# REBELLION - THE SIN OF WITCHCRAFT

# 1 Samuel 15:23

# 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft,

And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

Rebellion is witchcraft and stubbornness is idolatry. How? Well lets deal with stubbornness first. We are talking here about being given a command from the Lord of the universe and not obeying it. That is of course rebellion and disobedience. It is a form of idol worship or idolatry in the sense that you are putting your own stubborn will, up before God's will, as an idol. This willful disobedience is you making an idol of your own will, your own desire to do your own thing. This becomes the idolatry of self, you are now worshiping yourself. You have become your own god.

#### Exodus 20

3 "You shall have no other gods before Me.

Rebellion is disobedience. It is you following the lead of the first rebel: Satan. It was the arc angel, Lucifer, who is now called Satan, that led the first rebellion against the authority or throne of God. He was not alone. He was able to convince a third of God's angels to join him. That rebellion continues until this

day. Satan is constantly working to convince man to join him in this ongoing rebellion. Man joins him through agreement. The agreement is forged through the sin of disobience and rebellion. You join the army of Satan to war against the rule of God, in the earth, by committing the same sin he first committed.

When Jesus confronted the very pious religious leaders He called them sons of the devil. Why? Because He said they did the works of their father the devil.

#### John 8:44

44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do.

We choose our destiny by what we worship, who and what we love. We become children of light or children of the darkness based on what we do with the commands of God. We are sons of obedience or sons of disobedience. We are sons of Abel or sons of Cain. We are a Peter or a Judas. We are the pure and holy bride of Christ or the harlot church. Our destiny is determined by us. Our course, our way, is on the narrow road or the wide one and it is set by the choices we make to obey God or disobey God. If we disobey, if we rebel, we become

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rebels, joining Satan's rebellion through the same sin agreement. We become a servant of hell and the powers of hell begin to take hold of us and operate through us. Through disobedience and rebellion we give Satan legal permission to use us as a foot soldier in his evil army. Through this legal permission he has the right to use us to perpetuate the spirit of witchcraft into our world. We become ambassadors of darkness and the evil force of the power of witchcraft begins to operate through us.

There are two kinds of witches in the earth. Those who know what they are doing and practice the dark art willfully and those who do not know what they are doing. The latter are doing the works of darkness in semi ignorance. Common to both types, is the sin door of rebellion. They both hate the rule and authority that God claims over them.

Christians who have rejected the cross of Christ, (obedience to the Fathers will on a personal level for them) are giving Satan permission to operate the spirit of witchcraft through them.

Satan must have our permission to use us. He gains our permission through deceit. Christ must also have our permission. He asks us to obey Him and do His will. Satan steals permission through deception. He tempts us to sin and with the sin gains legal right before the court of

heaven to use us to advance his kingdom of darkness. He often temps the Christian into jealousy, resentment, contempt for authority, unforgiveness and bitterness which leads to hatred. He works through jealously to get the Christian to covet and through covetousness to steal. The ten commandments were given by God to keep us free from this kind of agreement, alignment, partnership with the demonic realm.

#### Exodus 20

13 "You shall not murder.

14 "You shall not commit adultery.

15 "You shall not steal.

16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

The demons of Satan's kingdom have permission to operate through us as we break the written commands of God and the commands of the Spirit of God. Walk in the Spirit and you will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. Gal. 5:16

It is through rebellious acts of sin that witchcraft is activated. Willful witches use curses, spell casting, rituals, prayers, incantations, etc. to practice their witchcraft. This is the obvious or most overt kind of witchcraft. The kind that Satan uses to operate through the Christian is

less obvious and in a sense more hidden. Those who practice it do so in a kind of semi ignorance and yet they are at the same time aware that they are jealous, covetous, holding on to a grudge, unforgiving, resentful or even hateful. However, they are unaware of the ramifications of their sin and the effect it is having on others. The open sin doors give Satan permission to activate witchcraft attacks against anyone that the sinning rebellious Christian is directing resentment, bitterness, jealousy etc. against or toward. Satan is given legal permission to work witchcraft against God's people and kingdom and he is using the rebellious Christian to do it. Satan expands his kingdom by using God's people to do his work!

The main attribute common to both types of witches is their desire to hold the reigns of their lives. To be in control. To dominate and to rule. They want the chief seat. They both hate the cross of Christ: the rule of God. They refuse to humble themselves under the cross of Christ. They will not obey the Spirit's lead and rule. They hate authority. They want power and authority without submission to the will of the Father, without the cross. Jesus gained power and authority through submission to the cross of obedience to the Father's will. The bride gains power and authority through obedience and submission to Christ her head. Christ is the head of the church, the head of the bride. The bride submits to and obeys her husband. She is married

to Christ. The harlot church calls herself the bride but she is a harlot in that she has other lovers. Her chief love is power and control. She resists submission and obedience to the bride groom. The bride follows the lamb (Christ) in that the lamb lavs down His life as an obedient sacrifice. He obeys the Father to the cross. The harlot is self willed and disobedient. She is rebellious and as a result the spirit of rebellion activates through her to work witchcraft in both the church and in the world. She will not submit her power to the lamb. She wields her power in witchcraft.

### 1 John 2:9,11

9 He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.

11 But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

#### 1 John 3:15

15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

## Matthew 6:23

23 But if your eye is bad, (not on Christ to do His will) your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!