

THE END-TIME SPIRIT OF JEZEBEL

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Lesson I – INTRODUCTION

The following words can never be heard enough – “we are in the midst of a war”. Actually, to be frank and realistic, God’s people today are facing the most intense spiritual battle and fierce demonic onslaught and warfare ever encountered in the history of mankind, and most certainly the fiercest battle ever faced by the Apostolic Church since it was born over 2000 years ago. Never, since time began, have the spiritual principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and the spiritual wickedness in high places been more evident, more emboldened, more obvious, more zealous, and more determined than in the days in which we live.

Immorality is on course to lead the world into absolute decay as the moral fibers of society at large (not to mention the mainstream church) are broken and the traditional, and moreover biblical, values of life are abandoned. What was once wrong is now right. What used to be sin and immoral is now welcomed and openly celebrated on the platforms and stages of a lukewarm church. The face of wickedness and corruption in all aspects of society is, without hesitation or shame, boldly displayed on every social media platform, which in turn normalizes sin. Those who attempt to stand up for Truth, godliness, and purity can expect to be labeled as “intolerant”, out of touch, a threat to society, and legalistic.

Demons and demonic powers dance in the eyes of the “new age” generation that is attempting to take over society by cancelling everything and anything that God’s Word stands for. The determination of these demonically driven human beings surpasses anything ever witnessed in modern-day history. If God’s people do not rise to the same level of zealousness and “determination” in spiritual warfare and targeted overcoming, the church of God will most certainly suffer the most significant defeat it has ever witnessed since the day of Pentecost.

Spiritual wickedness in high places, which represents fiery dragon warfare, is determined to defeat those destined to the throne of God's Eternal Kingdom, the Bride of Christ, and the Sons of God. The dragon's breath is like melting fire.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58). NIV

This is the moment to STAND FIRM with zealous, fiery, hot determination whilst allowing NOTHING TO MOVE us away from the Truth that continues to set us free! Stand therefore...(Ephesians 6:14)

JEZEBEL THE PROPHETESS - False Inspiration:

We have all heard of the spirit of Jezebel, we have all heard about the power of witchcraft – and yet, after all our *hearing* and *learning*, *the lives of countless believers remain in lockdown due to these demonic forces*. Today we will learn a little more about this spirit that unfortunately dominates the church world. We will also learn why the truth about this subject doesn't seem to sink in and grab our hearts.

First, many don't listen to the information given, **secondly**, if they do listen, they don't take it to heart, and **thirdly**, they do not practice the Truth they receive to combat this spirit. So, today, let's pay attention and moreover bury the Truth on our hearts and go forth practicing the Truth – live the Truth and live in the truth and the Truth in you!

Jesus Himself taught the **Thyatira church** about Jezebel. Jesus presented all the messages to the Seven Churches; however, it was the "Son of God" that manifest Himself to Thyatira and brought the warnings concerning Jezebel to their attention:

And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass (Revelation 2:18).

The Thyatira church age was the longest of all seven church ages, lasting approximately 1,000 years, from mid-500 A.D. to mid-1500 A.D. This era is often referred to as the "Dark Ages." The dominant religious authority during this time was the Catholic Church, which ruled with an iron fist and held absolute power over the church and the religious landscape. It was during this period of religious bondage that Jezebel ruled. The same "dark ages" of religious apathy, death, and darkness rule the church landscape today.

Jesus had some harsh things to say about the spirit that kept the church in chains, specifically the Jezebel spirit. He also had stern words for those who yielded and succumbed to Jezebel's influence and "teaching." There are very few demonic entities that Jesus warned about and named by name—but Jezebel is certainly one of them. We have reason to pay attention and awaken to this fact!

Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. (Revelation 2:20)

This spirit comes as a "spirit of inspiration", false inspiration.

- Jezebel inspired Ahab to perform the wicked deed against Naboth
- She inspired her prophets, the prophets of Baal
- She inspired a whole nation to turn their back on God and to worship the lord Baal.

She calls herself a “prophetess”, a female who is inspired. It is one thing to be recognized in the calling and mantle under which God has placed you. It is another thing to “call yourself” something, or someone. False inspiration feeds this spirit that imitates the true anointing and mantle of another. The spirit of deception feeds upon false inspiration.

The breath of prophetic inspiration the proceeds from the fiery presence, throne, and mouth of God is powerful and life changing. **But the Jezebel spirit imitates the inspiration from the mouth, spirit, and breath of God.** This is the false inspiration and strange fire that is spreading through the church world. Many are calling themselves prophets, end-time messengers, and the voice of God. The prophetic word concerning false prophets rising among us in the end-times is taking place before our eyes.

The first time God breathed the breath, *naw-sham-ah* (inspiration), into mankind, he was in a particular state and condition. **He was in a “lifeless form.”**

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (Genesis 2:7)

Man was **fashioned and framed for a purpose.** He was molded into a form that could and would perform God’s will and purpose; however, the form did not give him life. The form was specifically designed to house, or host, the breath, the life, and the inspiration of His Divine Spirit and presence giving man the ability to accomplish God’s purpose. But without the **breath of inspiration** the form was just that – a dead, lifeless, empty image.

This is the condition or state of existence that man was in when God breathed the breath of inspiration into him. A lifeless form at the feet of the Almighty. So, you feel like your spiritual life is a dead form. Maybe you have walked with God for many years, you have repented countless times, you have prayed, studied the Word, done your part to practice the Word – however, you feel like your “religion” is a dead form. You must understand, that through where you have already walked the hands of God have been molding you, fashioning the form, the form into which He desires to breath His fire of inspiration. We have been in a place of molding – being fashioned as God’s purpose desires. But that is NOT where it ends.

It is the ones in the condition of form without breath that the Jezebel spirit is mostly attracted to. Those who are a spiritually lifeless form. *She wants to use that form to her advantage.* This is why **Jezebel, witchcraft, and religion,** walk hand in hand. They are the wicked trinity, as it were, at war in the church today that in general is in a state of an empty form. It is the picture of the bones in the valley of Ezekiel. *It is to those that the Jezebel spirit, witchcraft, and religious forms are the most threatening.*

Jezebel, **“calls herself” a prophetess** – she manifests herself as an **inspired one,** one with answers, knowledge, power, wisdom, insight, spiritual gifts, and guidance. The most vulnerable ones to become trapped by Jezebel and witchcraft are those who have the strongest religious forms but are void of the breath and anointing of God! When your prayer, worship, service,

separation, and ministry are not infused with the inspired breath of God, you are an empty form, an empty vessel, and an open door vulnerable to the Jezebel spirit entering and dictating her poison into your life and religion.

With her inspiration, this demonic power attempts to “teach” [train, give knowledge] and to “seduce” (to roam [from safety, truth, or virtue], go astray, deceive, err, seduce, wander, be out of the way).

What’s the difference between true inspiration and false inspiration? The source.

Jezebel was a worshipper of Baal (we will talk more about that in coming weeks). But this spirit has and is leading/teaching and seducing the church into Baal worship as it did in the days of King Ahab of Israel. Jezebel had 450 prophets under her influence – these were not heathens but Israelites who had been snatched away from the Living God to worship Baal. However, God raised a prophet in those days to tackle and defeat Baal worship in opposition of Jezebel – his name was Elijah. (Elijah is made of two Hebrew words – EL, Strong one, Almighty, God, and JAH, Yahweh, the self-existent one who reveals Himself. Elijah means the strong revealer, the revelation of God almighty). It is the spirit and power of Elijah that God has promised to cause to fall and minister in the days before the return of Jesus.

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. (Matthew 7:15)

False prophecy can be accurate, but the source is wrong. It is the source of the words, the music, the lyrics, or the prediction that create the impact and effect. A false source will produce a false effect whereas a pure source produces a pure effect. The source of true inspiration is God; the mouth and breath of God, and the presence of God seated on the throne of the Kingdom of God. True inspiration will honor the authority of God, whereas false inspiration will lift and honor man’s own devices, plans, purpose, and will.

A popular theology in the church today teaches gullible believers to proclaim “I am.” Because God proclaims that He is “I Am” man believes He also has the right to proclaim “I am” whatever I profess to be. This has become a source of inspiration, false inspiration, filling the religious forms of the church world. The source of true inspiration is God, the I am. All inspiration with its origin in Him is always directed toward Him.

For example, the bride in the Song of Solomon states, “My beloved is mine and I am His” (S.S. 2:16). This is true inspiration - I am His! The inspiration that flows from the throne of God will always speak in honor of Him who rules not in honor of he/she who is inspired.

Elijah was one of the prophetic voices leading the school of the prophets. One of the main reasons for the school of the prophets, or discipleship training, was to combat “false inspiration.” False inspiration, false prophets, and misleading voices were a huge problem in Old testament times. Jesus warns that the same will be a problem that will be faced in the end-times.

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: (Malachi 4:5)

Why Elijah? Why not Moses, why not Ezekiel, why not Jeremiah or Isaiah or any of the other prominent and mighty prophets? Their mantle and ministries were for their time and season to speak an inspired word for that day and season, words that reach into our lives and spiritual journey. But Elijah's mantle, ministry, and message are specific for today – why? Because we face the same spirit today as in his day! What did he face – JEZEBEL, WITCHCRAFT, AND BAAL WORSHIP, or a FALSE RELIGION.

Elijah's message was simple and the point:

And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. (1 Kings 18:21)

The two opinions (divided in mind and sentiment) are a problem in the church world today. God and Baal. Truth and error. Light and darkness. While God's people halt (hop, skip over, and hesitate) between two opinions Jezebel and her "prophets", her inspired demonic powers dominate and rule in the domain of God's Kingdom.

The inspired voice of the spirit and power of Elijah will force you to make-a-decision – God and His Kingdom or Baal and the world. Two opinions will not do. Get filled with the breath of inspiration.

Lesson II – Hosting Jezebel

God's Word does not specifically call Jezebel "a spirit". However, she exhibited certain characteristics that were demonically infused and carried power from the spiritual world. The traits of Jezebel have come to represent a Jezebel spirit, something we need to take heed to.

Jezebel is seventh on the list of being the most mentioned female's in the Bible. Sarah is number one appearing by name 60 times. Mary, the Mother of Jesus is eight on the list appearing 19 times by name. Jezebel appears 20 times. There is reason for this and there is reason that Jesus mentions her and rebukes the Thyatira church because of her presence in their midst. Obviously, it was not the Jezebel of old that was working in Thyatira, probably some woman in the Thyatira church carried the spirit and traits of Jezebel, a spirit carrying Jezebel's names sake due to the demons she herself carried and worked under and by.

The name Jezebel ironically means: PURE, A VIRGIN. However, this spirit is anything but pure. Her name conveys the craftiness and power she has to portray herself as something that she is not. This is what Jezebel, witchcraft, and religion all have in common. Nothing is as it seems.

The message concerning Jezebel was not just for the Thyatira church – it was for all of the churches:

*And I will kill her children with death; and **all the churches shall know** that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. (Revelation 2:23)*

To understand the spirit of Jezebel better it would behoove us to take a quick-eagle-eye-view at some of the things that this spirit hates as well as some of the characteristics of this spirit. Everyone who hosts or carries this spirit will also exhibit at least five of these eight dislikes/hates and eight characteristics common to the spirit of Jezebel.

You may question whether or not you yourself carry and host a Jezebel spirit. We cannot expect to overcome this spirit in our immediate surroundings, homes, and churches if we ourselves host Jezebel. Many people attempt to overcome this spirit and yet in their personal lives they suffer, they allow, permit, and leave alone the very spirit they are attempting to take down. WHY? In most cases they are not aware that they too are a host for Jezebel.

What does it mean to HOST A SPIRIT?

To host means to receive and to entertain a guest. Hosting begins with preparing a place and receiving, welcoming, and from there we entertain the presence of "the guest".

Hosting a spirit alters the state of mind and conscious thinking and feeling, as well as associated behaviors caused by the hosted spirit.

Hosting the presence of God is exactly the same - preparing a place for Him and welcoming God's presence by entertaining His presence in worship and adoration. We entertain by giving enjoyment to, or giving attention and consideration to the one we host. We host the Jezebel spirit in the same manner. This was Thyatira's problem – they suffered Jezebel – they hosted, gave attention to, entertained her and gave heed to her doctrine and seduction...

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It's a shocking reality to come to the knowledge of the powers of darkness that we, as God's people, host! These are spirits we entertain – spirits we give consideration and attention too!!!!

This prophetess spirit will inspire you into that which will ultimately produce death in your spiritual life, but it will also disrupt and cause failure in your natural relationships. This spirit causes sickness and tribulation (affliction, trouble, pressure, anguish, burdens). This describes anxiety and oppression!

Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. (Revelation 2:22)

Vs. 23 – I will kill her children with death

So many of God's people experience this death – they experience This spirit is nothing to play with. It is real, it is powerful, it is heavily demonic, and actually is the very depths of Satan:

*But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the **depths of Satan**, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. (Revelation 2:24)*

Do you host this spirit?? Lets look at things this spirit hates to identify her...

Some of these traits that we are about to look at may simply be part of your make-up, traits that you have inherited and are in your DNA, but if they are then you are also more susceptible to the Jezebel spirit grabbing you and you, whether aware or un-aware, hosting that spirit.

There is a whole lot more to Jezebel than what we see here, but the following eight things Jezebel hates and eight characteristics she exhibits are some of the obvious ways this demonic power move within a church setting (or even in a worldly setting such as in a home or a workplace).

Lesson III - 8 Things Jezebel's Hate

First, we will take a look at eight things Jezebel hates. Examine yourself and take note as to whether or not you also find yourself despising, or hating, the things that the Jezebel spirit disdains. You may have this spirit working on you, in you, and through you without you even being aware of it. If you do, I counsel you to seek deliverance as this spirit will snuff out the fire of God's Spirit in your life and it will quench the breath, voice, and the power of divine inspiration – the voice of prophecy. Allow me to tell you eight things I know this spirit hates:

1. **Authority** – she attempted and threatened to destroy Elijah who was the representative of God's authority in the land. This spirit will not submit to authority, and if it does it will be in pretense only. She will say "yes" but mean "no". This spirit will always attempt to undermine Godly authority.

(In New Zealand – Jezebel hosting "prayer meetings" in her home without my knowledge. Gathering everyone together apart from me – stirring strife, planting seeds of discontent)

2. **Opposition** - Jezebel's hate being opposed. Jezebels cannot tolerate being told "no" to things they want to do, have planned, or wish to accomplish.

(I was intimidated by this one woman - I hid, I avoided her – I lost power because I feared her, her words, attacks, threats, and actions - until I knew I couldn't hide anymore. I came out swinging so much so that I told her and her husband to leave the church – ha, they refused)

3. **Losing a fight** – Jezebels will not lose a fight without starting another one. If it appears that she is losing grip or losing a battle, she will start a new "battle" in which she feels she will succeed and come out on top.

(In another church where we were pastors, we had a full blown Jezebel in our church, but she also rented the apartment in our basement. Long story short, when we finally confronted that spirit and took it down, she started more wars through gossip, rumor, and defamation. Jezebel's have taken many good men down. They WILL NOT ACCEPT DEFEAT. If you face this spirit be ready for a battle. We will talk about this aspect in another study)

4. **Rebuke** – Jezebels will not accept rebuke and will never genuinely repent.

5. **Grace** – Jezebels insist on passing down the law and harsh judgements to others without grace but *expect nothing but grace on themselves or on others who walk in her carnality and example*. However, anyone who does not fit her mold is harshly judged.

(Jezebels have no tolerance for people who display the same weaknesses that they themselves have, but hide. For example, this one Jezebel I am referring to – she has no grace for anyone who may have some form of sexual weakness. And yet, she herself, has become pregnant out of wedlock, has slept with men when they were married to someone else, has married four husbands, and has divorced three of them claiming they were all having affairs. And yet, she heaps grace and favor on all of those who support her cause no matter what they do).

6. **Men** – Jezebels hate men, especially Elijah’s or those truly prophetically inspired (she killed the prophets). Men can also carry a Jezebel spirit and the men who host the Jezebel spirit also hate men of authority, godly men, strong men, and upright men. Men who carry Jezebel spirits are more often than not drawn to work with, walk with, and accept a woman rather than another man, unless Jezebel controls the man!

The feminist movement in the world today is inspired by the prophetic breath of Jezebel. It works to undermine men and the authority they carry.

7. **Holiness** – The Jezebel spirit is the master of seduction into everything that is impure and unclean. She masks her hate of holiness by cloaking it with a “form of godliness”, but it is a false form that has no power – it is a form that denies the power of holiness.

(Oh, this is a touchy subject with Jezebels – you see worldliness, carnality, and sensuality, is all part of Jezebel’s weaponry. Laying down worldliness means losing power. She uses these things to flatter, seduce, and provoke.

*And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she **painted her face**, and **tired her head**, and looked out at a window. (2 Kings 9:30)*

Painted means: to disguise, convey a message, to purpose something, to tread down

Tired her head: make her hair beautiful, sweet, make better, to please, and make cheerful
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Jezebel attempted to use her sensuality and carnality, and her so-called beauty, to defeat Jehu who had come to destroy her. Examine yourself! Why don’t you like separation – who are you attempting to allure, influence, impact, manipulate etc through your carnality??

8. **Jezebel’s hates Truthfulness** – Jezebels are dishonest and hide when it comes to their own issues – they are not truthful. They lie about themselves and about others. They lie to themselves about themselves. The hardest thing for Jezebel’s to confess is “I have a problem”, “I have an issue that I am struggling with”. They will put their issues onto others.

Do you host a Jezebel spirit? Many do – you may too, and if so you need to seek deliverance from this spirit. You can get deliverance by repentance...,

And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. (Revelation 2:21)

...or you may need to seek deliverance by an anointed servant of God to lay hands on you. Either way, seek it – stop entertaining this spirit. Stop allowing her, suffering her dominance and influence in your life!

CONTROL:

The absolute end-game of a Jezebel spirit, witchcraft, and religion is **the control** of your life in general, control of any individual and specific situations or projects, control of the home, control in a relationship, control of your environment, and control of the church and the church leadership.

Nothing can or will wear down your life or the church leadership like a Jezebel spirit. It is like a constant and consistent dripping tap – drip, drip, drip, drip – not a rush, not always an obvious flow, but a nagging drip in the background that seemingly cannot be stopped.

Lesson IV - EIGHT CHARACTERISTICS EXHIBITED BY JEZEBEL: Jezebel's Power to Manipulate

The Jezebel spirit seeks ***dominance and control*** through the following eight powerful characteristics that she displays. The following eight characteristics also relate directly or indirectly to the eight things the Jezebel spirit hates.

1. **Deception** – Jezebels uses deception, lies, smoke-screens, and false impressions to maneuver her way into a family, into a church group, a leadership team, a ministry, or position of authority.
2. **Manipulation** – Along with deception comes the sister act of manipulation. Deception and manipulation go hand in hand. To manipulate means to cleverly influence something or someone into going along with or believing something. It also means to alter or present something in a way that will mislead. Manipulation is frequently presented with truth, but it is truth that has been altered, subtracted from, added to, or twisted in a manner to manipulate an outcome.
3. **Strong Leadership** – Jezebels exhibit strong and powerful leadership abilities. They present themselves as capable leaders.
4. **Insubordination** – Jezebels will, in more cases than not, be insubordinate and non-submissive to leadership. If they do submit it will be in pretense only.
5. **Feigned/false repentance**. They will give a great outward show of repentance but this is only exactly that, a show. An inward and true turn-around is not a reality.
6. **Sexual immorality** – seduction, flirting, provocative appearance, uses sexuality to draw attention to herself (this works on both males and females who carry a Jezebel spirit)
7. **Pride** – Arrogance, pride, an inflated view of themselves – Jezebel's are quick to "call themselves a prophetess", or any other title that they choose. To take that from them is like taking a lolly-pop from a two year old.
8. **Threats** – When Jezebel does not get her way she will spew out threats to bring her victims into submission.

MANIPULATION:

I want to further look at Jezebels ability and her ***power to manipulate God's servants***, especially the ones called to carry the breath and voice of inspiration into doing something that seemed right, but was totally wrong.

Manipulation always has a goal, or an outcome. There is always a sought after result with manipulation. Throughout my entire ministry I have encountered the Jezebel spirit of

manipulation. I could spend all day writing and speaking about my experiences with Jezebels who have attempted to manipulate my life, my choices, my ministry, and more. Jezebel manipulates through:

- **Flattery** (words that are like a spider's web to trap and ensnare you)

For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman (Proverbs 6:23-24)

Flattery means excessive and insincere praise, given especially to further one's own interests

The flatterer always has his/her own interest at heart. Flattery is a means of manipulation to bring you into submission to a *cause and an effect*. Flattery uses phrases such as: you are the best, there is no one like you, I would ever only follow you, you are, you are, you are...

And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. (Acts 16:16-17)

This girl had a spirit of divination. The word divination actually means "inspired". She, like Jezebel, had a false breath of inspiration. In this case the falsely inspired breath used flattery on Paul, Silas and those with them in an attempt to bolster their ego and divert their attention from God's power to themselves and their "greatness". Flattery will always attempt to draw your attention to your abilities, powers, greatness, and gifts.

- **Threats** (placing fear and doubt on you)

And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, (Acts 4:29)

Threats, as with the other tactics of manipulation, are for the purpose of controlling someone to do the will of another against their own will.

- **Money** (both giving and withholding money – withholding funds joins with threatening)

And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, (Acts 8:18)

Money is all about reward. The Jezebel spirit uses 'rewards' as a means of manipulation. "If you do this, I will give you this". This is one of the main portals Jezebels uses to penetrate into the office of leadership. I will *give you* my loyalty, she promises. I will give you wealth, power, and position. Reward is as old as the Garden of Eden – do this and you be like God (it will pay you).

The “with-holding” of money is also a form of manipulation. “Lets see what you can do if I don’t support you”, “I won’t support you if you don’t do as I wish”, “you will fail without my support so in your best interest you should bow to my wish”, etc

- **Mood**

Mood means the atmosphere or pervading tone of something or someone. Jezebel’s are known to create and change the atmosphere in a home, church sanctuary, a meeting, a classroom, or in a job situation.

I used to have a woman in one of the churches where I was the senior shepherd and she used her “moods” in an attempt to manipulate me. She would know when to be happy to manipulate things in her direction, or when to practically threaten to commit suicide to manipulate the attention into her court. She would use her moods to cause me to drop everything I was doing and have to visit her and husband to find her curled up in a fettle position in a corner seeking attention. Jezebels use their mood to manipulate leaders to *do or not do as they please*. The manipulation comes through the threat of changing the atmosphere through mood (spirit).

- **Seduction**

- **Sensuality** (seduction and sensuality often go hand in hand, but not always. Sensuality is often displayed through sexual advances, insinuations, mind games, and temptations – whereas seduction is used through all manner of enticements).

Lesson V – Jezebel’s Manipulation – Seduction and Sensuality

➤ **Seduction** means to be **a wizard**, to mutter spells, to wail, and to be an imposter. Seduction and witchcraft are comrades that unite their *powers into an enticing web of entrapment*.

But evil men and seducers (wizards, spell mutterers) shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. (2 Timothy 3:13)

The end-game of seduction is deception. People with the Jezebel spirit are like wizards (a wizard is one who has certain “magical” or mysterious, supernatural powers). Jezebels carry this power, power to seduce through supernatural means. As a matter of fact, one of the great ways Jezebel’s can deceive is because of the powers they possess in the realms of the spirit. Jezebel’s wizard power comes through **MUTTERING**, among other things – **(to speak in a low almost inaudible voice, to speak privately or unofficially about someone or something, to spread rumor)**.

One of the powers of witchcraft works and minister’s through muttering – muttering also has to do with **repetitious words**, words spoken over and over. In other words, the power of validating

what is being spoken is in how often the words are spoken. The more often the words are spoken the more power they carry – they attract demons.

1. Seduce minds to believe something that is not true by repetition
2. Seduce a person to walk down a road or avenue they have no desire to walk – take you out of the way
3. Seduce a person to conduct themselves in a manner that does not relate to their own choices or who they are. This is witchcraft in action and such a spirit will wax worse and worse, or increase more and more in the last days.

➤ **Sensual** means the gratification of the natural, physical senses (especially that which involves sexual pleasure).

How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit (Jude 1:18-19).

Amplified Bible:

These are the ones who are [agitators] causing divisions—worldly-minded [secular, unspiritual, carnal, merely sensual], devoid of the Spirit.

Let's see an example of this spirit of manipulation by Jezebel:

Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water? (1 Kings 18:13)

This is speaking about Obadiah (He was the chief of staff in Ahab's Palace and government – this is not Obadiah the prophet). His name means "Servant of Yahweh". So, we are talking here about a servant of God and how he was *manipulated into doing something that he esteemed the right thing to do*.

Jezebel was busy killing the prophets of the LORD. She was silencing the voices of inspiration in the land that threatened her filthy ungodly influence among God's people. Jezebel didn't care if the prophets fled, as long as they were not hindering her mission in Jezreel. She did not pursue the fleeing prophets – she didn't even pursue Elijah when he fled (1 Kings 19:1-4). She just wanted all the inspired voices and their influence to be prevented or stopped in the land – either by outright slaughter or by causing them to flee by means of her threats and manipulation. Either way, as long as she can dominate and control.

For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.) (1 Kings 18:4)

The word **Cave** means: a dark cavern, a hole, den, to be bare and stripped naked.

This was not a positive place for the prophets to be in. I have been in the cave! I have hidden myself with a sigh of relief thanking God that I averted a Jezebel attack or onslaught. But, I was also the one imprisoned, silenced, hiding, while that spirit, Jezebel, was still loose and roaming freely influencing the people of God.

THIS CAVE is a dark place where inspired voices, prophets, are stripped of their prophetic mandate and anointing. Oh yes, they are still alive, but isolated and stripped naked of Godly inspiration and the breath of God. This is exactly what Jezebel is attempting to accomplish in your life. Hear what I'm saying to you!!!

Obadiah, as sincere as he may have been, aided in Jezebel's cause. The prophets that Obadiah hid in caves were essentially imprisoned and held captive in the cave, unable to speak, hiding in the dark, and stripped of their ability to fulfill their calling. Elijah himself found himself in a cave. When he went into hiding, Jezebel ceased her threats and pursuit of him – mission accomplished!

Look what happened...

*And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not **thy life** as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time. And when he saw that, he arose, and **went for his life**, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there. (1 Kings 19:1-3)*

Elijah, as bold as an ox and full of the fire and breath of inspiration, slew and took down 450 of the voices of the extension of Jezebel's demonically inspired voice and influence in the land. This stirs Jezebel to action and the manipulation begins with threats. The threat was against "THY LIFE".

This manipulative tactic of Jezebel caused Elijah himself to flee. Stop fleeing from this spirit! Next week we study how to face this spirit and take her down.

Lesson VI – JEHU, THE SLAYER OF THE JEZEBEL SPIRIT – The Anointing

1 Kings 16:30 informs us that Ahab, King of Israel, did more evil in the eyes of the LORD than all of the kings before him. Ahab was wicked. He welcomed Jezebel into God's Kingdom and "allowed" her to dominate the direction of the country. He promoted Baal worship in the land turning his back on God, witchcraft was rampant in Israel through the guidance and teaching of Jezebel. If you allow that spirit into your life you too will become like an Ahab, and you too will become like a muttering wizard enacting the powers of manipulation and control.

*And Elisha the prophet called one of the **children of the prophets**, and said unto him, **Gird up thy loins**, and take this **box of oil** in thine hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead:*

*And when thou comest thither, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and **make him arise up from among his brethren**, and carry him to **an inner chamber**; (2 Kings 9:1-2)*

- God chose one of the sons of the prophets - (young inspired one – A SON – this speaks of the Man Child calling – Inspired Sons. Who is the Man Child – who are the Sons of God? *For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God**, they are the sons of God. (Romans 8:14)* THE SONS OF GOD ARE INSPIRED, FILLED WITH THE BREATH OF INSPIRATION)

The beginning of this anointing that takes Jezebel down is CALLING OF THE MAN CHILD within you. The Man Child must hear and heed the call, and step forward to the task at hand. The Sons of God, the Man Child, has learned to walk in the Spirit. We live our lives walking 99.99% in the flesh and the flesh is the playground of Jezebel.

- The SON OF THE PROPHET was to gird up his loins.

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, (1 Peter 1:13)

Your mind is the procreative world that creates through thoughts by painting mental pictures. When Jezebel controls the loins of your mind we have a whole world in orbit of thoughts and feelings, a creative world is not even reality but Jezebel's control will make it as if it were reality. You cannot take Jezebel down with loins that are not gird up with TRUTH.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, (Ephesians 6:14)

This sounds so easy, but it isn't easy. Why? Because it is easier to believe a lie than the truth. It is easier for the flesh to wallow in dirt than to arise and speak the truth. Only those who can master "girding up their loins" are able to take hold of the box of the anointing oil given by the prophet. People don't understand what the voice of an anointed one provides for them. If God's people would only wake up and grab ahold of the anointing oil given them through the word and Spirit of God.

Take note in verse one where the messenger is commanded to "take a box of oil in his hand". This was not a little bottle of olive oil from Kroger or Pick 'n Pay. This was not a few drops to be smeared on a forehead. No, this was a flask, a whole horn filled with fragrant oil that was to be poured on the head of the Jezebel slayer.

- Next, Those chosen by God to be anointed *Jezebel slayers* MUST arise from among the brethren. These chosen vessels will stand up and stand out!

To arise up **means to stir up, make to stand up, get up, to be aroused, and established**. The ones called out by the Spirit of God are not like others who sit around waiting for something to happen. The stirred up ones heed the voice of the “messenger”, the guidance of the Holy Ghost, and they ARISE. When you stand up among a crowd who is seated, you also stand-out! **God is looking for those who will stand up and stand-out!!** In a few weeks, when we go to Cape Town, the Lord willing I am going to teach on ARISE, what it means to ARISE.

Some of you listening to my voice will never overcome this Jezebel spirit plaguing your life because you are comfortable sitting among the crowd, comfortable being like everyone else, you do not want to ARISE.

Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak... (Jeremiah 1:17)

Gird up the loins of your mind, stand up and stand-out, and SPEAK – be filled with inspired breath of Truth!

- Go into the inner chamber of intimacy with God where an anointing will be poured upon your head.

The name Jehu means, Yahweh is He. God chose a man who carried His Name. He chose a man who's name confirmed that God was the power, the almighty God was the source, the reason, and goal. **Yahweh is He**, He is the One it is all about. It is not about a victory being won, it is about the Name of LORD! It is not about someone becoming great and mighty, it is about the Name of the LORD. God chose a man whose name displayed the *LORD's Name* to take down the wicked Queen, Jezebel.

The reason many do not overcome the Jezebel spirit is because they have never been anointed to win such a battle, and they were never anointed because they did not make the choice to arise and gird up their loins with the truth. You cannot take this demon down without an anointing!

This anointing does not take place in public view. **It takes place within the inner chamber, a chamber within a chamber, a secret place, an intimate place, and a secluded place.** The messenger, the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, will draw you aside into the secret place. It is there, alone with God, alone in His presence, that the oil of anointing will be poured on your head for the mission at hand.

Ahab's and Jezebel's home was in Jezreel. Jezreel is located in the Valley of Megiddo. Interestingly enough, this is where the final battle of Armageddon will take place, on the very ground and territory occupied and dominated by Ahab and Jezebel. The final battle of Armageddon is also a prophetic picture of the final battle and warfare facing the set apart remnant of God. This battle, the taking down of the destructive spirit of Jezebel first of all in our own surrounding and personal lives, and secondly within the church, will be fierce. This spirit will not be overcome by a lukewarm, lethargic, and apathetic church. It will be won by the followers of the Lamb. It will be won by those who arise, who speak (sing and worship by inspiration) the truth, and have been

anointed for the battle by heeding the call to be set apart in intimate closeness and harmony with God and His eternal purpose.

It was under these circumstances and under this anointing that Jehu went to Jezreel and took Jezebel down.

And the watchman told, saying, He came even unto them, and cometh not again: and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously. (2 Kings 9:20)

You MUST meet this spirit with fury, zeal, passion, determination, and inspiration.

And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window. And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master? And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs. And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot. (2 Kings 9:30-33).

Lesson VII - THE PRESERVATION OF THE MAN-CHILD KING – Cast Out Athaliah

There is a demonic power on the loose today working overtime to kill and destroy the vision, birth, and ruling power of the Man-King, the Man Child. In particular, the Jezebel spirit's target is to destroy that which *brings forth the man-child*, that which *preserves the man-child*, and that which *positions the man-child* in his rightful place before God, on the throne of Kingdom authority, namely the truth (the inspired truth).

Jehu took Jezebel down, but Jezebel had a daughter whose name was Athaliah (her name means Jah has constrained – but she never lived up to her name just as her mother didn't live up to her name – Jezebel, meaning pure).

Athaliah married Jehoram the king of Judah

They had a son named Ahaziah – he became the King of Judah

He and the King of Israel were wicked and were both destroyed by Jehu.

Athaliah, upon the death of her son, became the first and last ever reigning queen of Judah in the Bible. She was just like her mother, Jezebel. Same spirit, same fear tactics, same manipulation, same control, same wickedness, same spirit.

She slew all of the Davidic seed likely to claim the throne after the death of her son. The Jezebel spirit is after the destruction of the priest, prophet, and king anointings. What are these anointings in your life?

- PRIEST = Praying, warring, worshippers – in the courtyard.
- PROPHET = The inspired breath – being filled with the life, breath, fire, and inspiration of God – the same breath that God breathed into man in the beginning – in the Holy place.
- KING = Dominion authority – Sonship, the throne – in the Holiest of All.

Jezebel destroyed the priests and the prophets – whereas Athaliah, Jezebel's daughter, comes along and destroys the royal seed of David.

And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal. (2 Kings 11:1)

The Jezebel spirit, through various channels and means, works to destroy the royal inheritance, the royal kings and priests unto God, the Melchizedek's, the manifested sons of God. Jezebel (Athaliah) thought she had accomplished her mission. She thought she had taken the throne of Judah, David's throne, the throne of Zion, the throne in Jerusalem, to herself. She thought she had secured the Kingdom into the bondage of her domain and authority. But she was wrong.

But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain. And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land. (2 Kings 11:2-3)

JEHOSHEBA = (Yahweh has sworn) she took one year old JEHOASH (Joash) = (FIRE OF YAHWEH), and she hid him in the temple of God for six years. The oath of God preserved the man-child, the one to come forth with the breath of inspiration, the fire of God.

At age seven, The FIRE OF GOD stepped forward. Seven is completion – when the time was complete, when the purpose of God was to be known, when God would raise the seed to the throne of David – the man-child came forward from the temple and he was placed on the throne of David.

Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the LORD: (2 Chronicles 23:12)

Jehoash (also known as Joash) was anointed king – he took the throne. Athaliah came running to the temple to disrupt the process and work her manipulative, evil ways to prevent God's order of dominion authority from arising in the land.

Then Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth of the ranges: and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Slay her not in the house of the LORD. So they laid hands on her; and when she was come to the entering of the horse gate by the king's house, they slew her there. (2 Chronicles 23:14-15).

Jehoiada the priest was Jehosheba's husband. He raised Joash the king. The sonship is raised by the priesthood mantle – through worship and prayer and sacrifice. He, the priest, oversaw the warriors over the warriors and commanded to “have her forth”. This basically means, **drag her out of the temple, bring out, break out, send out with commandment** – this demonstrates casting her out of the temple, cleaning house / sweeping the house clean!

Athaliah was slain by the Horse Gate. This is the gate used by armies on horses as they rode into battle. They departed and re-entered by the horse gate. This gate was by the king's house, close the throne room of the king. Overcoming this spirit takes worship and war. You see, you cannot and will not fall into the grip of the Jezebel spirit if you are worshipping and praying. It's impossible to walk in sin and corruption and at the same time worship His Holiness. This is overcome by sweeping, as it were. (see next lesson on sweeping).

Lesson VIII – JEZEBEL – Deliverance from the Jezebel Spirit

Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost (Luke 15:8-9)

Luke chapter 15 holds secrets of spiritual growth contained within three parables.

1. The parable of the lost sheep – This is about redemption – repentance unto salvation
2. The parable of the bride finding a lost coin – this is about reaffirming one's betrothal to the groom – repentance unto a covenant
3. The parable of the prodigal son – this is about the manifested sons of God and the ultimate relationship with the Heavenly Father – repentance of self will and seeking to do the Father's will

The first parable is “the lost sheep are found”. Everyone in here has had the redemptive experience of the shepherd of your souls finding you and saving your soul. We are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.

The third parable is about “the son” of the Father going his own way – self-service, creating his own kingdom authority apart from the Father's House. However, he comes to himself and

“repents and returns” to the Father’s House. He returned confessing that he was not worthy to be “a son”, that he was only worthy to be a hired servant. What a revelation! What do you feel worthy of will expose to you who you think you are and will also reveal to you where you are in the process of the “Father’s House”.

But the second parable is where I want to zero in on in this lesson. This parable is of a woman, an espoused bride, who “lost” something.

To LOSE = something is ruined, destroyed, to die, to mar, and has moved off from being near. The ten pieces of silver was traditionally a dowry, or a gift, given to the espoused bride by the groom as a token of the covenant between them and of the coming marriage feast. Just like a covering cloak, the espousal garment (such as Boaz placed over Ruth), so also was the dowry worn as a head band to show everyone that she was taken.

The pieces of silver also reminded her of the commitment she made to the groom.

- I will go with you –
- I will suffer with you –
- I will live wholly and exclusively for you –
- I will live by your moral law -

Losing even one coin could mean the breaking of the commitment and the end of the espousal. Losing one coin would show the groom that she was not committed, sincere, or real about her espousal.

What have you lost in your espousal agreement with the groom?? Losing one part of the agreement means having formed a league or an agreement with something or someone else. This is where we stand today as far as this wicked spirit of Jezebel is concerned. Something has been lost in the relationship with the groom – it must be found again. That finding begins with LIGHTING A CANDLE and SWEEPING!

The Light of Truth must be allowed to shine in the dark hidden places of your house, your chambers – your soul and spirit! Stop hiding – this deliverance cannot happen when we keep hiding in secret and fail to be honest and real. The Light exposes!

Then, secondly, once the light shines, sweeping begins!!

SWEEP = to brush off, to trail (like tracking something and following the signs) – to drag out, hale (drag or draw out forcibly), to take for oneself (that is to take what is preferred by choice).

This sweeping is where we are! Breaking agreements we have made with unclean, Jezebel spirits, and committing to the espousal agreement.

The following parable furthers our understanding of cleaning up by sweeping out and shutting down agreements we have made, leagues we have formed, and closing the doors, or portals, that allow demonic powers to infiltrate and dictate your life.

Read from vs. 20.

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished (Luke 11:24-25)

The cast out spirits return and find the house “swept and garnished” – cleaned out and put in order. However, this was not enough for prevent their re-entry of the wicked spirits. The house needed to be occupied and filled with a new and stronger habitant. This is about making new leagues and commitments, closing old portals and opening new ones unto the Lord and His purpose.

- The Light of Truth has been lit in some of your hearts -
- Some of you have seen yourself –
- Some of you have realized that there is a missing coin -
- Some of you have had your eyes opened to the secretive things you are hiding in the dark and dusty places of your chambers –

Every one of us has a past. We have all come from somewhere. We have been shaped by our experiences.

- Some of you have been abused (sexually, physically, mentally, emotionally). The experiences of abuse create doors, windows, or portals into which demonic powers have and do enter your being. Rape, unwanted sexual encounters, abuse, other forms of sexual encounters, create soul ties and bondages that must be broken.
- Word curses have been spoken over some of you – curses that define you today but are actually not part of who you – words were spoken over you or into you that control how you think, feel, and act – these curses must be broken.
- Some of you live in the bondage of unclean and filthy addictions. For most of you these addictions are under wraps – in other words, nobody knows about them. Some of these addictions stem from past abuses, others stem from bad choices that have been made. You have secret, dark, ungodly deeds and actions – this darkness needs to lit up by the light of truth and repented of.
- Unforgiveness is a major stronghold and portal for demonic powers to enter you and hold you captive – Unforgiveness is a choking spirit that will choke the life and breath of God’s inspiration out of you. You can never be whole and hold onto unforgiveness.
- Some of you have encountered and even delved into the world of the occult and magic – and dark side of the supernatural and false religions. You may have encountered such things through movies such as Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, and Vampire movies to mention only a few. This wickedly inspired entertainment opens doors into dimensions of darkness and evil and must be repented of. This darkness is also encountered through Eastern Religious practices and even certain types of diet that corrupt and bind the soul.

All of the aforementioned are landing strips and portals for the Jezebel spirit to lighten on and stick her filthy claws into you. Jezebel always represents filth, sexual misconduct, and falsehood.

Now, it's time to sweep! Sweep out what the light has lightened upon and somewhere, under the dust and mirk of the soul and spirit you will find the missing coin.

"Sweeping" begins with repentance – this is where your deliverance from the Jezebel spirit starts to become real – repentance!

Each one of the three parables, speak about being lost and found. One sheep was lost, then found – One piece of silver was lost, then found – The son was lost, then found.

REPENTANCE IS THE KEY IN EACH PARABLE – Repentance changes everything.

Unfortunately, very few people know how to repent. The heartbeat of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God is repentance.

REPENT = to breathe strongly (this has to do with being inspired – when is the last time you were moved and inspired in your repentance?) – to sigh, to be sorry, ease oneself, to think differently, to morally reconsider, to exercise the mind (being the thoughts, feelings or will).

Inspired repentance is repentance that comes from deep within. It breathes strongly from the depths of the being (it is not simply – "Ooopss, I'm sorry" – that is not repentance). Sorrow, moral reconsideration, and easing oneself, or pushing something out that occupies a space – this is true repentance. True repentance is turning around – facing another direction and not looking back. True repentance is loving from God loves and hating what God hates. Becoming sincerely repulsed by our own deeds, actions, thoughts, and will because you see what God hates is in effect the sum of genuine repentance.

Together, we are going to offer a prayer of repentance. Then, afterwards, each of us are going to find a space somewhere and go into a time of personal repentance. After that, should you want or need, your pastors and my wife and I, will be here to lay hands on you when you are ready.

There is no textbook as to how deliverance takes place or what it will look like:

- As we pray, some of you may feel the urge to breathe deeply (some spirits and exhaled out – without much movement or demonstration – the smell is foul). God works through breath – he Himself is spirit and breath, demons are also spirit and breath
- Some may need to cough – some spirits are expelled through coughing
- Some may want or need to vomit
- Some may feel an overwhelming emotion to weep, sob, cry loudly
- Some may need to scream out without words or with words
- Some may be overcome with shaking, as if you are shaking something off and out of yourself

This is not the time to allow pride to dictate your reactions to the moving of the Spirit of God upon you. Do not limit God to your own understanding – He moves beyond your understanding!

PRAYER OF DELIVERANCE: This begins with repentance!

LORD God, my heavenly Father – I come to you in the Name of your Son Jesus. I acknowledge you and your holiness. I acknowledge and I believe in the power of the cross of Calvary.

I confess and renounce my pride and religious self-righteousness

I confess my sins before you holding nothing back. But I especially confess (now make this personal -tell the LORD – just whisper to Him the specific sin that binds you)

I turn away from my sin and I turn to you, Lord, for mercy and forgiveness

I freely forgive and all who have ever wronged or harmed me. I willfully lay down all bitterness, hatred, all resentment, and hatred. Specifically, I forgive (now mention the name of the one you forgive – this is where some of you will find a roadblock – you cannot move on without this step)

COME ON – YOU ARE SWEEPING NOW – YOU ARE CLEARING THE GROUND THAT THE LIGHT OF TRUTH HAS EXPOSED – YOU ARE CLOSING PORTALS TO THE POWERS OF DARKNESS AND OPENING A DOOR FOR THE STRONGMAN OF THE HOUSE TO ENTER. BE HONEST!

In Jesus Name, I sever myself from all and any contact that I have ever had to the world of the occult and all false religion – I sever myself from the spirit of divination and false prophecy – I denounce falsehood and twisted truths, I close the door of my soul to conspiracy theories and fake news that places fear and a twisted view of reality upon me.

I commit myself to get rid of all objects and artifacts that connect to the world of the occult (books, movies, mystic religious books and icons, apps on your phone, music, new age paraphernalia, etc)

I confess all sexual impurity that has affected my life (this could be pornography, sexual interactions with others that have created soul ties, defiling sexual deeds, and even sexual fantasy – be specific in your confession)

Lord Jesus, I thank you for the cross – I thank you for your atoning blood – I thank you for taking my curse upon yourself and nailing to the cross - cleanse me – and through your cleansing power release and set me free – I receive your touch of deliverance – In Jesus Name I break every curse ever spoken over me from my childhood.

I take a stand against all the powers of darkness, against Satan and his wicked host. I take authority over all the powers of evil – I rebuke the spirit of Jezebel and all demonic entities associated with her name – I expel you from my temple – In Jesus Name

Now, go find a place to be alone with God and be real – we will be here for you if you need hands laid upon you...

Lesson IX - Jezebel and Baal Worship – THE SPACE SURROUNDING YOU

THE SURROUNDING SPACE:

The spiritual world exists *above us* and yet is *all around us* and *within every one of us*. Often, we focus on the warfare above us, or the war in heavenly places where Satan works to hinder God's purpose from reaching us. Other times we focus on the spiritual battle within us. Both of these areas of warfare are extremely important and not to be neglected. However, in many instances spiritual warfare takes place in the *space that surrounds us*. This space can be referred to as the atmosphere, our surroundings, or the tone and the mood of a place or situation. God's Word calls fallen Lucifer "the prince of the power of the air".

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: (Ephesians 2:2)

The air referenced to here is not the air or oxygen we breathe. Rather, it is the *atmosphere* and the space that surrounds us. In other words, the devil is called the prince of the power of the atmosphere that is all around you. He does everything possible to *dominate and control this space because if he can rule the atmosphere surrounding you then he can fill it with his demonic forces of deceit, darkness, and all manner of evil influence*. All humans are influenced by that which surrounds them both in the naturally and the spiritually sense.

In general, the space or surrounding atmosphere, is filled with the spirit which dominates the "course of this world". The course of this world are the manners, customs, fashion, and ways of the world that are controlled by the prince of the surrounding atmosphere. Before we knew the Savior Redeemer our lives were influenced by the powers occupying this space and this spirit continues to operate within the space of the *children of disobedience*. The children of disobedience carry with them the invisible world of the prince of the power of the air. Many would call it "a vibe". How often have you sensed the atmosphere surrounding certain people but never quite understood why you feel a certain way in their presence? Disobedience to God and His commands opens the portals to the prince of the power of the air to control the spiritual space surrounding you. Whether you like or not, or whether you agree or not, every human being on earth is influenced positively or negatively by the atmosphere that surrounds them.

There are two atmospheres: first, there is the physical and tangible atmosphere. Everything in this realm of atmosphere can either be seen, tasted, smelled, heard, or touched. For example, the smell of a cake baking in the oven creates a homey, pleasant, and welcoming atmosphere. An image or artifact in a room or space can create an atmosphere. Colors and styles create atmosphere. Plants other living things create an atmosphere. These are some examples of the physical and natural atmosphere surrounding us.

Secondly, there is a spiritual atmosphere that does not relate to the natural senses. This atmosphere cannot be seen or experienced with the natural senses. However, it is potent, powerful, and real. People who are sensitive in the spirit are deeply affected by this invisible and yet real world. It is vital to understand how this atmosphere affects a person's life. Even though the two aspects of atmosphere are uniquely different from each other they do however crisscross and intermingle. In reality, the two worlds of *natural and spiritual* do not exist without the other – or rather I should say that the natural world does not exist without the spiritual world. The spiritual world of God existed long before a physical world and time itself was commanded into being.

What you physically do and what you allow or bring into your tangible natural space and atmosphere will affect what takes place in the world of the spirit above you and surrounding you. The prince of the power of the atmosphere and his herd of demons and devils are continuously lurking in the unseen world. They are seeking for something! Their eyes pay great attention, but to what? What are they looking for? What is their observance focused on? They are looking for portals of entrance into *your* space! They seek open doors, windows, and decaying cracks in the wall that surrounds you. You and I cannot control the space around others apart from the battle we may face of overcoming how the *powers of the "air"* surrounding them may affect us. But, we can take dominion and authority over our personal surrounding encompassing space.

We have no better example in the Word of God to relate our lives to that the life of Jesus Himself.

For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. (Psalm 22:16)

These words, written by King David, are prophetic of the time Jesus was crucified. To be "compassed" means to be surrounded, besiege, whirl round about, environ, and revolve. Jesus was surrounded by dogs and the assembly of the wicked. His environment or atmosphere surrounding Him was overtaken by dark powers in an attempt to cause Him to fail, sin, quit, give up, and rebel against His Father's purpose. These were demonic powers that sought to destroy Him. And yet, Jesus Himself dominated the scene and the atmosphere at the cross with His humility, surrender to His Father, and grace. He took charge of the hateful, opposing, negative, and destructive powers that surrounded Him by asking the Father to forgive those who had brutally tortured and crucified Him. The entire space around Him was electrified by His attitude and humble demeanor so much so that those who beheld Him said "surely this was the Son of God".

And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God. (Mark 15:39)

Demonic powers continuously attempt to take control of and dominate the space/atmosphere surrounding you. When they succeed in doing so, and yes, they do succeed, your atmosphere is under siege. Oppression, depression, guilt, shame, fear, anxiety, and vexation encompass your life. Mankind attempts to overcome the encompassing torture of demons by taking drugs that

assist in numbing the sensation of being trapped. Various forms of mediation are used including yoga along with other varieties of Eastern forms of spirituality. These practices teach people to “empty themselves out” through silent meditation or through repeated varieties of chants and mantras. These practices are very dangerous and come from the pit of hell. Any form of chanting and continuous repeated words and sounds invokes demons. It would be the same as simply saying “Satan, come and visit with me, possess me, overcome me”. To empty one’s soul through such practices causes the temple house within you to become vulnerable and hence possibly filled with all manner of unseen forces and powers of darkness. The deeper and higher a person goes into these spiritual exercises the more demonic power possesses their beings and therefore the more spiritual power they possess. Baal worship involved mantras and chanting, beating of particular rhythms etc. We create a rhythm in our lives that opens doors, windows, portals, and give ground and opportunity to demonic powers to inhabit the temple of God coming through our surrounding space.

The surrounding space becomes the temple of Baal worship. What we allow or invite into the space surrounding us. Here, Baal worship becomes reality.