

# A Teen's Psychic Bondage

## Acts 16:16-24

*We met a slave girl who had a spirit of fortune-telling and who had brought her owners a great deal of money by predicting the future.*

I was preaching on a Sunday evening and in doing so I felt a tremendous oppression. I had difficulty with the flow of the message as though there was something standing in front of me hindering me, maybe even opposing me. Whenever this has happened in the past it had been that someone was demonized or under the power of the occult and thereby hindering the Holy Spirit in the service. So, I stopped mid-message and paused for a full minute. That usually gets people's attention.

I told them what I felt was going on and I read a long list of occult activities that lead to demon infestation. I said, "Somebody here has dabbled in the occult. I am going to pray and bind the enemy in Jesus' name." I prayed and went on with the sermon.

When I finished preaching almost everyone left except for this one young lady. She came up to me and said, "It's me." I had already put the matter of a hindering spirit behind me so I didn't know what she meant. I asked, "What do you mean, 'It's me?' What are you talking about?" She replied, "I'm the one that has dabbled in the occult." She went on to tell me that her mother regularly went to a psychic. Her mother had given her a note from a psychic which she was told to carry in her purse. It was supposed to protect her from all the diseases and physical afflictions she was experiencing. The note was an incantation. It was supposed to stop the evil and she would have no more sickness. She then reached into her purse and brought out the note. I read it and was appalled. This was just like the Brazilian white magic and demonic spells used that we encountered in Brazil. I couldn't believe this was in an evangelical church in the States.

After I read the note I told her she needed to repent of that witchcraft and turn to the Lord for her body and health. I instructed concerning the Scriptures in Deuteronomy 7:25-26 regarding witchcraft that tell us all items belonging to the devil should be burned to utterly destroy them. It was quite frightening for me to realize that even believers can be deceived into witchcraft as good magic.

I would like to report that she trusted the Lord, but she did not. She continued to be influenced by her psychic mother and she continued to battle undiagnosed illnesses. A few years later I heard that she had died of an unknown illness.

Over the years while working with people involved in the occult and witchcraft I found that it was best to open the Bible and allow them to read God's condemnation of those activities and what should be done about it. I keep these references in the back of my Bible so I can easily find them. I have the individual read it out loud. The effect is powerful. They usually turn white with fear and start to tremble.

I recommend in today's culture that all God's children should have these passages marked in their Bible to use in such occasions.

- **Leviticus 19:26, 31, 20:6, 20:27**
- **Deuteronomy 7:25-26, 18:19-12, 28:15-47**
- **Isaiah 8:19-22, 19:2-3, 47:9-15**
- **Micah 5:12-15**
- **Galatians 5:19**
- **Revelation 21:8**
- **1 Corinthians 10:19-21**
- **2 Corinthians 6:14-17**

## **Comatose People**

In several cases in Brazil and here in the USA I have been called upon to visit someone who was comatose from demonic involvement. Once in Brazil it was a young lady who had been comatose for three days, unable to wake up. No medicines or psychological therapies helped. When I was called I recognized it immediately as an occult phenomenon where a demon caused them to fall under a spell. Another occasion was in New Jersey. A man in my church told me his college age daughter was comatose for three days and would not come out of it.

In each case I did the same thing. I sat by their side and talked to them. They could hear me, just as many people in a coma can hear. They were just unable to respond. I told them what I believed was happening, that they had opened a door for Satan to afflict them through immoral living or occult involvement. I tell them that Jesus came to destroy the work of the devil. Then I opened my Bible and read aloud Psalm 91. It worked EVERY TIME. Before I got finished reading they woke up and asked what was happening. I then shared the Gospel with them and how they could call on the name of the Lord and be saved. I recommend this to anyone dealing with demon possessed, oppressed, or obsessed.