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The Jezebel Spirit Part Two

This is Part Two of our message on the “Jezebel spirit”. Why?

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“Demons have two different names. They have their created name given to them by God when they were first created, and they also have a function name, which will tell you what kind of spirit you are dealing with.”

So when we use the term “Jezebel spirit” or the “spirit of Jezebel” we are referring to the *function* of the spirit and how it *operates* like the woman Jezebel in the Bible as it affects the life of someone who has it.

Our text is from 2 Kings 9:22, where God has commissioned Jehu to destroy the evil queen Jezebel and encounters her son Joram on the roadway...

2 Kings 9:22

**King Joram demanded, "Do you come in peace, Jehu?"
Jehu replied, "How can there be peace as long as the idolatry and witchcraft
of your mother, Jezebel, are all around us?"**

This verse is a summary of how Jezebel functions; to sum it up...

The spirit of Jezebel operates in many forms, but primarily it is a controlling spirit, born out of witchcraft and rebellion against proper authority.

The operative word in understanding the spirit of Jezebel is “CONTROL”.

Steve Sampson

“The clear battle with the Jezebel spirit is always over the domination of people. This principality desires to rule and control the people of God.”

Steve Sampson

“The name Jezebel is Phoenician in origin and specifically means ‘unhusbanded’ or ‘without dwelling or habitation’. This is true of those with her nature. A Jezebel spirit will not cohabit with anyone unless they can control and dominate the relationship.”

If you have this spirit in you, or following you, you will find it almost impossible to have healthy relationships. If it is in a husband or wife, it can destroy a marriage. If it is in a child, it can keep the whole family in a turmoil; if it is in a church, it can block revival. It's a big problem.

In his seminar on the Jezebel spirit, Francis Frangapane tells why...

Francis Frangapane

“Jezebel is fiercely independent and intensely ambitious for pre-eminence and control. The name, literally translated, means "without cohabitation." This simply means she refuses "to live together" or "cohabit" with anyone. Jezebel will not dwell with anyone unless she can control and dominate the relationship. From her heart, she yields to no one.”

The Bible tells us that Jezebel seeks to control others by means of witchcraft. Here is a good definition:

Witchcraft

Seeking to control the lives of other people by means of manipulation, intimidation or domination.

In my experience I have met many good churchgoing people who are operating in witchcraft in one way or another and have no clue of what they are doing!

Michael Bradley

“The saddest thing is that most of the time the host will not know they even have this kind of spirit operating on the inside of them. This spirit is very good at hiding behind the scenes while getting the person to do exactly what it wants them to do.”

And remember that the Jezebel spirit can work in a man as well as a woman.

Steve Sampson

“Confronting Jezebel: Discerning and Defeating the Spirit of Control”

“Although not restricted to either sex, Jezebel spirits are often acknowledged as more prevalent in women. But Jezebel functions just as proficiently through men. A Jezebel spirit has no gender...it simply works differently through a man than through a woman.”

Steve Sampson

“The spirit of Jezebel is behavior that operates through a person, male or female, to control others by the use of manipulative, domineering and intimidating tactics.”

In this message, I want to show you how the spirit of Jezebel is not only a demon that can operate in an individual person; it is also a principality that can operate in a nation or an entire culture!

In other words, it can function at a “macro” or “micro” level.

I. Macro/Micro Functions of the Spirit of Jezebel

A. Macro Function

1. The prefix “macro” means “large scale” or “overall”; the analysis of social events at a macro level.

“What’s happening right now in America is that the Jezebel spirit of witchcraft is trying to take this country over.”

Pastor John Kilpatrick

2. Remember that the original Jezebel brought the *whole nation* of Israel into idolatry by her witchcraft; it is powerful principality.

a. In his seminar on the Jezebel spirit, Francis Frangipane said this:

Francis Frangipane, Seminar on “The Jezebel Spirit”

“We are going to confront a stronghold of immense proportions. It is a way of thinking that exists unchecked in most churches. We are going to expose, and then destroy, the hiding places of Jezebel. When we speak of Jezebel, we are identifying the source in our society of obsessive sensuality, unbridled witchcraft and hatred for male authority.”

3. In his recent book “Jezebel’s War With America”, Dr. Michael Brown exposes how the Jezebel principality is at work to destroy our country.

THE JEZEBEL PRINCIPALITY

- **The militant spirit of abortion (an expression of control)**
 - **The rise of radical feminism**
- **The rise of socialism-governmental control by regulation and legislation**

- **The proliferation of pornography**
- **The attempt to silence prophetic voices in the land**

a. Jezebel was the mortal enemy of the prophets Elijah and Elisha because the spirit of Jezebel hates authority, especially strong male authority.

b. My personal belief is that it is the spirit of Jezebel that is driving the irrational hatred many have for our President; especially the mainstream media. I believe their hatred is supernatural, driven by the spirit of Jezebel.

4. Another manifestation of the spirit of Jezebel is how it is working to control our culture through controlling our language; intimidating us through fear of man.

Steve Sampson

“The kingdom of darkness strategically employs the fear of man to advocate political correctness...which has paralyzed even committed Christians and has prevented them from speaking the truth.”

a. Surveys show that the majority of America’s ministers abstain from speaking out on controversial social subjects like homosexuality or taking biblical positions on political issues, all for fear of man. They are being controlled by the spirit of Jezebel without even realizing it.

b. They Christians wonder why there is so much hatred and so little respect for law and order!

5. The same spirit that took the nation of Israel into idolatry has now come to America. Remember our text?

2 Kings 9:22

King Joram demanded, "Do you come in peace, Jehu?"

Jehu replied, "How can there be peace as long as the idolatry and witchcraft of your mother, Jezebel, are all around us?"

6. The same idolatry and witchcraft that ensnared Israel now threatens America in the rise of the political socialists. Let me go on record...

The political system known as “socialism” is driven by the Spirit of Jezebel. It seeks to dominate people by establishing a powerful, centralized government that can control every aspect of people’s lives by means of excessive legislation and regulation.

- a. History teaches us that Socialism has failed everywhere it's been tried.
- b. And it is no accident that the worst mass murderers of human history were all political socialists:

WORST MASS MURDERERS OF HISTORY

Stalin in Russia-62 million

Mao Tse Tung in China-35 million

Adolf Hitler in Germany-21 million

7. And remember this: none of history's evil Jezebels could have come to power if God's people had not allowed it to happen (an Ahab spirit).

8. So the Jezebel principality is at work at a "macro" level, a national level; but it all begins with God's people at the "micro" level.

B. The Micro Function

1. The spirit of Jezebel is loose in the land because it has been tolerated in the Church of God!

Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow (tolerate) that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants...

Revelation 2:20

2. The Christian church in America is loaded with Jezebel spirits because the leaders, like modern-day Ahab's, have allowed it to do so. **And as God spoke through the prophet Hosea: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge".**

3. The truth is that even Christians who love the Lord need to know that all of us are capable of operating in the Jezebel spirit!

John Paul Jackson, "Unmasking the Jezebel Spirit

"From time to time, all of us are vulnerable to being influenced by this controlling and manipulating power. We all try to control others to some extent. Opening your soul to operating in the Jezebel spirit is a process that occurs over time, and there are no clear-cut indicators of when a person steps over the line."

a. May God deliver us from deception; if we discover Jezebelian behavior in ourselves we have to deal with it!

John Paul Jackson

“The longer someone operates in a controlling and manipulative way without repenting from doing so, the stronger this spirit grows. Eventually, it will become a way of life for those overcome by this spirit. The primary method for relating to others and gaining control will now operate through this spirit.”

4. In his book, “Breaking Controlling Powers”, Roberts Liardon writes:

Roberts Liardon

“The power of control affects every circle of Christianity. The abuse of control holds people in unnecessary bondage and hinders them from fulfilling the purpose of God in their lives.”

C. Jezebel in the Church

1. I am sad to say that the Jezebel spirit infects the pulpit as well as the pew!

Roberts Liardon

“Abusive control may be defined as an attempt to dominate another person in order to fulfil one’s own desires or to enhance personal security.”

2. There is such a thing as manipulation through prophecy.

a. We believe that God can speak to us by a personal prophetic word given through others. But we have also seen it used to manipulate people to get them to do the will of the one giving the word.

Jeremiah 23:21

“I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.

- A frustrated pastor prophesies a “Thus saith the Lord” but the word is coming out of his own soul
- A parent picks a partner for their child and tells them “God has shown me this is the one for you”

Roberts Liardon

“People exercise abusive control when they seek to become the deciding factors in the lives of others. Such individuals replace the Word of God as the balance in the lives of those they dominate. They react negatively if they are not the control point of all decisions made.”

3. The Jezebel spirit will also seek to control people by abuse of spiritual authority, especially in Pastors or those claiming to have apostolic authority.

a. We had had personal experience with this some 40 years ago when the so-called “Shepherding” or “Discipleship” movement came to prominence.

b. The excellent history of that movement is chronicled in David Moore’s excellent book, “The Shepherding Movement”:

c. It began in the 1970’s as an emphasis on teaching a doctrine of ‘spiritual covering’ that required individual Christians to be submitted and accountable to a leader; but it came to a tragic end in the 1980’s, with many suffering spiritual abuse at the hands of certain controlling leaders; the spirit of Jezebel entered in.

d. People could not sell their homes or move to another city without permission from their Pastor or “Shepherd”; in some cases, the leaders would decide who one should marry!

4. The point is that no one of us, including Pastors, are exempt from deception by the Jezebel spirit.

5. Review: So it works at the macro level in our nation; it works at the micro level in our churches and church leaders; but I want to take the rest of our time to show how the Jezebel spirit works at the “micro/micro” level in our own lives; and in ways we don’t even recognize it.

II. The Micro/Micro Expression of the Jezebel Spirit

A. Passive-Aggressive Behavior

1. Always remember that the Jezebel spirit is a controlling spirit which seeks to control others by means of witchcraft, which is the use of manipulation, intimidation, or domination.

2. The most common, and least recognized, form of witchcraft is manipulation by means of what the world calls “passive aggressive” behavior.

Dr. Berit Brogaard, P.H.D. University of Miami

“Passive-aggressive behavior is much harder to detect than overtly aggressive behavior. Passive-aggressiveness, as the word indicates, is a tendency to engage in indirect expression of hostility through acts such as subtle insults, sullen behavior, stubbornness, or a deliberate failure to accomplish required tasks. Because passive-aggressive behavior is implicit or indirect, it can be hard to spot.”

a. Notice carefully; passive-aggressive behavior is an “indirect expression of hostility”.

3. Active aggression dominates a relationship by anger or threats; but the most common expression of control by the Jezebel spirit is “Passive Aggression”, which is witchcraft in its most subtle form.

B. Examples of Control by Passive Aggression

1. Let’s say someone is angry with you or offended by you. But instead of obeying Jesus’ commandment to come to you and work it out, they give you what we refer to as the “silent treatment”.

PATTERNS OF PASSIVE AGGRESSION

- The “silent treatment”
- Ignores you altogether
- Does not respond to calls or texts
 - “Forgets” special days
 - Unresponsive to questions or gives one word answers
- Avoids confronting the real issue; they expect you to figure it out

a. The Jezebel spirit uses the “silent treatment” to control you and make you crazy.

Ebony, PairedLife.com

“Passive aggressive people have no idea how hard they are to live with. They generally have no knowledge of when or why they defaulted to this behavior, but it is likely the root goes back to childhood.”

b. Jezebelian passive aggression wears many other masks.

2. Sometimes the Jezebel spirit will seek to intimidate you with subtle insults.

a. Recently I had to rebuke a man who was clearly out of order; in doing so, I offended him. But instead of talking with me, the next day he sent me a text of 1 Corinthians 13, the so-called “love chapter”. The message was clear. He was rebuking me for not acting “in love”!

b. Like Jezebel in the Bible, this spirit will often hide behind the mask of Christian religion; but really it’s demonic.

3. A 3rd sign of passive aggression is sarcasm, which is saying something that is the opposite of the truth in order to cut or hurt someone.

a. Someone once said to the pastor of a small church: “Nobody knows how to grow a church like you do!”

4. Sullen behavior; hostility expressed through body language.

a. Everyone is laughing, but you are frowning

b. Everyone is talking but you are sulking

c. You want people to notice that you are not happy.

4. Stubbornness: “Let’s lift our hands and pray”; “Let’s say this prayer together”; but not you.

5. Failure to finish tasks assigned by proper authority: “I’ve asked you 10 times to pick up your clothes!”

a. The Jezebel spirit secretly despises those God has set in authority and dishonors God in doing so.

John Bevere

“The origin of all authority goes back to God. Since God has appointed all authorities, we refuse the authority behind them if we dishonor or refuse to submit to them. Whether we know it or not, we are resisting the ordinance or rule of God. When we oppose God’s delegated authority, we oppose God Himself”.

6. Children need to know that if they dishonor us or disrespect their parents it will have an effect on their relationship with God.

III. Close

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

Hosea 4:6

The spirit of Jezebel is at the root of the ruin of many relationships. It destroys marriages, disrupts families and splits churches. The Jezebel principality can destroy a nation.

Now how do we deal with it?

1 We will repent and ask God for forgiveness

2 We will cast out the spirit of Jezebel

Prayer for Forgiveness

Heavenly Father/I come to You/ to repent/ of any place in my life/ where I have sought to control others/ by means of witchcraft/. I renounce all thoughts/words/ or deeds/ whereby I used manipulation,/or intimidation/ or domination/ to control family members/ friends/ co-workers/ or anyone/ placed in a position of authority by God. As I repent/ and turn away from all witchcraft/ I ask You to forgive me/and cleanse me/from all unrighteousness/according to Your word.

Furthermore/ I ask You/ Holy Spirit/ to keep me/ from falling back/

into any form of control over others/. And if there is any one/ from whom/ I need to seek forgiveness/ please show me who they are/ and I will do it. I thank You/ that as I/ confess and forsake my sin/ you are faithful and just/ to forgive me/ and cleanse me from all unrighteousness.

I receive/ my forgiveness and cleansing by faith/ and give you praise for it right now!

Deliverance Prayer from the Spirit of Jezebel

And now/ I speak to you/ the spirit of Jezebel/ that has been operating in me/ or following me in my life/. And in the name/ of the Lord Jesus Christ/ whose I am and who I serve/ I now take authority/over you/and command you to come out of me/and out of my life/ in the name of Jesus. I expel you/ in the name of Jesus./

Depart from me now/and never return/ In the name of Jesus. Amen.