

Avoid This Popular but Demonic New-Age Practice

Is it OK for Christians to sage their homes? No, it's not OK. Let's find out why.

First of all, what is "saging" or "smudging"? And where does it originate from? Burning sage is a ritualistic practice originally used by Native American shamans to spiritually cleanse the atmosphere of an area, such as a home or a person from evil spirits, negative energy or to release healing.

What is a shaman? A quick search on Google defines a shaman as "a person regarded as having access to, and influence in, the world of good and evil spirits, especially among some peoples of northern Asia and North America. Typically such people enter a trance state during a ritual and practice divination and healing." Other names for a shaman would be medicine man or woman, sorcerer or witch doctor.

This practice of saging a house is common among followers of New Age and shamanistic beliefs, and sadly, is becoming increasingly popular in Christian homes. Why would this practice go against Christian beliefs? Because the center of Christianity is Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, our Savior, our Deliverer, our Healer. Acts 4:12 tells us, "There is no salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Whom should we trust to save us from evil?

"My soul waits in silence on God alone; from Him comes my salvation" (Ps. 62:1).

Acts 4:12 has this to say concerning Jesus as our Savior, "There is no salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

"But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one" (2 Thess. 3:3).

"The Lord shall protect you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul" (Ps. 121:7).

What does the Bible have to say about those who practice witchcraft?

Revelation 18:23 says concerning the practice of witchcraft, "The light of a lamp shall shine in you no more, and the voice of bridegroom and of bride shall be heard in you no more. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, and all nations were deceived by your sorcery" (Rev. 18:23).

What does Revelation 21:8 have to say about this? "But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the abominable, the murderers, the sexually immoral, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars shall have their portion in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone. This is the second death."

Galatians 5:19-21, "Now the works of the flesh are revealed, which are these: adultery, sexual immorality, impurity, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousy, rage, selfishness, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you, as I previously warned you, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Let's take a moment to pray a simple but heartfelt prayer of repentance from this evil practice in the name of Jesus.

Father God,

Forgive us for not understanding that burning sage to protect us and cleanse us from evil spirits is a sin. And that such sinful practices testify that we do not believe in the power of the redemptive blood of Jesus to deliver and protect us from evil. Jesus forgive us for not valuing Your blood.

Cleanse us and our homes from any and all lingering spiritual effects of this demonic activity. From this moment forward, we renounce the ties to this occult practice. Help us, Holy Spirit, in these last days to use godly wisdom found in Your Word for us this day.

In Jesus' name we pray, amen. {eo}

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