

# Familiar Spirits

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Leviticus 19:31, “Regard not them that have **familiar spirits**, neither seek after **wizards**, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.”

Leviticus 20:6, “And **the soul** that turneth after such as have **familiar spirits**, and after **wizards**, to go a **whoring** after them, I will even set my face **against that soul**, and will cut him off from among his people.”

Deuteronomy 18:10-14 “There shall not be found among you any one that maketh **his son or his daughter to pass through the fire**, or that **useth divination**, or an **observer of times**, or an **enchanter**, or a **witch**, Or a **charmer**, or a **consulter with familiar spirits**, or a **wizard**, or a **necromancer**. For all that do these things are an **abomination** unto the LORD: and because of these **abominations** the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. **Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God**. For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto **observers of times**, and unto **diviners**: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.”

1 Samuel 28:3-19, “Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And **Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits**, and **the wizards**, out of the land. And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa. And **when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid**, and **his heart greatly trembled**. And when Saul enquired of the LORD, **the LORD answered him not**, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. Then said Saul unto his servants, **Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit**, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants

said to him, Behold, **there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor**. And **Saul disguised himself**, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman **by night**: and he said, I pray thee, **divine unto me by the familiar spirit**, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee. And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what **Saul** hath done, how **he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards**, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die? And **Saul swore to her by the LORD**, saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing. Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, **Bring me up Samuel**. And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, **Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul**. And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, **I saw gods ascending out of the earth**. And he said unto her, **What form is he of?** And she said, **An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle**. And **Saul perceived that it was Samuel**, and **he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself**. And **Samuel said to Saul**, Why hast thou **disquieted me, to bring me up?** And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and **God is departed from me**, and **answereth me no more**, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me **what I shall do**. Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, **seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?** And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for **the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David**: Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day. Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.”

2 Kings 21:3, “For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and **he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove**, as did Ahab king of Israel; and **worshipped all the host of heaven**, and served them. And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, In Jerusalem will I put my name. And **he built altars for all the host of heaven** in the two courts of the

house of the LORD. And **he made his son pass through the fire**, and **observed times**, and **used enchantments**, and **dealt with familiar spirits** and **wizards**: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.”

2 Kings 23:24, “Moreover **the workers with familiar spirits**, and **the wizards**, and the **images**, and **the idols**, and all **the abominations** that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD.”

Isaiah 8:19, “And when they shall say unto you, **Seek unto them that have familiar spirits**, and **unto wizards that peep**, and **that mutter**: should not a people seek unto their God? **for the living to the dead**?”

Isaiah 19:3, “And **the spirit of Egypt** shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall **seek to the idols**, and **to the charmers**, and **to them that have familiar spirits**, and **to the wizards**.”

Matthew 8:16, “When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were **possessed with devils**: and **he cast out the spirits** with his word, and healed all that were sick:”

Matthew 10:1, “And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them **power against unclean spirits, to cast them out**, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.”

Matthew 12:45, “**Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself**, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also **unto this wicked generation**.”

Mark 1:27, “And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for **with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him**.”

Mark 3:11, “And **unclean spirits**, when they saw him, **fell down before him**, and cried, saying, **Thou art the Son of God**.”

Acts 19:13-16, “Then certain of the **vagabond Jews, exorcists**, took upon them to call over them which had **evil spirits** the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you **by Jesus whom Paul preacheth**. And there were **seven sons** of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. And **the evil spirit** answered and said, **Jesus I know**, and **Paul I know**; but **who are ye**? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.”

1 Timothy 4:1-5, “Now **the Spirit speaketh expressly**, that in **the latter times** **some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared** with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.”