

Bewitched - (Grover) 01-31-10

Gal. 3:1 O YOU poor and silly and thoughtless and unreflecting and senseless Galatians! Who has fascinated or bewitched or cast a spell over you, unto whom--right before your very eyes--Jesus Christ (the Messiah) was openly and graphically set forth and portrayed as crucified? Amplified

I felt the Spirit was saying that many in HIS body (right now) are bewitched as in Gal. 3. Many are sensing the lateness of the hour and the necessity of pressing into God, but are aware that something is resisting the flow of HIS SPIRIT in their lives. Have you been trying to read the WORD and just can't relate to what it was saying? Been involved with religious form, but not experiencing intimacy with God or HIS people? Can't seem to see the vision of what God is doing right now? Feel tired, weak, confused, isolated, alone, unable to make sense of spiritual things. Trying to work a little harder, discipline yourself a bit more, or serve God better so that your prayers will be heard and God will respond to you? These are just a few of many possible manifestations of being bewitched.

Paul's message to the Galatians was directed toward the issue of *mixing* life in the SPIRIT with the LAW and Works. He admonished the Galatians to walk in faith (Gal. 1:9) and not to walk under the curse of the LAW (Gal. 1:10.)

I think it's safe to say that the "bewitching" that Paul referred to was spiritual as well as natural. We know that the "Judaizers" were following him around and teaching that the Gospel was "Jesus PLUS the feasts, Law, etc. But there was also a spiritual component which empowered the deception (and still does.) Please remember that the god of this world is deeply involved in the affairs of mankind as he presses toward his destiny in this late hour. And one of his greatest ploys is to distort the true image of God to the world and to God's people.

Recognizing the problem

The nature of deception is that you don't know you are deceived. The scriptures clearly define the falling away (apostasy,) deception, love waxing cold, false doctrines, the antichrist (replacement for Christ,) spiritual wars for the souls of men, etc. Any believer who believes he can't be deceived is a FOOL and already deceived.

Denial is not faith

Pretending that everything is ok when it isn't IS NOT FAITH. It can actually be a fantasy or a lie. True faith is acknowledging the issues, taking ownership of the problems and then TRUSTING GOD. I believe God wants us to get totally

honest with HIM and ask HIM to show us the areas we need to change our minds and actions (repent.)

God wants to reveal HIMSELF

Remember that the book we call Revelation is in fact The Revelation of Jesus Christ. [Ephesians 1:9](#) Making known to us the mystery (secret) of His will (of His plan, of His purpose). [*And it is this:*] In accordance with His good pleasure (His merciful intention) which He had previously purposed and set forth in Him, [10](#) [*He planned*] for the maturity of the times and the climax of the ages to unify all things and head them up and consummate them in Christ, [*both*] things in heaven and things on the earth.

Everything in earth and heaven is being consummated in Christ in the fullness of time. And it is HIS good pleasure to make the mystery of HIS will known to US. This revelation is ultimately destroying the works of the enemy (although he is allowed to reign for a season as part of the consummating of all things in Christ) and empowering GOD's people to walk in a manner that *demonstrates* the FATHER's heart, will and character to the earth and the heavens.

The will of our FATHER is not that we continue being "bewitched," but that we be filled with knowledge of HIS will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. [Col. 1:9](#) It continues---[11](#) strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously [12](#) giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light [13](#) For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, [14](#) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

I believe that a lot of the confusion and silliness that we see in Christian circles is a result of us being "bewitched." This doesn't excuse the fleshly immaturity and selfishness that we all demonstrate, but explains some of the more powerful manifestations that we've briefly discussed above. If we suspect that we are bewitched, then we must return to the LORD to be cleansed, healed and delivered so that our (HIS) vision can return and we may bear fruit for HIM. Ask HIM if you are "bewitched." HE wants you to be free from every hindrance and to walk in the fullness of HIS life. Don't settle for anything less!

Blessings,

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Areas to prayerfully consider:

tradition/religion/authorities

law/grace

doctrine/philosophy

governments

finances

Manifestations:

confusion

lethargy

weakness

violence against the Truth and HIS people

inability to hear or discern the WORD

heresies ie. divisions in the BOC

lack of vision

poor relationship w. God and man

love of world is greater than love of God