

## MESSAGE NOTES: USER, BEWARE!

**Deuteronomy 18:9-11** When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. <sup>10</sup> Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, <sup>11</sup> or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead.

- **Matthew 24:23-25**, At that time if anyone says to you, “Look, here is the Messiah!” or, “There he is!” do not believe it. <sup>24</sup> For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. <sup>25</sup> See, I have told you ahead of time.
- **2 Thessalonians 2:9-12** The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, <sup>10</sup> and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. <sup>11</sup> For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie <sup>12</sup> and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

**Deuteronomy 18:12-14** Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD; because of these same detestable practices the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you. <sup>13</sup> You must be blameless before the LORD your God. <sup>14</sup> The nations you will dispossess listen to those who practice sorcery or divination. But as for you, the LORD your God has not permitted you to do so.

**Deuteronomy 18:15-18** The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. <sup>16</sup> For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, “Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die.” <sup>17</sup> The LORD said to me: “What they say is good. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him.

**Deuteronomy 4:28-31** There you will worship man-made gods of wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or eat or smell. <sup>29</sup> But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>30</sup> When you are in distress and all these things have happened to you, then in later days you will return to the Lord your God and obey him. <sup>31</sup> For the Lord your God is a merciful God; he will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your ancestors, which he confirmed to them by oath.

## Faith Group Questions

1. In light of Sunday's message, evaluate this statement: "All religions lead to God."
2. Growing up, were you ever exposed to or taught to consult mediums, spiritists or that it was okay to pray to the dead? If so, how has that experience affected you?
3. According to Deuteronomy 18, are any of these practices commanded or commendable before God?
4. Do you struggle with giving up any of these practices or beliefs? If so, why?
5. Read Matthew 24:23-25 and 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12. What do these reveal about demonic and satanic powers?
6. Read and mediate on Deuteronomy 4:15-31. Write down anything that the Holy Spirit is revealing to you in these words. How would you use verses 29-31 to comfort yourself or anyone else who has been caught up in the occult?