

Bible Principle # 5 - Reading the Future

What's going to happen? Wouldn't you like to know? Maybe, maybe not. But a lot of people who stay up late at night to watch T.V. are being given lots of chances to supposedly find out. There are at least five different organizations of professional psychics who will gladly take your money to tell you your future and to advise you and to be your friend. There are witches (the good kind, of course) who will also help you and be your friend. There are people who read cards, get visions, contact the dead, contact the spirit world, cast spells, and otherwise occupy their time with getting your money for their valuable services. (Entertainment purposes only, of course)

Does the Bible have anything to say about this? Other than something about a fool and his money being soon parted? Sometimes these people do get correct information, at least according to the celebrities and interviewed bystanders. As a matter of fact, the Bible does speak forcefully about all this, and if you're thinking about calling or even breaking out your old Tarot cards and ouija board, then this lesson's for you.

1. First, to set the tone of the day, what is God's opinion about the type of people we've been talking about? Look up Deuteronomy 18:9-14.
2. Well, that's pretty plain, but that's only one place. Let's look at a few more. Zechariah 10:1-2.
3. Have you ever watched any of the psychics on T.V. Notice how some of them dress and try to look mysterious and use cards and other props to convince you of their powers. This is nothing new. Look up Ezekiel 13:17-23.
4. The prophet Jeremiah also had to deal with fortune tellers and false prophets in his day. He had been telling the people that God said to cooperate with the king who was coming to destroy their nation for their sins, but not everybody liked that message and some were telling the people to resist. Look up Jeremiah 27:9
5. The prophet Isaiah also spoke about this and even mentioned their version of reading your horoscope. Look at Isaiah 47:10-15
6. Let's ponder for a minute the witch's phone line that you can call to speak to a genuine witch or warlock. the Bible has some harsh words for them. Your references are Exodus 22:18, Galatians 5:19-21, and Revelation 21:3-8 and 22:12-16
7. What happens to people who persist in ignoring what God teaches about these things? Check out II Chronicles 33:4-7, II Kings 17:16-18, and Isaiah 2:6.
8. But sometimes these people seem to get things right? How can this be? Acts 16:16 tells you how even evil spirits or false people sometimes can tell the future or know something about you.
9. If our psychic hotlines don't know about the stars, who does? Who's in charge? Job 9:8-10, Job 38:31-33, Psalm 147:4
10. If you can't use them to tell the future, what can the stars tell us? Genesis 1:14-19 and Psalm 19.