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COMMANDING DEMONS?

Kathryn Krick is a self-described APOSTLE! She is the founder of the Los Angeles-based Five-Fold (5F) Church, which, based on Ephesians 4:11-16, claims that the gifts of Apostle and Prophet are just as valid today as those of Evangelist, Pastor, or Teacher. She says that the so-called PROPHET Dr. GeorDavie of Tanzania prophesied to her that she was called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ who is called to reach the nations. She has what appears to be worshipful allegiance to him, saying to him, *"We would be nothing without you. … We give ourselves. We lay down ourselves. We surrender and submit to you… We plant this seed at your feet Daddy, for God to have our way with us, to serve you. We want the world to know you. … We love you so much. For being our father, we love you."* That sure sounds like worshipful allegiance that is to be reserved for God ALONE! Frankly, it comes off as idolatrous!

And Kathryn receives "*worshipful love*" from her followers as well. One says to her, "*Thank you for laying down your life that we may live."* Another kneeling down before her says, "*You are everything to me. You're my spiritual Mom… I love you mama. I bless you."* One after another they come, literally bowing down on their knees before her. It is idolatrous, and she fully embraces it. Revelation 21:8 is clear that idolaters will have their part in the lake of fire.

Kathryn has become famous for her sensational *"deliverance*" ministry. People shake and convulse uncontrollably in her presence, and then, as she releases the power of deliverance, they go into a tranquil trance. Thus, she claims to manifest the power of God over demons. But we should note that shamans and occult leaders around the world supposedly have this same type of power with similar types of phenomena that accompany their rituals. This is foreign to historic Christianity but is consistent with last days' perilous times in which "*evil men and imposters will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived*" (2 Tim. 3:1,13).

We have no example of demons being cast out of people in the Old Testament. This phenomenon came into place during the ministry of Christ. It was unique to the Messiah and His apostles (with perhaps the notable exception of Mark 9:38; Lk 9:49). The specific authority to cast out demons was given only to the apostles and a few select others for a time and is transferable to no one else (cf. Matt. 10:1; Mark 3:14-15; 6:7; Lk. 9:1; 10:17).

As we move into the Church Age, the epistles NEVER mention speaking to or casting out demons. Nowhere are we instructed to bind them or do any such thing. There are only THREE passages in the New Testament epistles that clearly instruct us on how to respond to Satan and the demons, and in each case we are to assume a defensive posture, never an offensive one (cf. Eph. 6:10-20; Ja. 4:7-8; 1 Pet. 5:6-9).

Jesus, Peter, and Jude all WARN about those who claim to have power over demons but, in fact, are false teachers. Peter warns of false teachers who, being daring and self-willed, are not afraid to *"revile angelic majesties"* (2 Pet. 2:10). I believe these "*angelic majesties*" are actually demons. Jude 8 uses this EXACT language in reference to the demonic world and goes on to say that even Michael the archangel *"when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, 'The Lord rebuke you.'"* (Jude 9) False teachers rush in where angels fear to tread! God does not call us or appoint us to POWER encounters with the devil and his demons. Rather, we defer to God. We pray and preach the Son and His truth, which ALONE can set people free (cf. Jn. 8:32, 36).

Jesus warned that on judgment day MANY, while calling on Him as "Lord, Lord," will say to Him that they cast out demons in His name, only to hear Him say, *"I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness."* (Mt. 7:21-23) False prophets and apostles are a law unto themselves! They name Jesus as Lord but don't really know Him as Lord! They make it all about SELF and not about Jesus! They USE Jesus for their own self-promoting agenda! Peter says they will "utterly perish in their own corruption" (2 Pt. 2:12).

Thot: False teachers demonstrate real power, but it is from the DARK side (cf. 2 Tim. 3:8).

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