

# NEW AGE Pt.19: MEDITATION in CHURCH, SOAKING PRAYER, WITCHCRAFT

I've been covering the New Age Emergent Churches so that we can now clearly see the New Age meditative practices they are teaching in those churches.

## SOAKING PRAYER

I covered this back in 2015 in the sermon titled "Evil Spirit or Holy Spirit Pt. 3."



Soaking Prayer. This is where you just lay around and soak in God's presence. You are not praying to Him, you are not praising Him but you believe He is just pouring His Spirit out on you. This is comparable to New Age meditation practices because these people are believing for mystical experiences. So now they are teaching that you don't pray and communicate with God, you just offer yourself up to Him believing He's just going to pour His Holy Spirit out on you as you bask before Him. This is not found in Scripture at all. God moves with purpose. And He does not move like this. This is just repackaging New Age practices in the guise of something Christian. This is not in the Bible and there is no purpose in this except selfishness, wanting God to pour His power out on you just for the sake of an experience.

They are teaching people to shortcut actually building a relationship with God and growing in His Word. People that fall for this are getting connected with satan and the fallen angels. Lying signs and wonders (**2 Thess.2:3-12**) will be poured out on them – NOT God’s Spirit. You have to do the work and put the time in to develop a relationship with God or anyone for that matter. There are no shortcuts. You want more of God’s power in your life, get on your knees more, get in His Word more, pray more, give, praise and worship Him, fast, use your gifts and talents for His Kingdom, live a righteous life. Do these things continually not just once in a while or when you have a crisis. That’s what you gotta do. It takes time, not just laying on the floor believing God’s going to just give you an amazing experience just for the fun of it.

As Christians we can be silent before God in prayer, listening for Him to speak to us. But we don’t just lie there waiting for Him to give us a supernatural experience. Those that are doing this have not read and studied God’s Word and are being deceived into satanic practices. The only interaction that will happen here is demonic activity. Because they do not know God and how to interact with Him because they are not reading and studying His Word. They are submitting themselves to false teachers, these teachers know full well what they are doing on satan’s behalf and some of them may also be deceived themselves. I believe it’s a mixture, but the high level ones know full well they serve satan and they know what’s being accomplished. A false teacher, luciferian, freemason, witch has a satanic anointing on their lives and so all those submitted under their teaching will receive of that same satanic anointing.



Beni Johnson "soaking" with young people in Switzerland.

This is Beni Johnson from Bethel Church in Redding, CA. "Soaking" with young people in Switzerland. She has since passed away. She was married to the guru, Bill Johnson and they are part of the emergent church movement spreading these occult practices out to the whole world.

This has been around at least since 2008. They say you just lay down or sit down and forget all your agendas and prayer request – **forget them**. \*Forget your prayer requests because you are not going to pray.\* It is quiet time focusing on Jesus and inviting the Holy Spirit to soak you in His presence. You quiet your mind and be awakened in your spirit. **Don't pray or worship, you just receive.**

Me: Look at how selfish that is. It is all centered around believing you will have a supernatural/mystical experience. The people who have bought into this are not serving the God of the Bible. The experiences they have are not of God or Jesus or the Holy Spirit but are demonic in nature. Jesus told us not to let any man deceive us. **(Matt.24:4)** These people have allowed themselves to be deceived. They are not studying God's Word to know the truth for themselves. **(Acts 17:11,**

**2 Tim.2:15)** Nowhere in Scripture do we see anyone interacting with God like this. Don't pray. Don't worship. Just receive.

**Hosea 4:6** - My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to Me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of Thy God, I will also forget thy children.

God was speaking to His priests here. They were not keeping His law and they were not teaching it to the people either. So this means that no one was obeying God. And because they were not serving God then they were perishing without His protection and blessing on their lives. And He says that He would not remember their children which is to say He would not be blessing their lives and protecting them either. When you lived obediently God's blessing would be on your seedline to the thousandth generation. (**Exodus 20:6**)

We are now priests and kings unto God. (**Rev.1:6, Rev.5:10**) The veil of the temple was torn and Jesus was the final sacrifice. Now those who are saved through Christ, and baptized and sealed by the Holy Spirit, we are God's priests, we can go directly to Him in prayer. We don't have to seek a priest or a prophet to pray and seek Him, because of Jesus and the blood He shed for us and the life He gave for us we can go directly to God in prayer. Let's not perish because we are not reading and studying His Word and so we get caught up and deceived into these type of satanic practices which is what "soaking prayer" is.

This is called soaking **PRAYER**, however you don't pray. When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, this is what He told them. **Luke 11:2** – And He said unto them, When ye pray, SAY (not lay down and meditate in your mind – He said to speak out the Words), Our Father which art in heaven,... So satan is using the idea of a supernatural experience, through this soaking prayer, to draw people away from actually praying and communicating their needs and wants to the Father. And stopping worship of God through prayer. He now has deceived people to just lay down believing God's just going to do miraculous things when what it is really going to be is a demonic experience.

People are hungry for the supernatural and they are chasing mystical experiences. They are chasing a feeling, an emotion, an experience. In chasing this, they are not chasing God, not seeking Him the way He has said to in His Word. An emotion or feeling is going to deceive you. You are not going to grow in Christ if you always have to have a certain feeling or emotion or experience. This actually mirrors mysticism, the mystery religions and is not Holy. The church today is falling away from solid doctrine and moving toward emotions, feelings and demonic experiences instead. They want to be entertained and experience the miraculous but they don't want to take the time to build a relationship with God through reading and studying His Word and prayer. They don't want to put the time in to live obedient lives and wait on God. They want God to dance to their tune.

He is after sincere seekers, those with pure hearts who are hungering and thirsting after righteousness. **(Matt.5:6)** You have to grow in Christ and draw nearer to God for Him to pour more of His Spirit out in your life. It is a process and it takes time. He will draw nearer to those who seek Him in prayer, read His Word, fast, tithe and give, use their gifts and talents serving in His Kingdom, love fellowship with true saints and live righteous lives.

\*Please play this video – Toronto Airport “church” launched this New Age practice of soaking prayer. STOP They have centers established to do this occult practice all over the world now. They point out that there is no difference between this type of practice and New Age practices.\*(about 1 min.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2W9Y6IMy4CA>

The words you couldn't read onscreen when they were playing the music said, “What is the difference between soaking prayer and new age?” You will never see me do this. This is not how you get close to God and this is not how you obtain more of His power in your life and this is not how He moves in your life.

\*Please play from 31:13 to 34:40 Sid Roth demonstrates soaking prayer. STOP

He says he's going to mentor his television audience in "the lost art of soaking". He says he is "meshugenah" which is a Hebrew word that means crazy and says he has a whole studio of crazy people. This is the opposite of being in your right mind or sober minded as God says to be. He has a pianist singing things like "I release my inhibitions, I release my preconditions, I release myself to what you want to do, I release my gloom and sadness etc...." This is just like what people meditating in yoga do also.\*(about 3.5 min's)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=MSh6UNJbgUE>

These are New Age meditative practices repackaged as part of Christianity when it is not of God at all. Notice they showed a picture of people at a yoga meditation retreat and they were all laying down meditating. Just like what the cult churches are now doing and calling it soaking prayer when it is just New Age meditation.

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## **CLOSING**

**1 Tim.4:1-2** – Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils (demons); speaking lies in hypocrisy (false pretense); having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

The false teachers in these New Age churches don’t have a conscience, they have listened to seducing spirits. A seducing spirit is a deceptive or deceiving spirit and that is an evil spirit, a demon and its purpose is to draw you away from the truth, away from righteousness, away from Jesus and away from God’s Word. These false teachers have been seduced away from Jesus already and they are filled with demons and they are teaching what the demons want them to teach and that is ungodly practices so that the unsuspecting people attending these churches will open the doors wide for the fallen angels to come in and wreak havoc in their lives.

These false teachers teaching people to do soaking prayer are leading them away from godly prayer and away from Jesus and connecting them with demons. These people are submitting to these false teachers and the demonic anointing is transferring to them. This soaking prayer is witchcraft because what is being summoned by doing this perversion is demons. Witches summon demons, they themselves have demons inside of themselves, and they work with animals that



have demons inside of them. How do you think witches cast spells and curses and try to manipulate people. How do they get their power? They work hand in hand with demons. These false teachers are witches.

The churches practicing these type of things are emergent churches. Emergent churches are just cult centers. They are New Age and are of the occult. Soaking prayer is New Age meditation, it is not prayer at all and even the ones that use short prayers are just a twist on using mantras or chants. None of this is of God.

Next week I'm going to show you some more variations of prayer in the church that is actually New Age meditation just like soaking prayer is.

## **PRAYER**

Deceptive New Age Soaking Prayer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2W9Y6IMy4CA>

Truth On Laying Of Hands: Witches In Church, Manasseh Jordan Exposed, Sid Roth/Bethel Soaking!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=MSh6UNJbgUE>

<https://crosscountersmin.com/general-info/soaking-an-old-unbiblical-game-with-a-new-name/>