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Acts 16:16-26

¹⁶ Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." ¹⁸ She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

¹⁹ When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. ²⁰ They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar ²¹ by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice."

²² The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. ²³ After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. ²⁴ When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose.

Matthew 24:24

²⁴ For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

2 Thessalonians 2:9

⁹ The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie

If something contradicts the Word of God, reject it.

Matthew 7:21-23

²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

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2 Timothy 4:3

³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

Leviticus 19:26 and 31

²⁶ "Do not eat any meat with the blood still in it."Do not practice divination or seek omens.

³¹ "'Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them. I am the LORD your God.

If you have been consulting mediums, fortune tellers, horoscopes, spiritualist, etc... you need to stop and repent!

James 2:19

¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

Philippians 2:9-11

- ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,
 ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Subject the enemy to what he hates the most - worship of God.

Isaiah 14:12-15

¹² How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn!
You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!
¹³ You said in your heart, "I will ascend to the heavens;
I will raise my throne above the stars of God;

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I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly,

on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. ¹⁴ I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."

¹⁵ But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit.

Praising God is one of the ways we resist the enemy.

James 4:7 ⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

2 Chronicles 20:22

²² As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

Praise and worship will make the enemy flee.

Praise and worship pushes back the darkness. It blocks the enemy's attacks - it breaks the chains.



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