

Super Seminar: Jack Sparrow, the Supernatural, the Bible and You

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All truth is **God's truth**.

Supernatural=**anything that is beyond our physical senses and not able to be proven by what we see. It is beyond this world. Anything to do with the spiritual world.**

Things included in the supernatural: **Angels, demons, Holy Spirit, God, miracles, psychic, paranormal, occult, ghost, witches, spells, etc.**

The Bible, Supernatural and Spiritual Warfare

Passages concerning spiritual warfare

- **Genesis 3**-the war started in the Garden of Eden.
- **Ephesians 6.10-20**: The tools for war.
- **James 4**
- Almost every book of the New Testament mentions/alludes to the **supernatural/spiritual war** we are in. (The exception is 3 John, Philemon, and Titus)
- Satan and/or evil spirits I used **328 times** in the New Testament
- The life of Christ shows that **Satan** is at war with us.

The three areas we fight the war

1. From **within** and the concept of the "flesh". Galatians 5
2. From **without** and battle with the world. Ephesians 2.1-3
3. From **above** and the battle with Satan. Ephesians 6

Our ultimate **enemy** is Satan.

Characteristics of Satan

- Murderer, **father of lies**, deceiver and no truth in him at all. John 8.44
- Comes to steal, kill and **destroy**. John 10.10
- Ready to **pounce** on us. 1 Peter 5.8
- Is an **angel of light**. 2 Corinthians 11.14
- Must **flee** when we **resist** him. James 4.7
- **Greater** is God in us than Satan. 1 John 4.4

The Lord is **very serious** with regards to sorcery, Spiritist, mediums and the like.

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- Leviticus 19.26,31; 20.21
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The Bible shows us that as well as real life. (1 Samuel 28 and Galatians 5.20)

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Ghosts

The majority of our teens believe that Ghosts **exist**.

Some characteristics of Ghosts: **Haunt people, are dead people that are back, friendly; help out the students at Hogwarts.**

Why Ghosts **do not** exist (as we know it):

- **Hebrews 9.27**
- **Luke 16.19-31**

So what are they if not ghosts? They are **demons**. The Bible is clear that we die once and that is it. We don't come back and haunt people we are put in a place awaiting judgment.

This is a prime **example** of the **deceiving** ways of Satan and his demons.

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