

How Jezebel Gains Access (Part 2) – Session 3

Doors of Entrance for Jezebel (ctd)

5. Bitterness and Bitter Judgments

- Heb 12:15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;
- **Bitterness is a root that grows in the heart and defiles all relationships**
 - Bitterness grows when people fail to resolve hurts they experience
 - Hurts ...Anger...offended ...Resentment...Bitterness....Hatred.....Retaliation
 - When we make judgments against others and label them we reap consequences
 - The most common place this happens is in the home.
- **Bitterness leads to defilement, ungodly reactions and control**
 - Bitter Judgments are made against parents
 - Inner vows are made to try and control pain and further hurt
- **Defilement by Jezebel**
 - We become defiled by bitterness, not only our own but also the bitterness of others
- **Victim Identity**
 - Bitter people are poisoned in their heart and often have a Victim Identity
 - They carry offence and anger and bitterness in their heart and see themselves as a “Wronged Person”
 - They refuse to resolve pain because this would challenge their whole identity
 - The Victim seeks to avoid responsibility by blaming others and seeking a rescuer
 - People in their world are either Persecutors or Rescuers
 - They manipulate other people to get their needs met
 - Social Justice movements exploit such people to keep them in a Victim Mindset and disempowered
- This was the first issue God challenged Israel to deal with if they were to possess his promises (Exod.15)
- **Bitter people are drawn to other bitter people who have bitterness and rebellion in their heart**

Common things they share:

 - Offences
 - Criticism... Words
 - Gossip... Discord
 - Judgments
 - False accusations
- Communication centres on injustice and offences which reinforces their feelings of being justified in holding offence and releases curses against others
- They are under the control of Jezebel and manipulated to do her will
- **Repentance is the only Remedy**

2Ti 2:24 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,

2Ti 2:25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant

*them repentance, so that they may know the truth,
2Ti 2:26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil,
having been taken captive by him to do his will.*

6. Sexual sin/ Perversion

- *Num 25:1 Now Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and the people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab.*
Num 25:2 They invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate And bowed down to their gods.
 - In today's permissive culture people do not understand the spiritual impact of sexual sin
 - Sexual sin is highlighted in the Bible as a sin that has a deep and lasting impact upon people and future relationships
 - Premarital sex, pornography, sexual perversion are all weapons that Jezebel uses to bring people into bondage

7. Shame, Fear & Compromise

- *Gen 3:10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."*
 - Adam was filled with shame and also with fear
 - He tried to control the pain and consequences: Fig leaves, trees, Blaming Eve
- Frequently shame is used as a way to control the behaviour of people
 - Many cultures are driven by the fear of losing face or being put to shame
 - Some families use shame as a way of controlling the children.
 - This often takes the form of verbal abuse which attacks the child's identity and leaves a deep painful wound and fear of further shame
 - Shame is also used in some churches and organisations to control people
- When shame and fear are present Jezebel will exert pressure and control over people
- Whenever people compromise Biblical convictions they open the door to Jezebel Control

7. Abuse/ Trauma/Wounds

- Abuse refers to a wide range of hostile destructive actions by one person against another
 - This includes physical, emotional, verbal, sexual mistreatment of another person by words and actions
- The abuser is demonised but the person they abuse becomes defiled and demonised and comes under the influence of the spirit of Jezebel,.
- **Entanglement with Jezebel**
 - People who try to control personal pain instead of resolving it gradually become entangled with the spirit of Jezebel
 - Entangled
 - To twist together or interweave in a manner that they are not easily separated
 - To entwine together into a confusing mass
 - An intricate trap that entangles or ensnares its victims

- It is a slow process with small daily decisions to avoid and suppress and control pain
- Soon people are drawn to something to comfort them...just one drink, just one look
- As people age they become less able to maintain control and their lives and marriage begin to break down
- **Defilement by Jezebel**
 - Defileto pollute, to injure the character , to violate
 - In addition to entanglement defilement occurs may occur in body and soul by demonic spirits
 - Heb 12:15 *looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;*
 - When a person is abused or wounded by another person they usually become embittered and try to **control the pain** of their experience and control people and circumstances so they will not be hurt again
- When we are hurt we have a choice:
 - **Control the pain and relationships, or**
 - **Surrender to Holy Spirit and seek healing and freedom**
- When people chose to control pain and people and circumstances they are coming into agreement with the spirit of Jezebel
 - The spirit of Jezebel shapes and conforms them to be a channel of control
 - Some become Narcissists...totally absorbed with themselves, full of their own importance and controlling of people and relationships
- When people choose to surrender to Holy Spirit, He shapes their character to become like Christ

8. False Comforts

- 2Co 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,*
2Co 1:4 *who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God*
- **Jezebel is a seducing spirit, leading people into false comforts that offer release but bring bondage**
 - False comforts are substitutes for the comfort of the Holy Spirit.
 - False comforts become idols of the heart
 - False comforts offer relief and distraction, but bring us into bondage to spirits of addiction and to Jezebel
 - There are many different activities and things that people use to compensate for pain
 - **Examples:** Alcohol, drugs, food, pornography, social media, sexual relationships, work, hobbies, sports,
 - Drugs directly open a door to the realm of witchcraft and spiritism
 - Many Video/online games directly open the door to demonic spirits through fantasy e.g. Minecraft, Dungeons and Dragons, World of Warcraft etc

- **When these activities become a way of controlling pain they open the door to Jezebel**
- People in pain often seek spiritual power
- Simon sought spiritual power and control over personal rejection and heart pain through sorcery
 - *Act 8:9 But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great*
- **Even though he was saved and water baptized he was still bound by the spirit of Jezebel**
 - *Act 8:18 And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money,*
 - *Act 8:19 saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."*
 - *Act 8:20 But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!"*
 - *Act 8:21 You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God.*
 - *Act 8:22 Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.*
 - *Act 8:23 For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity.*
 - Peter discerns that his seeking power was motivated by a heart defiled and poisoned by bitterness and iniquity (lawlessness or rebellion)
 - **Note:**
 - *1Sa 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king.*
 - To reject the Word of God is to reject The Lord. Authority to rule is lost

9. Religious Groups and Ideological Movements

- *Gal 3:1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?*
- **These are Groups that:**
 - **Are legalistic and performance (works) based (Gal.3:1)**
 - **Hold to False Doctrine. (1Tim.4:1)**
 - **Worship Idols of any kind (1 Cor.10:19-20)**
 - Ancestral worship
 - Freemasonry
- **Venerate or worship Mary as the Queen of Heaven**
 - **Mary** is venerated in the Roman Catholic Church as "The Mother of God" and the "Queen of Heaven"
 - **Dead saints** are also venerated and their help sought through prayer
 - Frequently at confirmation the name of a dead Catholic "saint" is taken on
 - The decrees of the Council of Trent that **declares people accursed** are still in force

- As a former Catholic I needed to be set free of the spirit Jezebel, and also the name of a dead saint, I had taken of at confirmation, and previous issues of the worship of Mary, and a false loyalty to the Roman Catholic Church.
- Following deliverance I was able to break free of passivity, grow in spiritual authority and take my place as spiritual head of my household
- **Promote strong ideologies that undermine Kingdom order, personal responsibility and accountability**
 - Marxism, Communism, Fascism, Socialism, BLM, LGBTQ, MAP, Social Media

III. Do Not Tolerate Jezebel

1. Jesus Words of Warning

- **Do not tolerate Jezebel in any form (Rev.2:20)**
 - "Tolerate"....to allow to operate while offering no resistance
 - Jesus requires us to recognise the operation of Jezebel and resist it
 - We must really desire to be free of all Jezebel **defilement**
- **We must pay the price for freedom**
 - Whenever you try to break free, the spirit of Jezebel will become very hostile or manipulative
 - We can choose:
 - Live under the dominion of Jezebel with all its destructive consequences
 - Live under the rule of Jesus with all the fruit of His life and Spirit
- **Seeking first The Kingdom of God means alignment with and surrender to God and His Word**
 - *James 4:7 Submit to God...resist the devil and he will flee from you*
 - There is always a warfare when you decide to pursue Freedom and break out of bondage
 - *2king.9:12 What peace as long as Jezebel and her sorceries remain?*

2. Recognise the Control

- **Where are you living under the Influence of the Queen of Heaven?**
 - Personal life?...sin, addictions?
 - Family Life and relationships?
 - Culture?
- **Where did you open the Door the Spirit of Jezebel?**
 - What was the door of entry for that spirit?
 - Are you willing to repent and abandon agreement with that?
 - Are you willing to abandon any defiling activity or attachment?
- **Are you a Controller?**
 - Who or what are you controlling?
 - Why are you controlling?
 - How are you controlling?
 - Will you repent and surrender controlling?
- **Are you Being Controlled?**
 - Who or what is controlling you?
 - How are you being controlled?....Fear, guilt, self pity, shame, addictions

- Will you repent and resist being controlled?

3. Repentance

- Identify each way you have yielded to the spirit of Jezebel
- Eg. Passivity, giving up responsibilities, false comforts, yielding to fear of man, controlling others
- Repent, turn from each activity and confess it to Jesus

4. Release Forgiveness

- Forgive any person who has contributed to your bondage to Jezebel
- Receive forgiveness for tolerating and serving Jezebel

5. Renounce all Agreements with Jezebel

- Break agreement by speaking aloud words that cancel any agreement or cooperation
- Break any soul/spirit attachments to Jezebel or its activities

6. Resist the spirit of Jezebel and Related spirits

- Command....speak directly to the spirit and command it to leave your life
- Command all related spirits to leave your life

VI. After Ministry:

1. Right the Wrongs

- Do you need to apologise to someone for controlling them
- Pray and prepare to make a simple sincere apology
- Make sure you do not blame....just take responsibility, repent, ask for forgiveness
- Commit to practical change

2. Reset your Boundaries

- What changes will you need to make?
- What boundaries will you need to set?
- What support will you need for the journey to Freedom?