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# Sunday Morning Prayer & Scripture Pastor Ben 02/16/2025

### "Is Witchcraft Hiding Out In Your Life?"

(NOTHING Is Off The Table, satan will do and give Anything he has for your Soul)

**lucifer's goal** is to overthrow God and take his place <u>in people's hearts</u>. lucifer, also known as satan, is a fallen archangel who seeks to <u>destroy and steal</u> as much of God's creation as possible.

- lucifer wants to be worshiped as God, He wants to make himself like God Isaiah 14:12-14
- He wants to tempt humans into sinning so he can accuse them in heaven. Job 1:6-12
- He wants to destroy people and make them suffer. 1 Peter 5:8-9
- He wants to take the place of God in people's hearts. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor 4:4, John 8:44, 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:8

#### **Revelation 12:7-12**

(some facts as to why satan will do anything to rob you of your Salvation & Eternal Life with Christ Jesus)

(In The Middle Of The Tribulation)

#### **Berean Standard Bible**

(7) Then a war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back

#### **Weymouth New Testament**

(8) The Dragon fought and so did his angels; but they were defeated, and there was no longer any room found for them in Heaven.

#### **GOD'S WORD® Translation**

(9) The huge serpent was thrown down. That ancient snake, named Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world, was thrown down to earth. Its angels were thrown down with it.

#### **Amplified Bible**

(10) Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom (dominion, reign) of our God, and the authority of His Christ have come; for the accuser of our [believing] brothers and sisters has been thrown down [at last], he who accuses them and keeps bringing charges [of sinful behavior] against them before our God day and night.



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#### **GOD'S WORD® Translation**

(The Tribulation Saints)

(11) They won the victory over him because of the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony. They didn't love their life so much that they refused to give it up.

#### **Amplified Bible**

(satan and his angels land on earth after being kicked out of the 2<sup>nd</sup> heaven)

(12) Therefore rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them [in the presence of God]. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you in great wrath, knowing that he has *only* a short time [remaining]!"

#### **Isaiah 14:**12-15

(satan knows his end so, he's on a mission to steal your soul and eternal life)

#### **New American Bible**

(12) How you have fallen from the heavens, O Morning Star, son of the dawn! How you have been cut down to the earth, you who conquered nations!

#### **New King James Version**

(12) "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!

#### **NASB 1995**

(13) "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north.

What is the mount of assembly in the Bible? - The Mount of the Congregation in the Old Testament (Isaiah 14:13) refer to the place where God met with angels in the uttermost north of the 3rd Heaven, first and second heavens being Earth's atmosphere and outer space respectively

#### **New Living Translation**

(14) I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.

#### **New Living Translation**

(15) Instead, you will be brought down to the place of the dead, down to its lowest depths.

#### **Amplified Bible**

(15) "But [in fact] you will be brought down to Sheol, To the remote recesses of the pit (the region of the dead).



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### 1 Peter 5:8-10

(satan's after your soul & salvation with a fierce hungry)

#### **Amplified Bible**

(8) Be sober [well balanced and self-disciplined], be alert *and* cautious at all times. That enemy of yours, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion [fiercely hungry], seeking someone to devour

"Fierce hungry" means to be extremely hungry, almost like a wild animal, with an intense and urgent craving for food.

#### **Christian Standard Bible**

(8) Be sober-minded, be alert. Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour

#### **Amplified Bible**

(9) But resist him, be firm in *your* faith [against his attack—rooted, established, immovable], knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being experienced by your brothers and sisters throughout the world. [You do not suffer alone.]

#### **Amplified Bible**

(10) After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace [who imparts His blessing and favor], who called you to His own eternal glory in Christ, will Himself complete, confirm, strengthen, and establish you [making you what you ought to be].

### 2 Peter 2:1-12

(Soldiers Beware, We're Marching Among Landmines)

#### **Amplified Bible**

(1) But [in those days] false prophets arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will subtly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction on themselves.

#### **GOD'S WORD® Translation**

(2) Many people will follow them in their sexual freedom and will cause others to dishonor the way of truth.

#### **Amplified Bible**

(3) And in *their* greed they will exploit you with false arguments *and* twisted doctrine. Their sentence [of condemnation which God has decreed] from a time long ago is not idle [but is still in force], and their destruction *and* deepening misery is not asleep [but is on its way].



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#### (If God Didn't Spare His Natural Children, Do You Think He'll Spare You?)

#### **Amplified Bible**

(4) For if God did not [even] spare angels that sinned, but threw them into hell and sent them to pits of gloom to be kept [there] for judgment;

#### **GOD'S WORD® Translation**

(5) God didn't spare the ancient world either. He brought the flood on the world of ungodly people, but he protected Noah and seven other people. Noah was his messenger who told people about the kind of life that has God's approval.

#### **Amplified Bible**

(6) and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter;

#### **New Living Translation**

(7) But God also rescued Lot out of Sodom because he was a righteous man who was sick of the shameful immorality of the wicked people around him.

#### **Amplified Bible**

(8) (for that just man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by what he saw and heard of their lawless acts)

#### **Amplified Bible**

(9) then [in light of the fact that all this is true, be sure that] the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trial, and how to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,

#### **New Living Translation**

(10) He is especially hard on those who follow their own twisted sexual desire, and who despise authority. These people are proud and arrogant, daring even to scoff at supernatural beings without so much as trembling.

#### **Amplified Bible**

(11) whereas *even* angels who are superior in might and power do not bring a reviling (defaming) accusation against them before the Lord

#### **Amplified Bible**

(12) But these [false teachers], like unreasoning animals, [mere] creatures of instinct, born to be captured and destroyed, reviling things they do not understand, will also perish in their own corruption [in their destroying they will be destroyed],



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### Satan's plans for stealing your salvation

**lucifer's plan** is to use his supernatural powers to kill, steal, and destroy (**John 10:10**) as much of God's creation as possible before he is thrown into hell. **Rev 20**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Peter 2:4**, Jude 6, **Rev 12:7-12** 

satan "hides in plain sight" by disguising himself as an "angel of light," essentially presenting himself as good or righteous, often through subtle influences, temptations, so people don't recognize his evil intent; 2 Cor 11:14,

**Deception:** Satan's primary tactic is deception, making evil appear attractive or normal, often by twisting good values or exploiting human weaknesses.

**Subtlety:** He works through subtle means, not always appearing overtly evil, so people might not recognize his influence.

**Masquerading as good:** By presenting himself as a source of positive things, like power, pleasure, or success, he can lure people into harmful behavior without them realizing it.

**Exploiting human desires:** satan understands human desires and weaknesses and uses them to tempt people, making them believe their actions are justified.

**Promoting greed and materialism:** Encouraging people to focus excessively on wealth and possessions, making them neglect their spiritual lives.

**Using pride and arrogance:** Manipulating people into believing they are better than others, leading to destructive behaviors.

#### **Distorting morality:**

Making harmful actions seem acceptable by presenting them as "normal" or "just part of life"

### Types Of Witchcraft Weapons To Draw You In

**Hereditary witchcraft**: A person born into witchcraft, where magic and practices are passed down through the family

Eclectic witchcraft: A practice that draws from many different witchcraft traditions, cultures, and beliefs

**Green witchcraft**: A practice that focuses on nature, healing, and nurturing, using plants, flowers, and herbs for spells and rituals

**Ceremonial witchcraft**: A practice that uses rituals and invocations to call upon the spirit world, often based on older occult teachings

**Cosmic witchcraft**: A practice that draws power and inspiration from the cosmos, such as the stars, planets, and moons



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Hedge witchcraft: A practice that focuses on the liminal spaces between the physical and spiritual worlds

**Shamanism**: is a spiritual practice that involves connecting with the spirit world through altered states of consciousness. Shamans are believed to have the power to heal, communicate with the dead, and more.

**Mediumship** is the practice of communicating with spirits or the deceased. Practitioners are called mediums or spirit mediums. Mediums claim to have a natural gift or extrasensory perception that allows them to communicate with spirits, they may claim to hear voices, feel impressions, or see visions from spirits, they may use techniques like trance, Ouija, or séance tables. **Spiritualism, Spiritism and Psychic are also related to mediumship.** 

Karma, Yin and yang, and Dharma offers an alternative view on reality

**Divination:** is the practice of seeking hidden knowledge or foretelling the future through supernatural means. It's associated with fortune-telling and the occult.

**The occult is** a term for supernatural or esoteric beliefs and practices that are not part of science or organized religion. The word comes from the Latin word occultus, which means "hidden" or "secret".

**The occult include?** - magic, alchemy, astrology, divination,  $\underline{\mathbf{E}}$ xtra- $\underline{\mathbf{S}}$ ensory  $\underline{\mathbf{P}}$ erception, parapsychology, and mysticism

The Bible condemns all forms of witchcraft, including divination, sorcery, and necromancy.

Exodus 22:18. "You shall not tolerate a sorceress".

Leviticus 19:26, "You shall not practice divination or soothsaying".

Leviticus 20:27, "A man or a woman who has a ghost or a familiar spirit shall be put to death".

**Deuteronomy 18:9–12**, "Let no one be found among you who practices divination or sorcery". Satanic ties. The Bible associates occult practices with satanic demons and spirits.

**Wicca:** This practice is based on rituals and experience, and involves celebrating the seasons with holidays. Wiccans believe in a spirit world and use magic to heal themselves and others.

**Sex magic:** This practice involves using orgasms to raise energy for a desired intention.

**Working with the cycles of the moon and seasons:** This practice involves observing the cycles of the moon and seasons, and incorporating them into rituals.

**Seeking power outside God:** Witchcraft is an attempt to gain power or knowledge through means not sanctioned by God, potentially involving the worship of other deities or spirits.

Galatians 5:19–20: Says witchcraft is one of the acts of the flesh

1 Samuel 15:23: Compares rebellion to the sin of witchcraft



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## DESED UNFAILING LOVE

One of my favorite places in Colorado is the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs. The beautiful red rock formations burst up out of the ground and rise hundreds of feet in the air with the world-renowned Rocky Mountains providing a stunning backdrop. Visiting this place, it's hard not to think of a verse in the book of Isaiah that reads: "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken" (Isaiah 54:10). The Hebrew word translated as "love" in this verse is hesed, which is a hard word to accurately define.

Theologian John Oswalt says *hesed* is "a completely undeserved kindness and generosity." *Hesed*, in the words of the 1970s rock group Boston, is more than a feeling—it's an action. Or more accurately, it's a series of actions that define and underline a relationship. *Hesed* "intervenes on behalf of loved ones and comes to their rescue," according to author Lois Tverberg.

While we often think of love as a romantic feeling, hesed is much more than this. It's faithful. It's reliable. It's loyal. Hesed is a wife praying for years for her husband to know God. It's a dad getting up in the middle of the night yet again, so he can go bail out his drug-addicted son. It's parents who lovingly care for their child with disabilities every day of their life. Hesed is a love based on action. And, hesed is unfailing.

Today, you can rely on God's unfailing *besed* for you, no matter what you face.

How To Pronounce "Hesed" (kheh'-raw)



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