



# Power From on High

**Series:** Power From On High.  
**Title:** A Save of Darkness Meets  
Slaves of Light  
**Lesson:** 84

**Text:** Acts 16:16-18  
**Date:** October 6, 2024

Acts 16:16 It happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortune-telling.

17 Following after Paul and us, she kept crying out, saying, "These men are bond-servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation." 18 She continued doing this for many days. But Paul was greatly annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" And it came out at that very moment.

## **Where did demons come from?**

Revelation 12:4 And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.

## **Demons have many descriptions**

Matt 10:1 - “evil spirits”

Mark 1:27 - “unclean spirits”

1 Kings 22:23 - “lying spirits”

Rev 12:9 - “angels of Satan”

## **Their ambition is three-fold:**

2 Cor. 4:4 - they deceive the world

1 Timothy 4:1 - they spread false doctrine

2 Cor. 12:7 - they torment and devour Christians

Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the **powers**, against the **world forces of this darkness**, against the **spiritual forces of wickedness** in the heavenly places.

## **Demons are enemies of God.**

Colossians 2:15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

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**“It happened”**

**“a place of prayer”**

**Satan does not want God’s people gathering together to \_\_\_\_\_.**

**The female slave was enslaved in three ways:**

1. She was enslaved to her human masters.
2. She was enslaved to her own sin as an unbeliever.
3. She was enslaved to demonic forces.

**“spirit of divination”** - It is the practice of seeking knowledge of the future or the unknown by seeking the spirit world.

**“fortune-telling”**

## **How does God view divination?**

Deuteronomy 18:10–12 “There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses **divination**, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, 11 or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. 12 “For whoever does these things is detestable to the Lord; and because of these detestable things the Lord your God will drive them out before you.

## **What is the punishment for divination?**

Leviticus 20:27 ‘Now a man or a woman who is a **medium** or a **spiritist** shall surely be put to death. They shall be stoned with stones, their bloodguiltiness is upon them.’ ”

## **What about those who seeks out mediums?**

Leviticus 20:6 ‘As for the person who **turns to mediums** and to **spiritists**, to play the harlot after them, I will also set My face against that person and will cut him off from among his people.

## **Fortune tellers are false prophets**

Jeremiah 14:14 Then the Lord said to me, “The prophets are prophesying falsehood in My name. I have neither sent them nor commanded them nor spoken to them; they are prophesying to you a false vision, **divination**, futility and the deception of their own minds.

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“**bond-servants**” [doulos] - Slaves

“**the Most High God**”

“**proclaiming to you the way of salvation**”

The definite article

A definite article comes before nouns to stress identity.

I will be painting **THE** house this summer.

I will be painting **A** house this summer?

17 Following after Paul and us, she kept crying out, saying, “These men are bond-servants of **THE** Most High God, who are proclaiming to you (\_\_\_\_\_) way of salvation.”

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am **THE** way, and **THE** truth, and **THE** life; no one comes to **THE** Father but through Me.

2 Corinthians 11:14 No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

**We need to be discerning.**

1 John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe **every spirit**, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

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**"greatly annoyed"**

## **Implications**

Why would Satan and his demons endorse the truths of Christianity?

**They want to \_\_\_\_\_ false religion with true Christianity so that people will assume they are the same.**

**Those who appear to be Christian but live lives that**

**betray the cause of Christ, damage the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of those who are genuine.**

## **Discussion Guide**

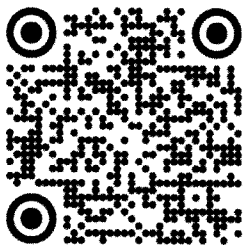
**1. Why do you believe that the modern church has dismissed the possibility of demon possession?**

2. Did it surprise you that demons will endorse Christianity? Why or why not?

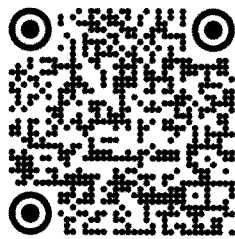
3. As we go through Acts, we keep bumping into the necessity of gathering together in prayer. Do you attend our Sunday evening prayer gatherings? Why or why not?

4. Do you believe we have the power to cast out demons? Why or why not? Read Ephesians 6;10-16 and note how we are to deal with Satan. It says the same thing three times in verse 11, 13, and 14.

5. Name one new truth today that gave you fresh new insight into living out your faith.



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