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### The Mystery Spirit Working Among Us

Recently there was a sudden abnormal spiritual feeling that came over me when I was driving. In this uneasy feeling were thoughts of hate. I had experienced this in the distant past but not until recently did it come over me due to the racial tension, protesting and violence from the news that is in existence. Therefore I went to the Word of God to identify this spirit and identify what has been and is currently at work in the lives of men today. (1Cor.10:13; Eccl.3:15; Heb.4:15)

There is a spiritual darkness of evil and deceit that is a mystery to those without the knowledge of its working. It is hidden from the minds of men but can be revealed to those who both fear and love the Lord (1Cor.2:9-14). This spirit savors i.e. is interested in with a mind to partake not the things, the nature and quality of God but of the things of the nature and quality of man. It works through thoughts, reasonings and imaginations against the knowledge and will of God. Its domain include the fleshly nature and can be seen throughout the world, yet it is hidden from the eyes and understanding of the natural man.

#### Questions, seeking to identify

1. Have you had strange and uneasy feelings or desires that suddenly overcame you? Were they accompanied by hate in your mind i.e. thoughts, reasonings or imaginations? If so what were they?
2. Have these thoughts, reasonings or imaginations been toward a particular race, ethnicity, or those working for or in the government such as police, the Republican Party, Democratic Party, the president of the United States, etc?
3. Have you ever entered into ways of rejecting or despising God, the Lord Jesus Christ or any person and did not realize it? (1Thess.4;7,8 Pro.14:2)
4. Are you able to discern between the desires of the fleshly nature and the working of this evil spirit?

It is written:

**1 Jn 5:19 (KJV)**

**And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in wickedness (In power of the Wicked One).**

**Eph 2:1-3 (KJV)**

1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked **according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air (atmosphere), the spirit that now work in the children of disobedience:** 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation [manner of life] in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling **the desires of the flesh and of the mind;** and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Eph 2:1-3 (NET)

1 And although you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you formerly lived according to this world's present path, according to the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the ruler of the spirit that is now energizing the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom all of us also formerly lived out our lives in the cravings of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath even as the rest...

**2 Cor 4:3-4 (KJV)**

**3 But if our gospel be hid, (veiled) it is hid (veiled) to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.**

**Matt 16:21-23 (KJV)**

21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. 22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. 23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, **Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.**

Matt 16:22-23 (NET)

... 22 So Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him: "God forbid, Lord! This must not happen to you!" 23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me, because you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but on man's."

Additional Scriptures to know the workings of this evil spirit i.e. Satan, the Devil, the god of this world, the Prince of the power of the air.

- Mystery of iniquity (lawlessness) (2Thessalonians 2:1-10)
- Lying spirit in the mouths of prophets (1Kings 22:1-23)
- Seducing spirits and teachings of demons (1Tim.4:1-3)

- Our warfare or fight is flesh and blood but with Imaginations, thoughts, reasonings, concepts, speculations philosophies etc. against the knowledge of God (2Cor.10:3-5)

- What we God's Children wrestle with and against, Spiritual Principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, spiritual wickedness in high places (the heavenlies) (Ephesian 6:12) (but also read vs 11-18)

- We are not to be entangled (to weave in, get caught up in) with the affairs of this life (2Tim.2:3,4)

- What we are to do and what we are think on in order to have the peace of God (Philippians 4:4-9) (Isaiah 26:3,4 & 30:15)