

Jezebel the seducing Spirit is in the Church Today.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

There is at Hand in the Church today a evil and devious Spirit that is operating to destroy the work of Jesus Christ and His church. This spirit is rampant amongst Charismatic and Pentecostal Churches. Why do I say this? What is this spirit? It is a Jezebel spirit, a spirit of control and Manipulation, a spirit that has an insatiable thirst for Power and Dominance.

Why am I pointing this out to you? I know that this Spirit can be stopped by God fearing men who will take a stand for righteousness. I have seen First hand this spirit operating in Churches over the past seven (7) years. I have seen manipulation of God's people. I have seen many saints Faith and their Christian walk shipwrecked by this spirit. I have seen pastors 'Lording it over their Flocks' The Ministry now has become a CAREER instead of a calling. and God's people are suffering because of it.

The prophet Jeremiah warned repeatedly over and over again about what the Shepherds were doing to the Flock and yet they did not take heed to the word of the Lord. Today we are no different. We refuse to obey the clear warnings written in scripture. People have Lost their 'EARS TO HEAR'.

When you read in 1 Kings 18 through to 1 Kings 22 you have the story of Ahab and Jezebel. Ahab was a wicked and weak King who did evil in the sight of God. His wife Jezebel dominated him. Her motivation was a lust for power and control. The problem with Ahab was that the Headship in his Marriage was all wrong. Jezebel was able to control him and use him like a pawn in a game. It is interesting to note that in churches today there are many leaders that have similar problems. I have witnessed first hand this event in a number of pentecostal and charismatic churches. I have seen so called men of God who are driven by the lust for power and greed prestige and gain and Glory or as we call it Kingdom Building. They want to make a name for themselves. Where has Humility and meekness Gone? Where has being a servant Gone? Where has stewardship Gone? I have rapidly come to the conclusion that IT HAS GONE. I must however point out that there are Real men of God whom God is using that are Humble and their walk with God is pleasing unto him..

Today for the Spirit of Jezebel to operate you must have an Ahab as well. They go hand in hand. You may want to ask what are some of the signs of a Jezebel spirit? Firstly you have to look at where these people are situated within the structure of the Church. You will mostly find them in positions of Leadership or Authority. They will appear to be hard working and supportive of the leadership while they underhandedly are sowing the seeds of discord mainly through gossip and inuendo and rumour., Character assassination is what they do best. They are very astute so they are able to cover over their tracks. I have seen ministries fall because of this.. In the eyes of God he calls this REBELLION and Rebellion is the sin of WITCHCRAFT. as it undermines authority. and is SEDITIOUS.

How does an Ahab and Jezebel achieve their goals?

They use spiritual INTIMIDATION. They are able to manipulate weaker people by twisting scripture. They make them feel inferior and put them down. When it comes to a person who is strong in the word of God they have problems. Usually they cannot put them down by scriptural twisting so what they resort to is the Good old Fashion use of Flattery, whereby they try and win people over to their side and blind them to the truth. I have personally seen this Happen frequently. My advice is to observe their lifestyles and Check the Fruit.

Another trait of a person who has a Jezebel spirit is that they can never admit they are wrong and they tend to blame others. They will go to lengths even lying to cover their tracks. They hate repentance because of the spiritual pride that they have.

I want to relate a true story about a Church that had controlling spirits in it. This was a smaller Pentecostal church. Nothing unusual about it from an outer appearance but when you got inside things were alarmingly wrong. The Senior Minister had a controlling spirit over him. He was very charismatic and had a magnetic personality. He was everyone's friend. It got to a point where some of the congregation worshipped him. and in their eyes he could do no wrong. What he said was considered Gospel. He had a board of Elders and basically that Eldership was divided evenly on doctrinal grounds. Some of these elders did not at all fit the biblical qualifications as stated by scripture, but they were put in because they had been friends of the Pastor for a long time. The headship in these men's families were of course of order so the first recipe of disaster was already sown.

Pastors I am speaking to you Now.Do NOT put men in the Position of Elders who (1) do NOT fit the Scriptual Pattern as laid down in scripture.

(2) Do not Appoint Friends who do not fit the scriptual pattern.This will lead to you being Hamstrung by them.at a later place in time.

Now back to this little church.As I have said the Senior Minister had a controlling spirit over him,but there was one other person in that church whom had a Jezebel spirit upon her,This person was able to manipulate the Senior Minister I would call her a Puppet Master.Her goal was Power and she achieved her goal through sowing seeds of discord and rumour and Gossip,She was able to successfully blind the eyes of some who were considered mature saints.The womans husband was a typical Ahab whom he thought that his house was in order when in fact it wasn't.His headship was wrong for the simple fact that she was able to dominate him.AND IT SHOWED.

There were saints in this church who had discernment, and this women was confronted.Now when you go head to head with a Jezebel spirit things certainly happen.Firstly character assasination followed by half truths lies and inuendo.She was able to woo and manipulate people and draw them to her side.The bond was so strong that when they were confronted with the truth they were that blinded that they did not wish to believe it.Please note Anyone who makes a Righteous stand against this type of person is usually labelled a women hater(if you are male) or a legalist or you have a spirit of Religion.

A Jezebel spirit will have a false humility as they can stand before God in praise and worship lifting hands up and bringing a prophetic word.They have no fear of God and they themselves are puffed up with pride.They will minister to people and sow seeds of poison., that is they will be able to transfer the Jezebel spirit that is in them into another person.I have witnessed this phenomena on many occassions.You only have to take a look at what happens at Toronto and Brownsville to appreciate as to what I am saying.

In the book of Revelation Chapter Two verse 20 ,Jesus rebukes the Church at Thyatira for they had allowed a prophetess with a Jezebel spirit in and she was wreaking havoc , seducing the saints to commit sexual immorality and eating meats sacrificed to idols.Jesus says He Hates This.

You can commit idolatry in your heart by holding onto things that you should have repented for along while ago. You can be an idolator by putting your Pastor on a pedestle and worshipping him instead of God. You can idolize your demonination or it's leaders. When you do this you commit not only idolatry but also spiritual adultry as well. because you take the focus off Jesus and put it onto man..

So the question you may ask now is if you have a Jezebel spirit in your church how do you get rid of it.

Firstly may I recommend the old fashioned Way Prayer and FASTING. Ask the Lord for discernment and wisdom., then when you have established what the Lord wants you to do ,you Bring the full weight of scripture to bear. The word of God CLEARLY says to Publically rebuke the person or Persons and to MARK them as DEVISIVE. This may not be popular especially today when pastors worry about Numbers and Money. If You DO NOT do this, the one or two bad apples will spoil the whole bunch. I have been a witness to this,

At the small Pentecostal church the Senoir Pastor was not willing to Publically rebuke these people who were sowing discord as it was unpopular and they were friends/ family. but while he hesitated the damage had been done. it was inevitable there was a church split. Firstly it started in the eldership .which always had a problem. the parties that aligned with the man who had an Ahab spirit on himm intersting enough all had headship problems in their families. It was seen that their wives ruled spiritually over them. The other elders that took a stand for righteousness were castigated and called trouble makers and eventually were forced to leave when the split occurred. What those who follow a man who has a Ahab and Jezebel spirit don't realise that the priciple of Sowing and Reaping will Apply. God's word is true and it will not return void

As it is just like in 1 Kings 22 what Ahab and Jezebel sowed they reaped and destruction came to both.

The unfortunate thing about this type of spirit is that it is hard to recognise if you have no discernment. My pray is for those who read this that you go before God and seek his wisdom and counsil in this. It is a problem Today as it was in the days of Elijah. What God is calling Men in leadership and authority to do is To take a stand And be strong and stand up against this. You won't be popular but even Jesus wasn't popular in his Day.

Yours in Christ

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