

No. 95 Do Not Be Deceived by Spiritism!

PLEASE NOTE: Highlight the subtle methods that Satan uses to involve people in spiritism, such as funeral customs and spiritistic entertainment. Avoid telling stories about the demons. If you wish, you may use the provided artwork to illustrate the points indicated

WHAT IS GOD'S VIEW OF SPIRITISM? (3 min.)

Throughout the earth, people practice various forms of spiritism (*bhs* 221, endnote 26)

[Briefly mention forms of spiritism that are common locally]

Jehovah God detests the practice of spiritism [Read Deuteronomy 18:10-12]

Why is spiritism so dangerous? How can you keep free from it?

WHY IS SPIRITISM SO DANGEROUS? (10 min.)

Satan and the demons are the source of spiritistic practices, and they are the power behind them

Satan and the demons are disobedient angels who rebelled against God

They want to mislead us and turn us away from Jehovah [Read Revelation 12:9]

Many spiritistic practices are based on the lie that the dead can affect the living

No part of a person survives death; the dead cannot communicate with the living and cannot help or harm them (*Ec* 9:5, 10; *ol* 14 ¶15-16)

We must reject spiritistic practices if we are to have God's approval (*Le* 20:6; *Ga* 5:19-21)

We cannot mix spiritism with the true worship of Jehovah (*1Co* 10:21)

HOW CAN YOU KEEP FREE FROM SPIRITISM? (14 min.)

How can you keep free from spiritism? [Read James 4:7]

"Subject yourselves to God"

Come to know and love Jehovah (*Joh* 17:3)

Draw close to him in prayer (*Ps* 145:18)

Put your full trust in Jehovah, and he will protect you from wicked spirits (*Pr* 18:10; *2Th* 3:3; *w14* 11/1 6)

"Oppose the Devil, and he will flee from you"

Avoid any contact with spiritism (*Le* 19:31)

Get rid of objects related to the occult (*Ac* 19:19; *w19.04* 22-23 ¶10-11) [Image 1]

Shun entertainment that involves spiritism (*lvs* 218 ¶15-16) [Image 2]

Reject medical treatments and funeral customs linked to spiritism (*bhs* 109 ¶12; *w06* 3/1 25 ¶12)

GOD WILL SOON BRING AN END TO SPIRITISTIC PRACTICES (3 min.)

Soon Jehovah will destroy Satan, the source of spiritistic practices [Read Romans 16:20]

The earth will become a peaceful place free of Satan's influence (*2Pe* 3:13; *Re* 21:3, 4)

Those who oppose the Devil and reject spiritistic practices can enjoy Jehovah's friendship forever

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section.

Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Reminders for Those Assigned Public Talks* (S-141)]

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