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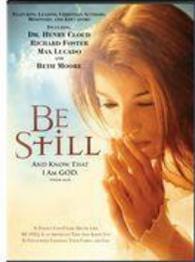
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Warning Against Divination

Deuteronomy 18:9, 10

When you enter the land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the detestable things of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or a

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Warning Against Divination

Deuteronomy 18:11-13

For one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For whoever does these things is detestable to the Lord; and because of these detestable things the Lord your God will drive them out before you. You shall be blameless before the Lord your God.

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The Definition of Divination

Old Testament Scholar Eugene Merrill:

The phrase practitioners of divination refers generally to the whole complex of means of gaining insight from the gods regardless of any particular technique.

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At Issue: To Whom We Listen

Deuteronomy 18:14, 15

For those nations, which you shall dispossess, listen to those who practice witchcraft and to diviners, but as for you, the Lord your God has not allowed you to do so. The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him.

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God's Ordained Mediator Is Necessary or We Will Die in God's Presence

Deuteronomy 18:16, 17

This is according to all that you asked of the Lord your God in Horeb on the day of the assembly, saying, **Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, let me not see this great fire anymore, lest I die.** And the Lord said to me, **They have spoken well.**

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The Prophet Will Speak God's Words

Deuteronomy 18:18, 19

I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And it shall come about that **whoever will not listen to My words which he shall speak in My name, **I Myself will require it of him.****

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Jesus Is the Prophet Predicted in Deut. 18 Who Speaks God's Words

John 12:48

He who rejects Me, and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.

- Jesus Christ came in the flesh and spoke God's authoritative words

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The True Prophet Must Be Identified

Deuteronomy 18:20

But the prophet who shall speak a word presumptuously in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or which he shall speak in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.

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How False Prophets Are Identified

Deuteronomy 18:21, 22

And you may say in your heart, **How shall we know the word which the Lord has not spoken? When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.**

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A Doctrinal Test As Well

Deuteronomy 13:1-3

If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, **Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them, **you shall not listen to the words of that prophet** or that dreamer of dreams; for the Lord your God is **testing you to find out if you love** the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.**

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God Spoke to Moses Alone Directly

- Deuteronomy 5:30, 31
- Exodus 19:21-23
- Exodus 20:19-21
- Deuteronomy 34:10

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The Tent of Meeting Was for Moses Only

Exodus 33:7

Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, a good distance from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And it came about, that everyone who sought the Lord would go out to the tent of meeting which was outside the camp.

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The Tent of Meeting Was for Moses Only

Exodus 33:8

And it came about, whenever Moses went out to the tent, that all the people would arise and stand, each at the entrance of his tent, and gaze after Moses until he entered the tent.

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Moses Entered—the People Did Not

Exodus 33:9, 10

And it came about, whenever Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent; and the Lord would speak with Moses. When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would arise and worship, each at the entrance of his tent.

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Joshua Guarded the Tent

Exodus 33:11

Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses returned to the camp, his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

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What Happens When Moses's Unique Role Is Challenged

Numbers 12:1-10

Miriam and Aaron get leprosy

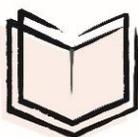
Leviticus 10:1, 2

Nadab and Abihu die

Numbers 16:1-33

Korah, Dathan, and Abiram challenge Moses's authority to mediate the covenant, and drop immediately into Sheol

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God Raised Up the Prophet Moses Predicted Who %Tabernacled+Here

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh, and **dwelt** among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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John 2:19-21

Jesus answered and said to them, %**Destroy** this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.+The Jews therefore said, %**It** took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?+But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

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Transfiguration

Mark 9:2, 3

And six days later, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up to a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; and His garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth can whiten them.

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Peter Wants Three Tents of Meeting

Mark 9:4, 5

And Elijah appeared to them along with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter answered and said to Jesus, %**Rabbi**, it is good for us to be here; and let us **make three tabernacles**, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.+

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%Listen to Him+(Deut. 18:15)

Mark 9:6-8

For he did not know what to answer; for they became terrified. Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, %**This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!**+And all at once they looked around and saw no one with them anymore, except Jesus alone.

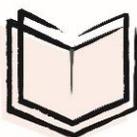
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JesusqWords Are Authoritative

John 5:45-47

%**Do** not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; **for he wrote of Me**. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?+

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God’s Full and Final Revelation Is in Christ

Hebrews 1:1, 2

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

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Christ, the True Tent of Meeting, Finished His Work and Moved His Mediatorial Role to Heaven

Hebrews 1:3

And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, **He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high;**

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We Neglect Our Salvation if We Fail to Listen to Jesus’s Words

Hebrews 2:1-3

For this reason we must pay much closer attention to **what we have heard**, lest we drift away from it. For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first **spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,**

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Our High Priest Is In Heaven

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore **draw near with confidence to the throne of grace**, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

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There Is Only One Legitimate Tent of Meeting—It’s in Heaven

Hebrews 8:1, 2

Now the main point in what has been said is this: we have such a high priest, **who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens**, a minister in the sanctuary, and **in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man.**

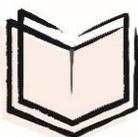
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Hebrews 9:11, 12

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, **He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands**, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

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Jesus, Our Mediator, Has Done It All

Hebrews 10:12-13

ō but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet. For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

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People Lust for a More Tangible Religious Experience

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things **not seen**.

1Peter 1:8

and though **you have not seen Him**, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him,

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A Solemn Warning. It Is Worse to Fail to Listen to Jesus Than it Was to Fail to Listen to Moses

Hebrews 12:25

See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less shall we escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven.

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We Must Come to God Through the Mediator or the Fire Will Kill Us

Hebrews 12:28, 29

Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for **our God is a consuming fire**.

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False Prophets Serve an Important Role in God's Economy

Deuteronomy 13:1-3

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We Find Salvation When We Draw Near Through Christ, the True Mediator

Hebrews 7:25

Hence, also, **He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him**, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

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