

The Lord Of The Flies Around Us

Facing Turbulent Times
With Hope

Satanic Influence In Our World

- **Eph.6:12-** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.
- **1Tim.4:1-** the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons
- **Jhn.16:11-** And when the Helper comes, He will convict the world ... concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

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- Church of Satan; Satanic Temple, Black Magic, Witchcraft, Fortune telling, Palmistry, Voodoo, Seances, Spiritism, Tarot cards, Ouija Board, Horoscopes, Aura readings, Rolfing
- As followers of Jesus, we must have nothing to do with the Occult. We must keep our eyes and faith fixed on Jesus!
- 2 Kings 1
 1. God is displeased with any occult involvement
 2. God is dishonoured by the pursuit of the future not founded in His word.
 3. God is delighted when we trust Him and His word alone.

God is Displeased With Occult Involvement

- Vs. 1-4 Show God wasn't happy with Ahaziah inquiry
- Baal – lord or god
- Zebub – v. to go here, there, to dangle, to go to and from noun form means fly
- “The Lord of the Flies”
- **Matt.12:24** – Beelzebul – GK. Spelling of same word – Ruler of demons
- 2 - Ahaziah was going to inquire of a Satanic force to foretell the future

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- **Lev.19:31; 20:6** – God is a jealous God, but it is really about God being a loving God who wants good for you
- **Deut.18:9-15** – God will raise up a prophet
 2. God is displeased with any understanding of the future not based in His Word.
- How much of the future do we need to know when we are in the hands of the God who wrote the future?
- Astrology, Ouija boards – last Christmas over 30 Mil boards were sold – Film Exorsist- how girl was involved

Delight In The Lord and Trust Him

- Ahaziah did not Trust in the Lord or acknowledge Him.
- It is an example of the influence of parents on a child
- He looked to a god outside of Israel vs.6 Ekron Philistia
- **Ps.20:7-** Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. 1Kings 1:9-14
- **Prov.3:5,6** - Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.
- What are you trusting today?