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## Section Six

### OVERCOMING WITCHCRAFT ATTACKS

#### DEFINITIONS OF WITCHCRAFT

(1) The Greek word for witchcraft is *Phyton*. A phyton is a large snake called *constrictor*. Constrictors kill their prey by slowly squeezing life or breath out of them. In the same way phyton spirits always attempt to squeeze the life out of people, business, family or a local church by stopping the flow of the Holy Spirit. There is no free flow of life or the Holy Spirit where phyton spirits are allowed to operate. Slow death by strangulation is usually the result of phyton's operations.

(2) The original definition of the word "witch" means to bend or to change. So witchcraft bends and changes people and situations for the worse. Witchcraft is the co-ordinating house of the wish of the devil to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10). It has no other function. It involves a satanic ability to take the spirit out of the body of the witch and project it animals or objects. Since the ability is satanic, it can only steal, kill and destroy. All cults whether local or foreign, ultimately feed into witchcraft. Witchcraft is found in all societies and it uses satanic power to hurt or kill. Eze. 8:7-12; Psalm 59; Ps. 10:7-10; I Kings 19:1-10; II Kings 9:22.

#### (3) WHAT IS WITCHCRAFT, ENCHANTMENT, SORCERY, NECROMANCY?

##### (a) Definitions of different terms:

- Deut 18-29*  
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- (i) **Dictionary:** The practice of magic to make things (esp. bad things) happen.
  - (ii) The use of supernatural means for harmful evil ends.
  - (iii) **Enchantment:** To chant or release magical words for harm or influence.
  - (iv) **Sorcery:** An act of witchcraft
  - (v) **Necromancy:** Consultation with the spirit of the dead in order to know future events.
  - (vi) **Charmer:** The one who casts spells.
  - (vii) **Divination:** An act of fortune telling through consultation with evil spirits.

##### (b) What is Magic?

- (i) **Dictionary:** The system of trying to control events by calling on spirits, secret forces, etc.

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(ii) **Encyclopaedia:** Human actions that are believed to influence human or natural events through supernatural power.

### **Forms of Magic**

- (i) White (tricks, often assumed to be non-demonic)
- (ii) Black (employing supernatural or demonic power).

### **(c) Differences Between Witchcraft and Sorcery**

- (a) Witchcraft involves an inherent mysterious power of some weird, abnormal persons.
- (b) The witch moves to harm others through an obscure compulsion or spirit possession and a donation of tokens at evil altars.
  - (i) Sorcery is the work of ordinary persons (e.g. native doctors) using deliberate techniques and external means familiar to other adult members of the community.
  - (ii) The sorcerer moves to harm others simply by ill will or inner spirit vexation.

### **(d) Biblical Definitions of Witchcraft**

There are altogether thirty-eight references on the term and its related concepts, viz: Witch (2); Witchcraft (3); Witchcrafts (4); Bewitched (3); Wizard (2); Wizards (9); Sorcerer (2); Sorcerers (6); Sorceress (10); Sorceries (50); Sorcery (1)).

### **(4) SOME COMMON BELIEFS ABOUT WITCHCRAFT**

- (a) These beliefs vary from culture to culture.
- (b) They may not necessarily be biblical or true.
- (c) A large proportion of beliefs may be based on irrational fear and ignorance.

### **Common beliefs -**

- (i) Witchcraft exists in all human societies and culture.
- (ii) Witchcraft is a powerful hindrance to social change and human progress.
- (iii) Witchcraft creates social tension, hostility and anxiety.
- (iv) Witches capitalise on disturbed social relationships to justify their harmful acts.
- (v) Such events as sudden death, persistent illness, accidents, nightmares, body lacerations and a host of other misfortunes, are easily attributed to witchcraft.
- (vi) Witchcraft is essentially a malignant approach to achieving superiority or supremacy over their victim.
- (vii) Witches operate mostly in the nighttime.
- (viii) They use familiar animals such as bats, cats, dogs, owls, etc to perform their evil actions.

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- (ix) Mostly witches are depicted as females, and sorcerers as males. But there are wizards (warlocks) as well as sorceresses.
- (x) Acquisition of witchcraft power can be through:
- (a) Direct initiation
    - (i) Of children while they are too young to reason or exercise their will to escape the trap.
    - (ii) Adults who undergo former induction rites.
  - (b) Indirect initiation through bewitched foods and gift items, dreams, etc.
- (xi) Witchcraft requires six elements to create it:
- (a) Performance of rituals or formal symbolic gestures.
  - (b) Use of material substances and objects that have symbolic significance.
  - (c) Utterance of a closely prescribed spell or of a less formal address.
  - (d) A prescribed condition of the performer.
  - (e) Witchcraft also seeks to instigate subordinates to rebel against superiors - to retard progress through confusion.
  - (f) It always seeks to worm its way to the top.

### Note

Witchcraft must be divulged from the spurious accusations of husbands against their wives or of children against their parents - such as are rife in cultures of fear and ignorance.

(xii) Witches acquire their powers through their special links with demons and/or the devil. In European history, witches were “specially identified as the earthly representatives of the prince of evil”.

(xiii) When valued as an ancient religion, witchcraft seems especially to regard Christianity as a counter religion.

### **(5) THREE MAIN FUNCTIONS OF WITCHRAFT**

- (i) **Productive Witchcraft:** For healing, business boom, enhancement of fortune, winning lotteries or games, etc.
- (ii) **Protective Witchcraft:** For anti-burglary, anti-accident (*Egbe* (mysterious lift) in Yoruba, Nigeria), anti-adultery (*Magun* in Yoruba, Nigeria), anti-bullet (*Ayeta* in Yoruba, Nigeria), anti-poison and anti-theft.
- (iii) **Destructive Witchcraft:** For attacks and counter attack on people, structures, organisations and institutions.

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(a) **Legitimate:** counter attack magic

(b) **Illegitimate:** malicious and malignant attacks on people, families and properties.

## (6) CHARACTERISTICS OF WITCHES

From Psalm 59, we learn the following: Witches:

1. Are enemies from whom we need deliverance.
2. Work iniquity and like blood – v. 2.
3. Lie in wait for lives without a cause – v. 3.
4. Operate during night hours – v. 6a.
5. Operate as dogs, barking in the night – v. 6b.
6. Believe they are hidden – v. 7.
7. Are proud, and like to curse.
8. Wander up and down looking for meat at night. What kind of meat? (Micah 3:2-3) – human meat.
9. God will not slay them yet, He is giving them room to repent – v. 11.
- \* 10. God's patience will run out and He would slay them – v. 13.
- \* 11. They are experts in manipulation, intimidation and domination. These are their three major trade marks.
12. They always like to get close to power bases or persons whether in business, government or in the Church.

## (7)(A) ACTIVITIES OF WITCHES:

Psalm 10 describes the same phenomenon but let us see – v. 7-10. They:

1. Sit in lurking places of the villages to murder the innocent – v. 8.
2. Use false humility, especially in church, to trap. Nineveh was a city built on witchcraft. Examine the activities of witchcraft in that city. See Nahum 3:1-4.
3. Have bloody covens.
4. Co-ordinate lies and robberies.
5. Pursue with spears and automobiles in the spiritual realm. You may have heard people talking of sudden pain. It could easily be called attack and indeed it can be. Often however it is witchcraft lancing.
6. Use automobiles of people in the spirit realm and that causes damage of such vehicles in the physical realm. Don't enter into a car in the dream.
7. Fill places with corpses.
8. Use prostitution to sell families and nations (Wherever there is a lot of prostitution, there is a lot of witchcraft).

8. GENERAL SIGNS OF WITCHCRAFT ATTACKS
1. Denies men of the benefits of redemption. (John 10:10).
2. Complicated marital problems.
3. Problems starting from new environments or new vehicle.

Jezebel appears again in Rev. 2:20-21. She was the confidence of the leadership of the church, is given a position of responsibility and quickly spread seduction and idolatry.

- 22:10-12.
  - Jezebel who slaughtered all her grandchildren but one – II Kings 11:1-3; II Chro.
  - Even the contaminated seed can be dangerous e.g. Athaliah, daughter of
  - Died under God's fierce judgement.
  - Hated prayers and praying men.
  - Promoted idolatry and vices.
  - Sought the lives of the men of God.
  - Was manipulating and dominating her husband, family and nation.
  - Was a murderess.
  - Was a whore and very seductive.
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### (C) A TYPICAL WITCH IN THE BIBLE WAS JEZEBEL – II KINGS 9:22.

5. Infiltrate churches to ensnare – Eze. 13:7-10,16-19.
- Deut. 14:11-19.
- Israel to abstain from in the old testament are the ones they use - Lev. 11:13-20,27,42;
4. Operate with and as unclean birds and beasts. All the animals and birds God asked hindrance.
3. Wear spiders' web – Isa. 59:4-8. A feeling of spiders' web across the face is satanic
2. Are cannibalistic – Micah 3:2-3.
- i.e. "Eating unworthy". It leads to weakness and sickness.
1. Trap with food (Ps. 141:4). Do not eat in the dream. Physical food is for the physical

### (B) OTHER ACTIVITIES OF WITCHCRAFT

9. Use abominable filth.
10. Use seduction.
11. Use enchantments, pretence and camouflage.
12. Traps the ignorant and the simple minded.
13. They are experts in manipulation, intimidation, deception and impersonation.

4. Prolonged financial embarrassment.
5. Spiritual stagnation.
6. Disappearance of those who desire or promised to help.
7. Chain problems.
8. Profitless hard labour.
9. Going in the wrong direction in life.
10. Mental and spiritual paralysis.
11. Will paralysis (the spirit of inaction).
12. Untimely death.
13. Compulsive actions and behaviours.
14. Death wish and suicidal tendencies.
15. Inexplicable fear and discouragement.
16. Mysterious body marks from sleep.
17. Spiritual blindness.
18. Delayed blessings.
19. Terrifying nightmares.
20. Unusual drying up of business and resources.
21. Prolonged impossibilities.
22. Mysterious losses.
23. Spiritual harrasment
24. Rejection and hatred.
25. Backslidding and apostasy.
26. Unusual spiritual heaviness or dryness.
27. Lack of appetite for spiritual things.

#### **(9)(A) SIGNS OF WITCHCRAFT (EXTERNAL)**

- (a) Compulsive desire/effort to get to the top or nearest to the person at the top.
- (b) Unrelenting craze to lead at all cost/by al means.
- (c) Seeks to subtly or overtly dominate over everyone else (both leaders and followers).
- (d) Unwillingness to submit to higher constituted authority even when righteousness is upheld.
- (e) Unwilling destruction of the achievements of a leader e.g. saying things to counter/destroy what a leader has divinely said.
- (f) Manifests destructive bitterness, hatred, contention, jealousy, outbursts of wrath, dissension, sedition (Gal. 5:20), if it fails to achieve its goal of getting to the top or gaining control.

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- (g) A strong seductive spirit manifested in seductive dressing, make-ups, looks and utterances.
  - (h) Intimidation, domination, manipulation and tricks.
  - (i) Unusual secretiveness of life and source of information and materials.

## **(B) SIGNS OF WITCHCRAFT (INTERNAL)**

- (a) Vicious and unabating anger and hate.
- (b) A strong vengeful spirit.
- (c) Strong desire that evil should happen to opponents and even friends.
- (d) Swimming, flying, talking and eating regularly in dreams.
- (e) Going for strange meetings in dreams.
- (f) Strange marks and cuts on the body after waking from sleep.
- (g) Stubbornness, self-righteousness and self-will.
- (h) Superiority complex.

## **(10) INSTANCES OF WITCHCRAFT IN SCRIPTURES**

### **i. The Church in the wilderness**

- (a) Balaam (Num. 22:32; 25:1-3, Rev. 2:14, Jas. 4:4).
- (b) Korah (Num. 16:1-4, 8-10; Jude 1:11, 1 Sam. 15:23).

### **ii. Israel in the Promised land.**

- (a) Witch of Endor 1 Sam. 28:7-25.
- (b) Ataliah 1<sup>st</sup> Queen in Israel.
- (c) Jezebel (I King 16:29-35 with 2 King 9:22-30, Rev. 2:20).
- (d) Ancients of Israel Ezekiel 8:5-18.

### **iii. New Testament Church**

- (a) Simon of Samaria Acts 8:9-24.
- (b) Elymas Acts 13:9-11.
- (c) The Philippian girl Acts 16:16-18
- (d) Diotrephes 3 Jn. 9-11.
- (e) Thyatira: Church in Idolatry Rev. 2:18-29

### **in. Parable of Jesus**

Wheat and Tares (Mt. 13:24-30; 22)

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## (11) PURPOSE OF WITCHCRAFT IN THE CHURCH

- (a) To have pre-eminence and dominate/exercise authority over the flock (Acts 8:19) so as stifle vision, etc.
- (b) To choke life out of the wheat (Mt. 13:7) so that <sup>hoD</sup> Christians become unfruitful/barren. (Lk. 3:9).
- (c) To withstand the spread of the gospel. (Acts 13:8, Mt.16:18.)
- (d) Resist the truth. (2 Tim. 3:8, 4:4, Acts 13:8).
- (e) Make the faith of Christians reprobate. (Tit. 1:16; Mat. 15:8, Rom. 1:28).
- (f) To cause disorder to retard progress (I Sam. 15:23; Num. 16, Heb. 12:15, Acts 8:23).
- (g) To plant deceit. (Rev. 18:23, I Tim. 4:1, Gal. 1:7).
- (h) To steal, kill and destroy. (Jn. 10:10).

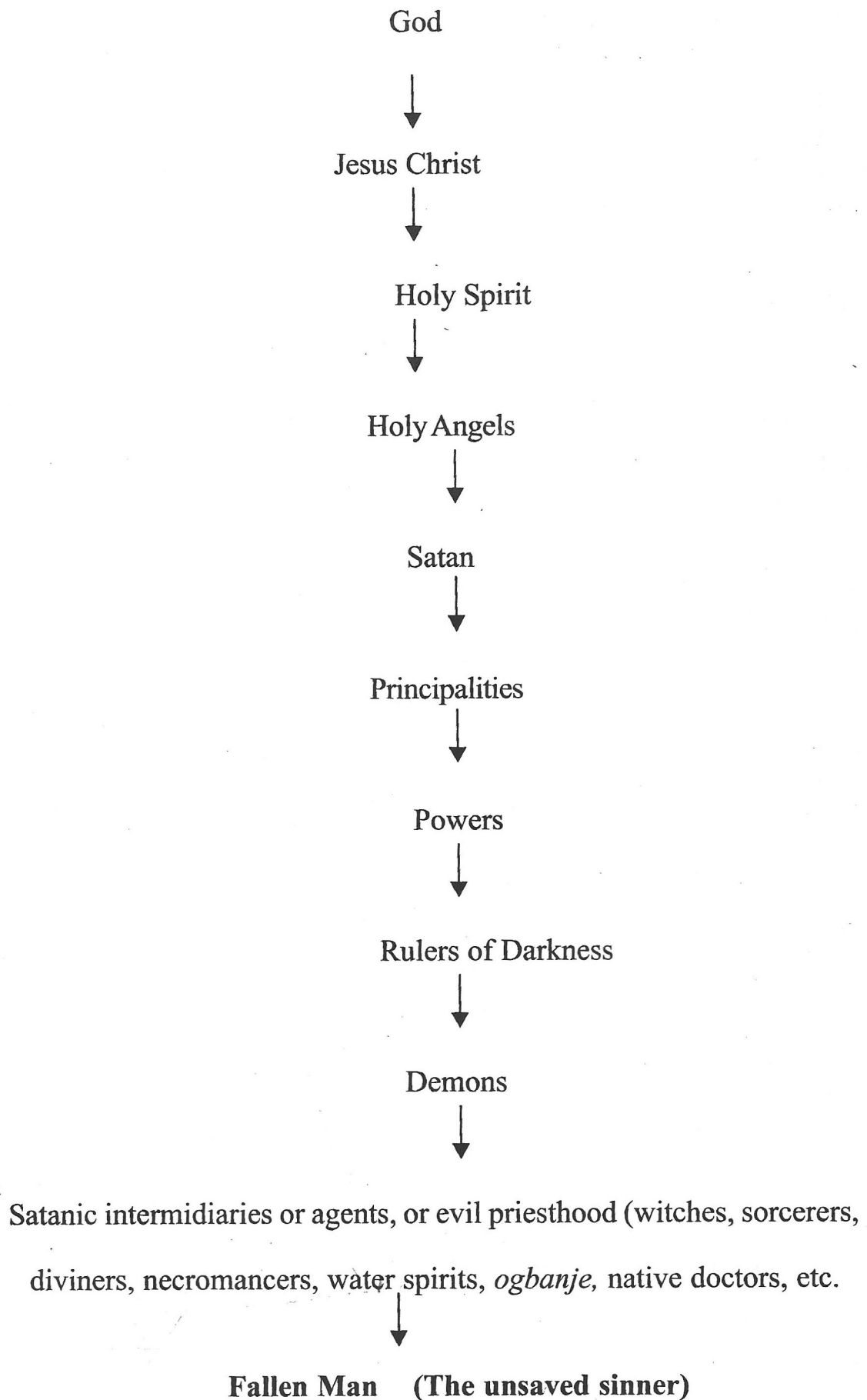
## (12) WEAPONS EMPLOYED BY WITCHCRAFT AGAINST THE CHURCH.

1. Sorcery. 1 Jn. 4:1, Mt. 7:15-23, Mt. 24:24.
2. Divination/prophesying. Acts 16:16, I Cor. 14:29, I Jn. 4:1, Rev. 2:20, I Sam. 18:10.
3. Sexual immorality. Rev. 2:14-20.
4. Rebellion/disorder/stubbornness, division. I Cor. 14:26, 3 Jn. 9:10.
5. False doctrines. Gal. 3:1-5, 2 Tim. 2:25-26; 4:3-4, Acts 20:29-30, Rev. 2:20. ("teach").
6. Eat things sacrificed to idols: Rev. 2:14-20. E.g. films, music, fashion literature that had been dedicated (sacrificed) to idols.

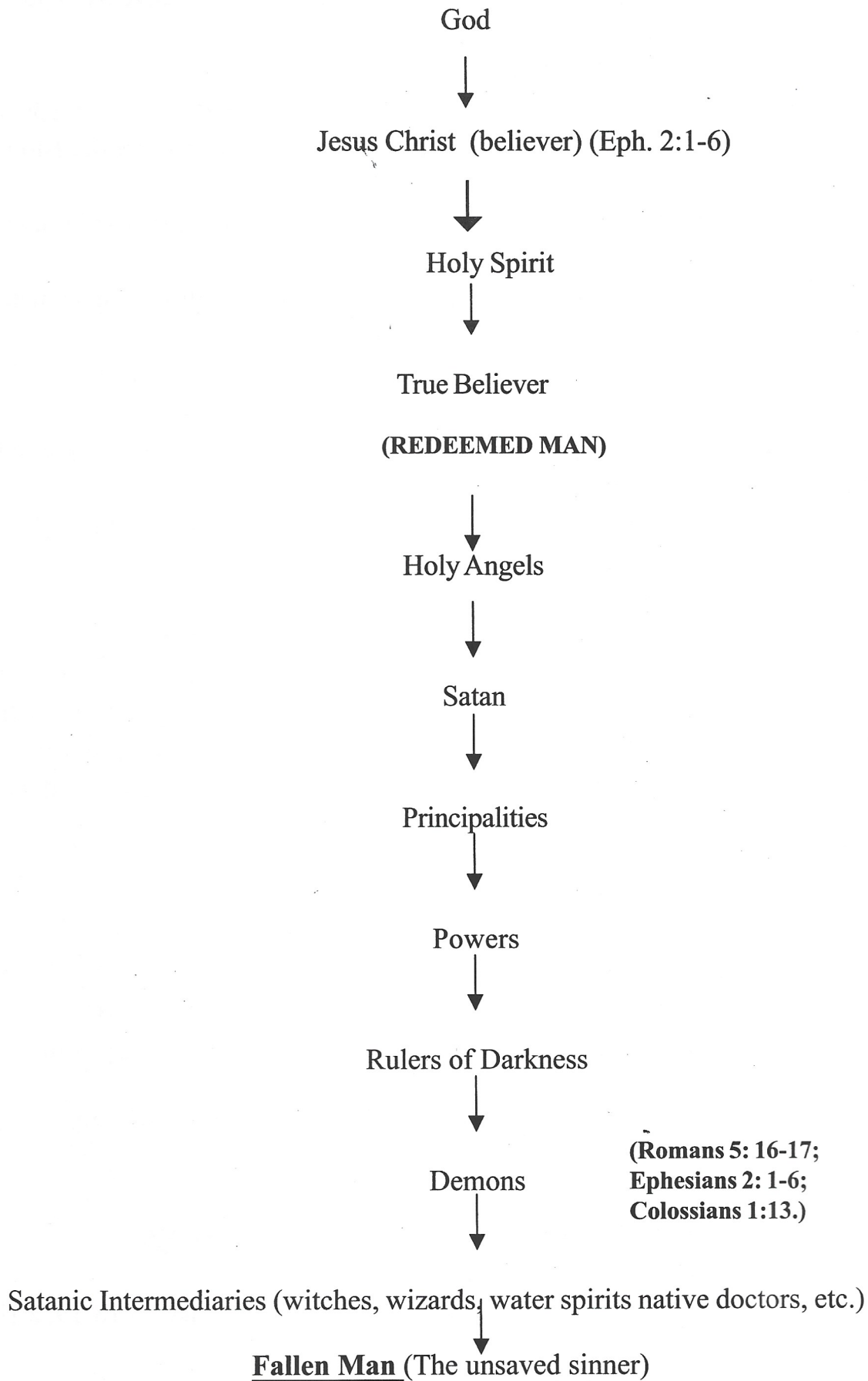
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**(13) (A) AUTHORITY CHART OF THE FALLEN MAN VS WITCHCRAFT  
POWER**



**(13) (B) AUTHORITY CHART OF THE REDEEMED MAN VS WITCHCRAFT**



**(Romans 5: 16-17;  
Ephesians 2: 1-6;  
Colossians 1:13.)**

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#### **(14). HOW TO DEAL WITH WITCHCRAFT**

- (1) Readjust your thinking - You are seated with Christ in the heavenly places far above all authorities and powers - witches inclusive.
- (2) Repent from all known sins and evil covenants.
- (3) Dedicate your house, vehicles, business, clothing, children and everything you have to God formally – John 10:22-30. Sanctify them by the Word and the Blood of Jesus.
- (4) Train your children not to eat food indiscriminately in school, church and train him/her to bless and thank God for every food he/she eats.
- (5) Proclaim Ps. 101:4-8 over your house. This word has consistently driven out witches from Christian homes.
- (6) Refuse witchcraft food (I Cor. 10:20-21). You eat from the table of the Lord and therefore can't eat from the table of devils. See also Ps. 141:4.
- (7) Note that the activities of dogs must not affect the church (Ex. 11:7). Proclaim this over your life and dogs will stop pursuing you in your dreams.
- (8) Spiritual litigation (Rom. 8:33-34). No person has a right to accuse you.
- (9) Cleanse your household and business premises spiritually.
- (10) Pray for discernment and revelation.
- (11) Subject any new comer to your house to serious spiritual cleansing.
- (12) Raise an altar of vigorous spiritual warfare against their activities.
- (13) Use these prophetic scriptures against them: Micah 5:8-15; Job 34:21-30; Nahum 3:1-7,9; Psalm 69:22; Rom. 11:9-10; II Tim. 3:8; Rev. 2:20-23; II Thess 1:6.
- (14) Kill them spiritually and even physically with prayers if they don't repent and relent. Exodus 22:18.

#### **(15).PROPHETIC JUDGEMENT ON WITCHCRAFT**

- (a) God will expose and break them in pieces – Job 34:21-30.
- (b) Exposure, judgement and disgrace is waiting for them – Nah. 3:1-7 & 19.
- (c) God will cut off witchcraft from the land using the Church – Micah 5:8-15.
- (d) God will make their coven and tables to become snares – Ps. 69:22-25; Rom. 11:9-10.
- (e) Judgement on witches operating in churches – II Tim. 3:8-9; II Kings 9:30-33; Rev. 2:20-23.

#### **(16) SCRIPTURES TO DEAL WITH WITCHCRAFT ATTACKS**

##### **(a) Defensive Scriptures**

Isaiah 7:5-7; 8:9-10; 54:14-17; Psalm 27:1-3; 91:1-16; Job 5:19-26; Luke 10:18-19; 2 Tim.

4:18; Gal. 3:13-14; Eph. 1:7; Col. 2:14-15; Zech. 2:5; Ps. 34:7; Rev. 12:11; Num. 23:23; Matt. 13:15.

**(b) Offensive Scriptures**

Rev. 13:10; 12:11, II Thess. 1:6, Luke 19:27, Prov. 14:19; 26:27, Jer. 30:16-17; 30:32, Job 5:12; 20:15;

I Sam. 2:10, Ps. 55:9; 144:6, Isa. 44:25; 29:6.

**(C) Prayer Strategies to handle witchcraft attacks**

(a) 3 days night vigil 10p.m. - 5 a.m. daily

(b) 3 days fast 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. or 9 p.m. praying at intervals.

(c) 7 days vigils. Praying from 10 p.m. - 5 a.m.

(d) 3 days dry fast of prayer and praise vigil.

(e) 7 days fast (breaking daily) and praying at intervals. Breaking daily at 6 or 9 p.m.

(f) 3 or 7 days dry fast (with regular intake and confession of Scriptures).

(g) Use relevant chapters of our prayer book, 'Specialised Prayers' for daily prayers.

(h) Anoint all objects and persons under attack during prayers and fasting.

(i) Believe, confess and receive your victory by faith.

(j) Seek an anointed minister of prayer and deliverance for spiritual help.

**CONCLUSION**

Note that witches/wizards can repent – Acts 8:9-24.

Encourage repentance of persons involved in witchcraft activities. However, after repentance, a minister of God must be called in to minister deliverance and cast out the demon, because witchcraft is a spirit. If they fail to repent, then God may choose to apply His judgement that says 'suffer not a witch to live' (Exodus 22:18).

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## **Today's Assignments**

1. *Take an inventory of every department of your life and see which areas are under witchcraft attacks. Ignorance and inaction are dangerous.*
2. *If you discover you are under any form of witchcraft attack, begin an aggressive warfare programme as recommended in this lecture to deal with them.*
3. *Take advantage of very good anointing and holy communion services to spiritual inoculate and insulate yourself against the operations of witchcraft.*

## **Today's Specialised Prayers**

1. *I use the blood of Jesus Christ the son of God to wash away every witchcraft identification mark on me and on any of my properties, in Jesus name.*
2. *I command the ministry of witchcraft in my life, family career, business, health and finances to die in Jesus name.*
3. *I break myself and my destiny loose from every witchcraft covenant and agreement in Jesus mighty name.*
4. *Every dormant or active seed of witchcraft in my life, either inherited or acquired, die by God's fire right now, in Jesus name.*
5. *By my enthronment with the Lord Jesus Christ, I begin to exercise dominion over all the dark forces of sorcery and witchcraft, in Jesus name.*

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