his hand on a person's body, and act like he was removing the tissue from the person. God does not need to resort to trickery because he is God. My friend showed up to our meeting not being able to walk. Her husband

had to help her get into the house. We prayed for her and while I had my hand on her knee, I could feel something moving. After asking God to heal her she got up and walked. Watch out for false teachers and prophets.

Deuteronomy 13:1-4 NKJV says,

If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods' – which you have not known – 'and let us serve them,' you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, **for the LORD your God is testing you** to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. **You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments.**"

Those who teach others to not keep God's Old Testament commandments are false teachers.

Yeshua came to help us follow God's Old Testament commandments. Matthew 5:17-18 NKJV says, "**Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets.** I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, **till heaven and earth pass away**, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled." The earth still exists so God's good Old Testament commandments are still in effect. Also, not all has been fulfilled yet. There will be a new heaven and earth someday. Revelation 21:1 NKJV says, "Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea."

By keeping God's commandments, we are set free from sin so we could serve God and not sin.

Romans 6:16-18 NKJV says,

Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Sin leads to spiritual death and eternal separation from God in the lake of fire (see Revelation 21:8). That is why sin is called dead works or refers to sin leading to death. Keeping God's commandments delivers us from sin so that we are no longer controlled by sin or the devil.

Also, we have power over devil spirits in the name of Yeshua. All beings must respect Yeshua. Philippians 2:10 NKJV says, "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth." Devil spirits must respect who Yeshua is only we must tell these devil spirits to leave in Yeshua's name without doubting. Ephesians 1:21 NKJV says that God put Yeshua, "Far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come." We also have the power to resist the suggestions of the devil. James 4:7-8 NKJV says, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."

Stay strong spiritually. Joshua 1:7 NKJV says, "Only be strong and very courageous, that you may **observe to do according to all the law** which Moses My servant commanded you; do

not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, **that you may prosper** wherever you go." God gave us His good commandments to help us and prosper us. God wants us to have an abundant life.