

TAKE HEED WHAT YOU HEAR

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INTRODUCTION

The gospel we hear is the gospel we have faith in and we'll ultimately live by. If what we hear is based on religious tradition or church doctrine, then our faith will be in what we hear. For this reason, Jesus said we are to take heed in what we hear and how we hear it.

Mark 4:24-25, Luke 8:18, Matthew 13:15-17

If what we hear is wrong, then we will have faith in something that's wrong and that belief will be what we live by.

SALVATION

Some teach that salvation is for the elect only and not for everyone.

John 3:16, 1 Timothy 2:4, 2 Peter 3:9

God's Word teaches that God wills the salvation of all men.

THE SPIRIT BAPTISM

Some teach that when saved, you have all the Spirit there is.

Acts 8:12, 14-17

Peter and John knew they were saved. They also knew they needed to receive the Holy Ghost and power.

HEALING

Some teach God no longer heals, while others teach God heals according to His sovereign will.

Acts 10:38, 1 Peter 2:24

God views sickness as satanic oppression and something Jesus dealt with in redemption, that belongs to everyone.

GENERATIONAL CURSES

Some teach that believers can be under generational curses or curses placed on them by people who practice witchcraft.

Numbers 22:6, 23:8, 19-21, 23

Balak hired Balaam to pronounce a curse upon Israel. Balaam tried to do so but couldn't, because it's impossible to curse what God has blessed. Occult powers are no match for the power of God. **Ephesians 1:3**

EXAMPLES

1. A Christian woman for 10 years believed a curse was causing her trouble. She was convinced of it and wanted a minister to break the curse. He couldn't convince her that Christians can't be cursed, so he asked the Spirit for help. He was led to ask her when she started believing this, and how long she had been experiencing trouble. It was 10 years ago when she attended a church that taught this doctrine. He showed her how the doctrine was wrong and her belief is what opened the door to the devil. She had more faith in Satan's ability to curse than God's ability to bless. As far as generational curses are concerned, God doesn't remember our sins let alone our parents'. Jesus never taught anyone to break curses.
2. A woman believed a lady in her complex was a witch who pronounced a curse upon her causing her to be bumped by a car in a crosswalk. The minister said, "If I break it at 7 o'clock and she curses you again at 8 o'clock, then what?" This is a false teaching based on superstition.
3. A coven or witches began gathering across the street from a church. Within three months trouble started with finances and with relationships. The church started holding special meetings to come against the curses coming against their church. There were prophecies, words of knowledge, and revelations given as the people engaged in spiritual warfare. After two years, the pastor's son-in-law found out the people were not witches, but believers meeting for church at the house.

CONSLUSION: Our faith is based on what we hear, right or wrong!