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# INTRODUCTION

- After receiving more than four thousand questions at his Christian Thinkers Society events, Dr. Jeremiah Johnston recognized six categories of recurring, trending questions.
- Today we will examine another one of those questions:
- Paranormal - The paranormal has never been more normal or profitable.

**PARANORMAL**

# PARANORMAL HAS BECOME NORMAL

- Oren Peli moved into his first home and heard strange noises and decided to produce a film titled *Paranormal Activity* with some unknown actors.
- DreamWorks was unsure of purchasing a film shot Handicap style with unknown actors.
- Stephen Spielberg had strange phenomenon in his home after viewing the film.
- It eventually grossed \$200 million worldwide.



# LINCOLN BEDROOM



# FALSE GOSPEL

- Paul warns us in 2 Corinthians 11:14 that “even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.”
- Satan is the master deceiver who masquerades as an angel of life, a false beacon of hope.
- Sometimes the occult might even seem Christian.
- Mediums guarantee to help unlock your purpose in life. Psychics might claim to tell you the eternal destiny of departed loved ones.

# FALSE GOSPEL

- Over 300 psychics claim to be ordained ministers.
- The American Federation of Certified Psychics and Mediums say that 97 percent will not refund a customer for underwhelming results.
- David Kinnaman released a study that found the 73 percent of teenagers have participated in contacting the dead or other related witchcraft activities (beyond the scope of reading a horoscope).

# TEST THE SPIRITS

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

1 John 4:1

# WARNING ABOUT SIGNS

“If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or wonder that he tells you comes to pass, and if he says, ‘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.”

Deuteronomy 13:1-3

# WARNING ABOUT DIVINATION

“There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead, for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord.”

Deuteronomy 18:10-12

# EPIC BATTLE

# JESUS VS. SATAN

- The mission of Jesus as to establish the kingdom of God (Matthew 4:17).
- The kingdom of God is inseparably linked to the Gospel (Mark 1:15).
- Satan's kingdom is to “steal and kill and destroy” (John 10:10).
- Satan is the “father of lies” (John 8:44).

# SPIRITUAL BATTLE

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

Ephesians 6:12

# SATAN

“You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God . . . you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned . . . Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you.”

Ezekiel 28: 14-17

# DEMONS

“You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!” (James 2:19)

“While he was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.” (Luke 9:42)

# DEMONIC ACTIVITY

“Evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.”

2 Timothy 3:13



# SCREWTAPE LETTERS

“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight.”

# GOD'S RESOURCES

“The weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.”

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

# GOD'S RESOURCES

“A wise man scales the city of the mighty  
and brings down the stronghold in  
which they trust.”

Proverbs 21:22

# STRONGHOLDS

- What strongholds need to be destroyed in your life?
- What strongholds need to be demolished in your family?
- What thoughts need to be taken captive to the truth of God's Word?
- How prepared are you for spiritual warfare?

# ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS