

"Spiritual" spiritualism is subtle

"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry" (1 Samuel 15:23).

Spiritualism is only another name for ancient witchcraft and soothsaying. It is a fraud, but not the kind of fraud many people think it is. There is reality in it.

It is a fraud in that while it professes to receive communications from the spirits of the dead, it has communication only with the spirits of devils, since "the dead know nothing" (Eccl. 9:5). To be a spiritualist medium is to give one's self to the control of demons.

Now there is only one protection against this, and that is to hold fast to the word of God. He who

lightly regards God's word severs himself from association with God, and puts himself within Satan's influence. Even though a person denounces spiritualism in the strongest terms, if he does not hold to God's word he will sooner or later be carried away by the strong falsechrist delusion. Only by keeping close to the word of God can people be kept from the temptation that is coming on all the world (see Rev. 3:10).

Stubbornness and rebellion are rejection of God. And he who rejects God puts himself under the control of evil spirits. All idolatry is devil worship. There is no middle ground. Christ says, "He who is not with Me is against Me" (Matt. 12:30). That is, disobedience, rejection of the Lord, is the spirit of antichrist. [1]

"There were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction" (2 Peter 2:1).

"Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is therefore a simple thing for his agents to masquerade as agents of good" (2 Cor. 11:15, NEB).

Note:

1. The Glad Tidings, pp. 50, 51.