



# CLEAR THE AIR BURNING ISSUES CONFRONTING CHRISTIANS TODAY

# The Occult, Ghosts, and Demonic Activity

**STUDY GUIDE** 

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### **WELCOME:**

Fixing
Our Focus

#### Suggested icebreaker:

Ask each GG member what they think about the occult, the paranormal, and the like. Do they believe in such things? Are they afraid of them?

## **WORSHIP:**

Adoring
Our God

#### Suggested songs:

- The Lion and the Lamb
- Victory Chant

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# **WORD & WALK:**

# **Understanding & Applying the Word**

#### **LESSON AIM**

- 1. GG members will be aware of the reality and origin of Satan and demons.
- GG members will be wary of and protect themselves against Satan and demons.
- 3. GG members will be encouraged that God has victory over Satan and demons.

#### INTRODUCTION

Many people do not believe in spirits or ghosts. To them, what is real is material and can be perceived by the five senses. To some, these are realities that are shrouded in mystery. Still, to others, perhaps some of our own countrymen living in the provinces, the spirits are beings that should be feared and appeased. But what does the Bible teach us about spirits?

#### The origin of Satan and demons

- 1. What does the Bible say about God's nature? (cf. Genesis 1:2; John 4:24)
- 2. What does Psalm 148:2-5 say about the origin of angels?
- 3. What does Hebrews 1:13-14 say about the nature of angels?
- 4. What do these tell us about God and angels?
- 5. What do 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 1:6 say about some angels?
- What does the Bible say about the origin of Satan? (cf. Ezekiel 28:14-16; Isaiah 14:12-15)
- 7. What does the Bible say about the origin of demons, followers of Satan? (cf. Revelation 12:4, 7-9)

#### **Application**

 How does knowing that angels and demons are real affect the way you see the world and the circumstances around you?

#### The activities of Satan and demons

- 1. What kind of teachings to demons give, according to 1 Timothy 4:1?
- What kind of worship to they promote, according to Deuteronomy 32:17, Psalm 106:37, & 1 Corinthians 10:20-21?
- 3. How do Satan and his demons deceive people? (cf. 1 Kings 22:19-23; 2 Thessalonians 2:9; Revelation 16:13-14)
- What harm can Satan and demons do to humankind? (cf. Judges 9:23, 56-57;
   Samuel 16:14-15; Mark 9:17, 22; Acts 19:13-16; 2 Corinthians 12:7)
- 5. What can demons do to both humans and animals? (cf. Mark 5:1-16)

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# **WORD & WALK:**

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#### **Application**

1. How can you guard yourself against Satan and his demons?

#### The defeat of Satan and demons

- 1. Based on what we read in Job 1:10-12; 2:4-6, how is Satan's power limited?
- 2. What did God proclaim about Satan's defeat in Genesis 3:15?
- 3. How did Jesus' sacrifice on the cross affect Satan? (cf. Hebrews 2:14-15)
- 4. According to Revelation 20:2-3, 7-10, what is the eternal fate of Satan and his demons?
- 5. How can believers be victorious over Satan? (cf. Ephesians 6:10-18; James 4:7-8; 1 Peter 5:8-10)

#### **Application**

1. How can you take hold of Christ's victory over Satan and sin in your life?

#### PRAYER ITEM

Praise God for securing victory over Satan and demons through Jesus Christ.

Pray for those you know who have misconceptions about spirits and the occult, that God will give your opportunities to minister to them and to proclaim to them the truth



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