

DEMONOLOGY AND DELIVERANCE #9

The Spirit of Jezebel

Part One

Introduction

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?"

We will spend the next 2 weeks looking at one of the most common, yet least recognized demonic spirits that is at work within the Body of Christ and the Christian family, the spirit of Jezebel.

Michael Bradley

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"Without question, the nastiest, evil, most disgusting, cunning, and seductive spirit in Satan's hierarchy has to be what many call the Jezebel spirit. This evil spirit has been responsible for not only tearing down churches, pastors, and different Christian ministries, but it has also been responsible for breaking up many marriages and friendships, along with getting many people to commit cold-blooded murders and suicides."

I can tell you from personal experience...

This spirit is one of Satan's most subtle assignments; you can have it and not know it. You can suffer from it operating through others around you and never know what it really is.

But here is what you need to know...

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

Don't be deceived when you hear the term "witchcraft". It is not old hags boiling a pot of potions in a dark room. Many Christians with a Jezebel spirit practice witchcraft without being aware of what they are doing. Others are suffering along in relationships as victims of witchcraft but don't know what it is.

So let me give you a working definition:

Witchcraft is the use of manipulation, intimidation or domination to control the lives of others.

This means that witchcraft is more common than you think; something all of us have done at one time or another!

Steve Sampson

"Paul listed witchcraft as one of the 'works of the flesh' in Galatians 5:19-20. Witchcraft definitely involves manipulation. Jezebel control is behavior that operates through a person to control others by the use of manipulative, domineering and intimidating tactics."

Some possible examples of the witchcraft of the Jezebel spirit:

- Manipulation: A child learns to get its way by crying or acting out certain behaviors
- Intimidation: A husband controls his family by keeping them in fear of his anger
- Domination: A wife uses her sexuality to control her husband's behavior
- Pastors can use manipulation to collect a larger offering

You can see from these examples that the spirit of Jezebel can work through a man or a woman!

Steve Sampson

"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."

In my own experience, the strongest Jezebel spirit I ever personally encountered operated through a man. He was very persuasive; but he was a "master manipulator" who made great promises to people to get them to do what he wanted them to do; then never kept his promises. This is more common than you think.

Steve Sampson

“When a Jezebel spirit finds a woman or a man whose flesh is unsubmitted to God, especially if the person is wounded, it moves in, and we begin to see the same patterns of manipulative and controlling behavior displayed by Queen Jezebel of old.”

The only way to understand and identify the spirit of Jezebel spirit is to look at how it operated through the woman in the Bible who bears its name.

Over 300 years ago, the great Puritan Bible scholar wrote this:

Matthew Henry

“The greatest delinquent in the house of Ahab was Jezebel: it was she that introduced Baal (to Israel), killed the Lord's prophets, contrived the murder of Naboth, stirred up her husband first, and then her sons, to do wickedly; a cursed woman she is here called.”

In his recent book, “Jezebel’s War With America”...

Dr. Michael Brown

“Without question, Jezebel was the most wicked woman in the Bible. She was an idol-worshipping seductress who slaughtered God’s prophets, terrified His servants, had her enemies assassinated, and emasculated her husband, the King of Israel. She stands as the epitome of an evil woman.”

The spirit was so strong in her that even the great prophet Elijah ran away from her in fear and was ready to lay down his ministry!

Though this woman is long dead, the spirit that operated through her is still with us today; but to discern it, we must look to the Word of God which tells us these 2 things we need to know:

- Who she was
- What she did

I. Identifying the Spirit of Jezebel

A. Who Was Jezebel?

1. The story of Jezebel is recorded in the 1st and 2nd Book of Kings in the Old Testament, where her name is mentioned 21 times.

- **Daughter of Sidonian king Ethbaal, whose name means “with Baal”, one of the primary false gods of the heathen nations of the heathen nations**
- **Entered into a politically motivated marriage to Ahab, King of Israel**
 - **Her name is a clue to her nature**

a. In his book, “Confronting Jezebel: Discerning and Defeating the Spirit of Control, our old friend Steve Sampson wrote:

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.”

2. Most demonic assignments against our lives attack us directly and personally; but the Jezebel spirit affects our relationship with others: **it will not allow you to have a relationship in which you are not in control.**

a. This spirit will always work to have the upper hand in the relationship or the have the last word in the argument.

3. A Jezebel spirit will never be at peace in a relationship unless it can dominate or be in control of the relationship.

4. Jezebel was married to Ahab, one of Israel’s most evil kings; but even though he was king, the Bible clearly reveals that Jezebel was dominant in their relationship.

5. This is why we say: **Every Jezebel must have an Ahab.** Why? **Because the spirit of control can only cohabit with those it can manipulate, intimidate or dominate.**

- a. A wife with a Jezebel spirit will seek to rule over her husband
- b. A husband with a Jezebel spirit will seek to dominate his wife and family (anger, temper, threats)

c. A teenager with a Jezebel spirit will seek to manipulate the mood of the entire family by means of disrespecting the parents or in outright rebellion against parental authority.

d. It is my personal belief that even small children can open the door to the Jezebel spirit if the parents have an Ahab spirit that allows the child to obtain what it wants through manipulation.

6. Jezebel in the Bible was a “controller”; and this is the sure sign of those who operate in the spirit of Jezebel.

B. What Did Jezebel Do?

WHAT DID JEZEBEL DO?

- **Turned the heart of her husband to idolatry**
- **Provided support to 450 false prophets**
- **Plotted the murder of Naboth to steal his vineyard**
- **Sought to kill the prophets Elijah and Elisha**

1. Jezebel was the daughter of the idol worshipping King of the Sidonians, whose name Ethbaal means “with Baal”.

a. Baal was one of the false gods of the heathen nations that were the sworn enemies of Israel.

2. She married Ahab, the King of Israel, and quickly turned his heart away from the God of Israel to serve her gods, Baal and Ashtoreth.

a. This marriage was a direct violation of God’s commandment that His people were not to intermingle or intermarry with heathens or idol worshippers.

Deuteronomy 7:1

"When the Lord your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you, and when the Lord your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them.

b. The next verses are very *specific*:

Deuteronomy 7:2-5

You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them. Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son. For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the Lord will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly.

3. Ahab, in marrying Jezebel, broke God's commandment and then led all of Israel into idolatry. How did it happen?

1 Kings 21:25-26

But there was no one like (more evil than) Ahab, who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the Lord, because Jezebel his wife stirred him up. And he behaved very abominably in following idols, according to all that the Amorites had done, whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel.

4. One of the marks of the Jezebel spirit is that it has the power to "stir up" those within its sphere of relationship.

Steve Sampson

"Jezebels will commonly stir up innocent people until their emotions run out of control then stand by and ask, 'What did I do wrong?' Most assuredly they will never take the blame for any result."

a. A sure sign of Jezebel spirit is that it can keep an entire family in turmoil! 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?"

5. The Jezebel spirit will not allow you to be able to maintain healthy, peaceful relationships.

SIGNS OF A JEZEBEL SPIRIT

- **Disrespects or dishonors parents (the Jezebel spirit in a young person can hold the whole family hostage; keeps things "stirred up")**
 - **Has few, if any, true friends**
- **Is not able to truly submit to authority figures, especially men**

- **Will blame others for all dysfunctional relationships**

(At the end of her life, Jezebel was living in a palace, surrounded by eunuchs)

6. **The Jezebel spirit hates authority, especially male authority.**

- She slaughtered hundreds of God's prophets (1 Kings 18:4)
- She hated the great prophet Elijah and sought to kill him
- When Elijah died, she hated the great prophet Elisha and sought to kill him
- The only man she could live with was the weak-willed Ahab

a. In the New Testament we see the spirit of Jezebel was working in Herod's wife Herodias and her daughter:

Matthew 14:6-8

But when Herod's birthday was celebrated, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod. Therefore he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. So she, having been prompted by her mother, said, "Give me John the Baptist's head here on a platter."

b. Jezebel will use her sexuality to manipulate those in authority; and what does she want? The "head" of John the Baptist! (The head is a symbol of authority!)

Michael Brown

"If you want to be a true prophetic voice, you will have to take on Jezebel."

7. I can tell you, from my personal experience, this is still true today.

C. Jezebel in the Age of the Church

1. In the Book of Revelation, written after the resurrection, the risen Christ sends a letter to 7 of His churches; the letter to Thyatira addresses Jezebel...

Revelation 2:18-23

18 "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass: 19 "I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.

Revelation 2:20-21

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 to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.

1. Bible scholars generally agree “that woman Jezebel” refers to a woman in the church who was operating in the spirit of Jezebel.

2. The sin of this church? It “tolerated” that woman Jezebel.

““Tolerate”

To allow the existence, presence, practice, or act of something that one does not necessarily like or agree with without prohibition or hindrance; permit.

a. Jesus is rebuking this church because it knew the Jezebel spirit was in operation and yet allowed it to continue. (Some Bible commentators believe that this woman was the wife of the Pastor or one of the church elders).

b. A church may be doing great things; but this one thing Jesus will hold against any church...if it tolerates sin!

3. Signs of Jezebel in the New Testament church:

Revelation 2:20-21

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 to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

a. The Jezebel spirit will make you see yourself as more spiritual than you really are; it is a spirit of self-promotion.

Steve Sampson

“Jezebels operate with an assumption of authority they do not have. They usurp authority and will not submit to authority of any kind.”

b. Then notice how she used her self-promotion as a prophetess...

Revelation 2:20

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...

- c. The Jezebel spirit brings false teaching into the church!
- d. It is a spirit of “seduction”-which is marked by luring others away from proper authority.

Seduction

The process of deliberately enticing a person to engage in illicit activity

- e. If a man is going to attempt to “seduce” a woman, he must first separate her from her proper authority (a daughter away from her parents, a wife away from her husband.

4. In this case, the goal of Jezebel was to introduce sexual immorality and idolatry into the church.

Revelation 2:20

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 to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

5. One more thing here...

Revelation 2:21

And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.

- a. God is patient with sin; He gives us space to repent; but the spirit of Jezebel will block a person from true repentance.
- b. Witchcraft is accompanied by stubbornness!
- c. All the characteristics of the Jezebel spirit are summed up in one verse:

1 Samuel 15:23

For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft and stubbornness as iniquity and idolatry.

6. And what is the judgment of God upon churches that tolerate the spirit of Jezebel?

Revelation 2:22-23

Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

7. Remember Jesus is not speaking to the world! He is speaking to one of His churches!

III. Conclusion

A. Never Underestimate the Spirit of Jezebel!

Dr. Michael Brown

“Many believe that this type of spirit may be Satan’s smartest and most cunning and evil spirit he has, and he thus dispatches this kind of spirit on specific targets so he can get the most bang for his buck.”

Dr. Michael Brown

“Simply put, a Jezebel spirit is one of Satan’s higher-ranking, more intelligent demons if not the smartest kind of demon he has in his kingdom. And with it being much more intelligent than many of the other lower-ranking demons will be, this makes this type of spirit much more evil, cunning, and harder to deal with once it moves in and attaches to a person.”

1. I believe Pastor John Kilpatrick has a prophetic word for us on this:

John Kilpatrick

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

2. I believe that the spirit of Jezebel is the explanation for the hatred many have for President Donald Trump because of his strong personality. It is truly a “supernatural hatred”.

3. Our only hope is repentance and deliverance from this awful evil spirit!

Steve Sampson

“If we are dealing with a Jezebel spirit, we must ask God to place in us an intolerance of all its activities. We must search our hearts and refuse to relinquish our power and authority as Christian by harboring unclean thoughts in our private lives.”

Closing Prayer

Supplemental Notes

HOW TO DEAL WITH THE JEZEBEL SPIRIT **Pastor Jim Raley, Calvary Christian Center in Florida**

1. Allow God to deal with you before you deal with anyone else.

This is of extreme importance. When you come against this spirit, it is important that your heart be pure before the Lord. Ask God to guide you, lead you, and direct you. Search your heart and empty yourself of all **anger and bitterness** toward the person you are confronting.

2. If you are not a spiritual leader, find one.

Recognize your own potential for operating in the Jezebel spirit. It is imperative for you to walk in submission to a God-ordained spiritual leader. You must come to them first and then submit to their council. It is best if they confront the person dominated by this spirit with you.

If this leader says not to approach the person you believe to be under the control of **Jezebel**, then don't approach them. Realize you have done what you could and should do, and continue to make this a matter of prayer.

3. Approach this person in humility and determination.

Pride is an incredible hindrance to any and all work of the Lord. Be led by the law of love. If you pridefully approach this person, filled with a religious spirit, you have lost before you even started. This encounter must find its very roots in prayer. Personally submit to the Holy Spirit, and come not only as a revealer but also as a healer. Be determined, but don't be detrimental to this person's life and walk. Your issue is with Jezebel, not the person. Meekness, gentleness, and humility will bring you the **victory**.

4. Pray, pray, and pray again.

Pray for the person caught by the Jezebel spirit and all Jezebel influences. Prayer binds Jezebel. Declare in faith that every chain of control that this spirit has over the lives of people is destroyed and broken. Declare freedom, healing, joy, and peace in the mighty name of Jesus.

Remember, the power of Christ is greater than the power of Satan, so do not fear! Stand against the stronghold of Jezebel, hold tightly to victory, and do not be denied!

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excerpted.