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**“ARE YOU ENGAGING IN WITCHCRAFT WITHOUT KNOWING IT?”  
– 1SAMUEL 15:22-23**

**(NKJV, 1Sam 15:22-23)**, “So Samuel said: “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. [23] For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king.”

- Obedience to the Lord's commands are superior to self-initiated sacrifices. The flipside of this is that when we sacrifice when the Lord has not directed us to, then we are being disobedient.
- When we rebel or disobey God, and sacrifice instead, we are essentially saying that we know better. We believe that our sacrifice is more effective than obeying the Lord.

**(NKJV, Rom 5:19)**, “For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.”

- It is Adam's disobedience in particular that made us sinners.

**(NKJV, Gen 3:5-6)**, “For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. [6] And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”

- At the root of Adam's disobedience was the desire to be a god.
- The Hebrew for “witchcraft” is “qesem” and is the same for “divination”. It literally means to take actions that one believes has divine or godlike powers.

**(NKJV, Eph 2:1-2)**, “And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, [2] in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,”

- Disobedience to God is rooted in Satan's influence.
- Believers who obviously stay away from witchcraft, sorcery, and Satanism, don't look at disobeying God as being as serious as those things. But God's Word says that they are of equal severity.