

## Devilish Goals and Lethal Weapons

In both secular and biblical literature, the word *witchcraft* is associated with Satanism, the Occult, and the invoking of supernatural demonic powers. Its prime objective is to dominate and control events, circumstances, and people. The two main weapons witchcraft uses to achieve its goal are manipulation and intimidation.

The Bible tells us that witchcraft is present in every single human being. In Galatians chapter five the Apostle Paul lists it among the “works of the flesh,” meaning the fallen nature inherited from Adam.

Paul also teaches that these works of the flesh are the result of living according to the flesh, which could be summed up as man’s attempt to do as he wants, and get what he wants, without submitting to God’s Law.

The sad reality is that the force of witchcraft has been rampant in the Visible Church for a long time and has greatly contributed to the barrenness of many individual believers and even entire denominations. Below we will show why this is so and provide just one example of where and how the spirit of witchcraft operates.

## Shortening God's Arm!

There are some professing Christian Ministers today who teach that forgiveness of sin and one's eternal destiny in Heaven is a gift from God to EVERYONE who will appropriate it by faith. Yet at the same time, they deny the exact same truth applies to healing for the body in this present life!

And how do they back up such erroneous theology, when the Bible is so clear on the subject? They use many tactics, but probably the more common is to highlight some of the most fraudulent counterfeits of divine healing and miracles in the Evangelical world, or broadcast pieces of written statements, or video clips, from genuine ministers and interpret them to mean something completely different!

This is the weapon of manipulation in action, and one of the reasons it has gone undetected for so long is because it operates under the cover of "defender of the faith."

Dear friend, such behaviour is very serious in God's eyes, so much so that He places a curse on anyone engaged in it. In the prophetic Book of Jeremiah, we read:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

(Jeremiah 17:5-7)

Note the person described in this piece of Scripture is not an unbeliever, as the passage reads, “whose hearts turn away from the LORD.”

It describes a person who has experienced God’s Grace, but then turns to relying on his own natural abilities and wisdom, or that of others, instead of being guided by the Holy Spirit.

As Jeremiah makes clear, the outcome of such is drastic. The backslider is cut off from any intervention of God’s supernatural power to deliver in this life and will be held accountable for his deeds in the next!