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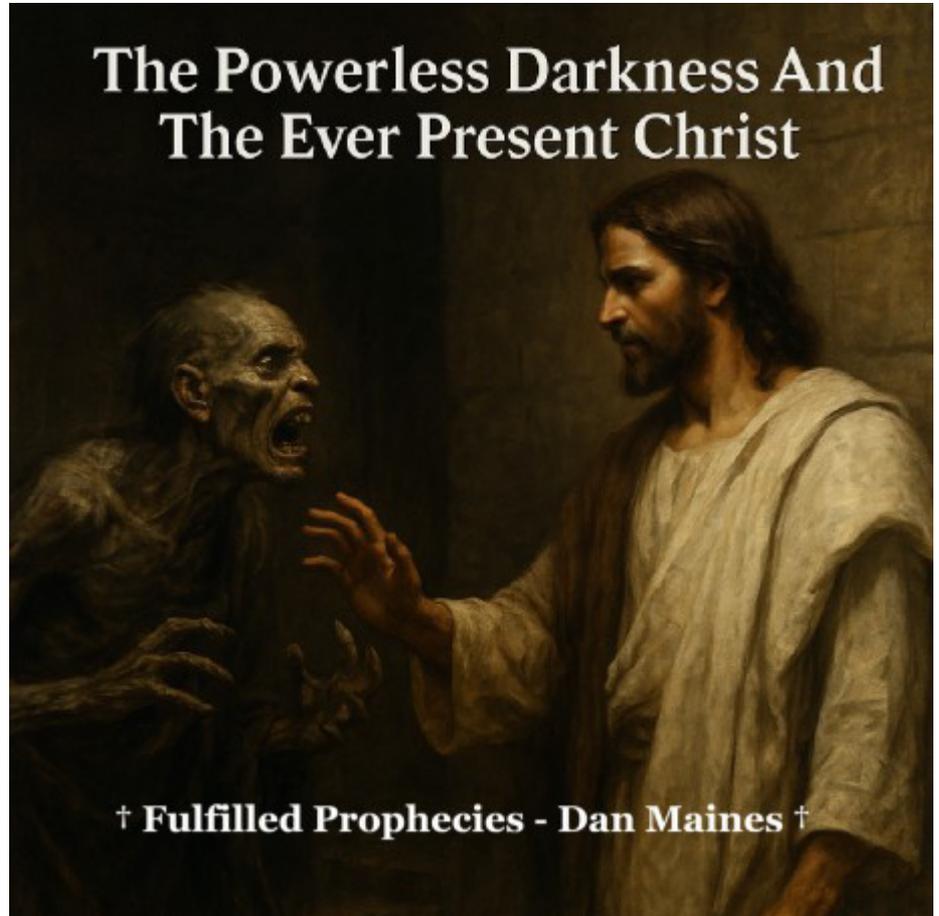
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The Powerless Darkness And The Ever Present Christ



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Before we get into the introduction, I want to take a moment to speak directly to those who message me privately with fear and confusion about evil spirits, curses, demons, witches, spells, and everything else that people say is happening in their towns or villages. Many of you are scared because of stories you grew up with. You've heard about shapeshifters, curses, night creatures, people turning into animals, spiritual attacks, dark magic, and all kinds of stories that have been passed down for generations. Some of you've lived your whole life under this

cloud of fear. I want you to know this post is for you. You're not crazy for asking. You're not weak for wanting answers. And you're not alone. The truth of Christ finally frees us from the terror of superstition, folklore, and the fear of evil that people have carried for centuries. Christ finished the work. He removed the power of darkness. And you've got nothing left to fear.

Introduction

This came from a real question. In Mexico and throughout parts of South America, many towns have stories about people putting spells on others, and at night they say these people turn into animals like dogs or turkeys. They call them Nahual. People say similar things in Mayan culture and Aztec tradition. And others say Vuddu in Africa lets people spin or float and never touch the ground. So the question comes up, if the devil's already in the lake of fire, how're these stories possible? And what would I preach if I stood in a place where people truly believe these things still happen? Let's answer every part of it.

1. Christ Already Destroyed The Power Of The Enemy

Hebrews 2:14

Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, so that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.

† This verse shows exactly when and how the devil lost his power. It wasn't a future event and it wasn't something we're still waiting on. Christ took on flesh specifically so He could destroy the one who had the power of death under the Old Covenant. When Jesus died, He broke that power immediately. There's no devil with authority left after the cross. People today who claim to see demons don't understand this finished reality. The devil they're describing is the one who existed before the cross, not

after it.

Colossians 2:15

When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

† Paul makes it clear that Jesus didn't just defeat the rulers and authorities of darkness, He disarmed them. That means they've got no weapons left. No ability. No authority. No spiritual force. Christ put them on open display, proving the victory happened in His generation. Anything people call demonic today has nothing to do with spiritual beings. Christ removed that entire realm. What people think they're seeing today comes from fear, culture, misunderstanding, trauma, or superstition, not from spiritual powers that no longer exist.

Revelation 20:10

And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire.

† This's the final confirmation. The devil who deceived was thrown into the lake of fire in the events leading up to AD 70. This wasn't symbolic of some future event thousands of years later. It's the closing of the Old Covenant world. Once he was thrown into the lake of fire, the devil's power was completely gone forever. That means whatever people think they see in Mexico, Africa, or anywhere else today isn't the devil. It isn't demons. It isn't spiritual warfare. Christ ended that entire realm permanently. Fear remains, but the enemy doesn't.

† From the fulfilled perspective, the devil had real power under the Old Covenant. But Christ removed that power in the first century. The devil was judged. The satanic realm was destroyed. The unclean spirits that tormented Israel were cast out. And by AD 70, that entire realm was gone forever. So whatever's happening today isn't supernatural demonic activity.

Christ ended that.

2. So What's Going On With These Stories Of Nahual, Witchcraft, Or Vuddu?

† The answer's simple and it removes fear completely. People are experiencing one or more of the following:
Cultural stories that've been repeated for hundreds of years. Cultures create legends. Every civilization's got them. These stories grow, spread, and people begin to believe them as fact. Fear and superstition. Fear's powerful. When someone believes a curse's real, they begin to interpret everything through that belief.

Sleep paralysis, hallucinations, shadows, and night terrors. These're well known human experiences. Ancient people didn't understand them, so they said it was demons, spirits, or shapeshifters.

People acting like animals, not turning into them. This is real, but it's psychological, not spiritual. People can bark, crawl, or act like animals because of trauma, drugs, alcohol, or fear. Lying, deception, manipulation, and control. If someone wants power over others, they claim they've got magic. It's one of the oldest techniques in history.

Group imagination and mass storytelling. When a village believes something together, even things that never happened will seem real.

But none of this is supernatural. None of this is demons. None of this is spiritual power.

† There'll always be people who say they've personally witnessed demons, evil spirits, or supernatural darkness. But witnessing something doesn't mean the interpretation's correct. People witness sleep paralysis and think it's a demon. People see someone stumbling or screaming and assume it's possession. People witness trauma, mental illness, drug reactions, or fear based behavior and interpret it through the stories they grew up hearing. When someone says they've seen

a demon, they're describing an experience they don't understand, but that doesn't make it supernatural. Christ already removed the spiritual realm of darkness, so what they saw wasn't a demon. It was an unfamiliar human condition interpreted through fear.

† People can swear they've seen unbelievable things, but human perception isn't perfect. Fear, belief, culture, and expectation change how the mind interprets events. Ancient people thought eclipses were signs of gods. They thought disease was caused by demons. They thought shadows were spirits. They thought unusual behavior was shapeshifting. People aren't lying. They're describing something they saw without knowing what it really was. Their interpretation doesn't make it supernatural. It means they saw something real but explained it with fear instead of with Christ's finished work. The truth is Christ already ended that world. What they saw wasn't spiritual, and it wasn't demonic power.

3. What Would I Preach To People Who Believe These Stories?

† I'd preach Christ standing right in front of us. And I'd say exactly what I told you privately, I've never seen any evil or demons. That's probably because I know Christ's standing right in front of me. That's the message they need to hear. When people know Christ stands before them, superstition loses its power. When they know Christ ended the demonic realm, fear collapses. When they know Christ destroyed the old world of darkness, curses become meaningless. When they know Christ's the light of the world, shadows disappear.

4. Why Do These Stories Continue If Evil Has Been Defeated?

† Because fear continues. Because culture continues. Because tradition continues. Because stories get passed down for

generations. Because people misinterpret real natural events. Because people want explanations for the unexplainable. None of this requires the supernatural. None of this means demons exist today. None of it proves the devil's got power. Fear's powerful. But Christ's greater.

† When someone constantly talks about demons, curses, or attacks, it usually reveals something deeper. When a person truly walks with the Lord, their confidence's in Christ's victory, not in the power of darkness. Christ said fear not. Paul said the powers of darkness were destroyed. John said the darkness was already passing away. The ones still seeing demons everywhere are often walking in fear, not in faith. They're seeing shadows because they haven't learned to rest in Christ's finished work. When you walk with Christ, you see His victory. When you walk in fear, you interpret everything through darkness. Christ never asked us to fear demons. He told us the opposite, the enemy was destroyed.

5. Here Is What I'd Tell Anyone Who's Afraid Of Spells, Magic, Curses, Or Shapeshifters

† You're not cursed. No one can touch you spiritually. No one can harm you with magic. No one can put a spell on you. Christ already removed all of that. spiritual evil ended in the generation Jesus judged, not in ours. And I'd say this boldly, the only power these stories have is the fear you give them. And fear dies the moment you see Christ standing in front of you.

Historical References

† Justin wrote in his First Apology that the power of demons belonged to the old world and was destroyed by Christ. He argued that whatever pagan cultures claimed as magic or spirits was nothing but human superstition left over from the past.

† Irenaeus explained that the works of the devil were ended through Christ's coming, and that after Christ's victory, evil had no more authority. He said the nations continued in superstition only because of ignorance, not spiritual power.

† Eusebius wrote that the spiritual forces that once deceived nations were broken at the coming of Christ and the fall of Jerusalem. He taught that pagan practices and magical claims persisted only as cultural tradition, not supernatural reality.

† Tertullian said the victory of Christ dissolved the former dominion of darkness. What people called sorcery or spirits in his own time he identified as fraud, fear, and manipulation, not real demonic power.

† Clement taught that pagan magic, spells, curses, and fear based traditions were nothing but human invention meant to control the simple and the uneducated. He drew a clear line between superstition and true spiritual reality in Christ.

† The Epistle of Barnabas presents the devil already defeated and powerless under the new covenant. Any claims of spiritual power outside of Christ were cultural deception and old shadow practices that'd no force.

† Lactantius wrote that demons were judged and ended by the work of Christ, and what people experienced afterward as magic, spirits, or shapeshifting legends was imagination and fear, not spiritual activity.

† Josephus recorded many beliefs and fears held by ancient cultures. His writings show how quickly nations accepted legends, stories, and superstitions as facts, even when they had no basis in reality . This lines up perfectly with the continuation of Nahual, Vuddu, and other folklore traditions today.

How To Put Christ In Front Of You

† The only way fear dies is when Christ becomes the center of your thinking. Putting Christ in front of you is not emotional, mystical, or symbolic. It is practical. It is real. It is choosing to see His finished work instead of seeing darkness, superstition, or stories that create fear. Putting Christ in front of you means you stop giving fear the attention and start giving Christ your confidence.

2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory.

† Paul says transformation happens when we behold Him. You put Christ in front of you by keeping your eyes on His finished work, not on fear. Transformation comes from focus, not feelings.

Hebrews 12:2

Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith.

† The Bible tells us exactly how to overcome fear. Fix your eyes on Jesus. You cannot look at Him and fear at the same time. One of them always wins, and it will not be fear if Christ is in front of you.

Colossians 3:1-2

Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

† Putting Christ in front of you means choosing where your mind rests. You set your mind on the things above. You set your confidence on the finished work. You set your focus on His victory. Fear only wins when you set your mind on the shadows

instead of the light.

John 8:12

I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me will not walk in the darkness.

† When Christ is in front of you, you do not walk in darkness. You do not walk in superstition. You do not walk in fear. You do not walk in stories that belong to a world Christ already judged and ended. You walk in the light because the Light stands before you. That is how you put Christ in front of you.

How It Applies To Us Today

† People everywhere still fear things Christ already destroyed. They're afraid of curses, spiritual attacks, spells, ghosts, Vuddu, witchcraft, shadow creatures, and ancestral legends that've been repeated for generations. But Christ freed us from all of it. Not someday. Not eventually. Not in the future. He freed us already. When you know that, fear dies. When fear dies, the stories lose power. When the stories lose power, you finally live in peace. This's why the fulfilled perspective matters. It removes fear forever and replaces it with confidence that Christ completed the work and stands before us in victory.

† When you put Christ in front of you, fear loses its voice, superstition loses its grip, and every story people grew up believing falls apart in the light of His finished work.

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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