

I am standing on what the Lord says in His Word, and I am quoting those Words to the enemy when he wants to steal my peace or joy.... I am learning more than ever to walk by the Word of God and not by sight nor by feelings for sure.

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Prayer Study #310

PYTHON, LEVIATHAN, AND JEZEBEL AND OTHER DEMONIC SPIRITS

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BELOVED, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God...

1st John 4:1a

When we talked of grieving and quenching the Holy Spirit, I mentioned that we sometimes encountered people whom the enemy sent here to quench the Spirit in our meetings. The most prominent of the spirits we see quenching the Spirit are Python, Leviathan, and Jezebel. I will also briefly mention some other common spirits. This handout will describe the activities of these demonic spirits. I advise people to battle these not alone but in either pairs or corporately because you well may see a vicious counterattack. This particular study is not designed to be exhaustive but rather elementary. The purpose is to make you aware that these spirits do exist and are actively coming against the things of God.

How to Test the Spirits

Interjecting these demonic spirits in a study on the Holy Spirit is very appropriate since these spirits are often used in a meeting or ministry to quench the Holy Spirit or to oppress the anointing. Obviously the Holy Spirit does not have any problem dealing with these spirits, but the Lord designed spiritual warfare so that we have a part to play. We are to come against these spirits anytime we sense their presence in a meeting through spiritual warfare that includes the power of prayer. We have been taught how to resist them in a previous course on Spiritual Warfare, and it is not my purpose to re-teach these principles in this particular course. Before we do warfare, we must know who we are dealing with and must test the spirits to make sure that they are not operating in someone who pretends, as a wolf in sheep's clothing, to be sent from God. There are three main steps for doing this:

1. **Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:** *By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming and is now already in the world (1st John 4:2-3).*
2. **We have the witness of the Holy Spirit:** *You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error (1st John 4:4-6) The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God (Romans 8:16).*
3. **You shall know them by their fruit.** *Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? (Matthew 7:16).*

JEZEBEL

But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bondservants astray, so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

Revelation 2:20

Males, as well as females, may have a Jezebel Spirit. This is a spirit of religion, manipulation, control, lust, perversion, occult, self-promotion. A person with this spirit may not show all of these characteristics but will especially have control issues. The goal of a Jezebel is to disable and destroy individuals, ministries, and churches. It gossips against fellow believers, talks disrespectfully about other ministries, and reveals personal tidbits shared in confidence. It usurps authority, makes private accusations, and listens to accusations without a proper witness. It sows divisiveness in a church, involves false flattery, pits on person against another, declares he or she knows the mind of Christ, appears religious, and gives false dreams and

revelations. The family life of a Jezebel is usually unstable, and this spirit breeds negative attitudes and behavior. Jezebels believe their assessment of a pastor's leadership is correct, and they attempt to launch a revolt. This spirit disrespects the preciousness of human will and devalues individuals. It struggles with being overlooked, undervalued, or rejected, and it struggles with bitterness, criticalness, and anger. Those who operate in this spirit often refuse to communicate truthfully, or they do not communicate at all. Jezebels are often characterized with self-pity, pride, bitterness, selfishness, anger, resentment, jealousy, and a pattern of broken relationships. Jezebels embrace a victim mentality and exude a lack of gratitude. It is not unusual for a person who has a Jezebel spirit to have a true prophetic call from God that has been perverted, distorted, and misused. Individuals with a Jezebel spirit are skillful in getting their way through flattery, persuasion, sexual seduction, slander, lying, accusation, intimidation, secrecy, framing a person for a wrong done, or generating emotional and/or spiritual dependency in someone. Jezebels, who seek to control others, will be frustrated by godly authority and threatened by those to whom control is entrusted. Accusation is a common tool used by those with a Jezebel spirit, and it works hand in glove with a religious spirit. Although many Jezebels don't have this problem, and most homosexuals are not Jezebels, this spirit is often the controlling influence directing the lesser demons of homosexuality and faultfinder.

PYTHON

Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. The girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour (Acts 16:16-18).

This spirit wants to quench, through suffocation, the life and breath of God from your lungs and crush your hopes, dreams, faith, and vision. It is closely connected to discouragement, spiritual apathy, laziness, a constant feeling of being weighed down, sometimes choking

manifestations around the throat at night, fatigue and hopelessness. It is associated with witchcraft, which is closely, in turn, related to rebellion. It wants to keep you from doing what God wants you to do. It also casts doubt and suspicion on God's word.

LEVIATHAN

In that day the LORD with His severe sword, great and strong, will punish Leviathan the fleeting serpent, Leviathan that twisted serpent; and He will slay the reptile that is in the sea. (Isaiah 27:1)

Leviathan is a spirit that twists communication to cause damage to relationships and to break trust between people. People with this spirit actually sometimes literally hear different words from what the person actually spoke to them. The root of Leviathan is pride.

THE SLUMBERING SPIRIT

His watchmen are blind. All of them know nothing. All of them are dumb dogs unable to bark, dreamers lying down, who love to slumber. (Isaiah 56:10)

And this do, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. (Romans 13:11)

Obviously this is a spirit that causes individuals or whole church bodies to be asleep spiritually, and thus, those with a slumbering spirit are the opposite of the Sons of Issachar (*And the children of Issachar, who were men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do...1st Chronicles 12:32.*) This is a common spirit and is often rooted in deep sorrow or depression as when the disciples could not stay awake in the garden (*And when He rose up from prayer and was come to His disciples, He found them sleeping FOR SORROW (Luke 22:45).*

BEHEMOTH

Behold, he drinketh up a river and hastened not; he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth (Job 40:23)

(For more description of this spirit, read Job 15-24)

Behemoth means something of massive size and strength. Some think it is a bull, elephant, hippopotamus, rhinoceros, or an animal that no longer lives. It represents any demonic system that can oppress large numbers of people. Behemoths are strongholds of the enemy that must be destroyed before millions come to know Jesus. The Israelites were under a Behemoth in Egypt. This demonic power was confronted by Moses. The pharisaical religious system of Jesus' day was confronted by Jesus. Modern Behemoths include Communism, Islam, Humanism, Witchcraft, Materialism, Religion and Tradition, and Islam.

SPIRIT OF MOLECH

Again thou shalt say to the children of Israel, Whosoever he is of the children of Israel, of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, who giveth any of his seed unto Molech, he shall surely be put to death; the people of the land shall stone him with stones (Leviticus 20:2).

Molech is the spirit behind infertility and abortions.

BAAL

And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he who troubled Israel? And he answered, I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD and you have followed Baal (1st Kings 18:17-18). Baal is considered by some as the fallen angel Beelzebub. He was a Canaanite god of rain, thunder, fertility, and agriculture. He was the son of Dagon. He opens people up to adultery, prostitution, debauchery, drunkenness, idolatry, and sexual sins of all kinds.

If you want more information of these topics, I suggest the following:

The Jezebel Spirit by Francis Frangipane

The Three Battleground by Francis Frangipane

Unmasking the Jezebel Spirit by Rick Joyner

How to Try a Spirit by Mary Garrison

Guidelines to Deliverance by Dr. Paul Cox

Behemoth, Antichrist, and Absalom Spirits by Jane Hanson

Healing the Wounded Spirit by John and Paula Sandford

Rise and Be Healed

Milton Bourgeois

1972

Has fear and doubt come against your mind?

Has your faith been sorely tried?

Lift up your eyes, here cometh your help!

It is Jesus for you He has died.

If by faith you reach out to Him,

He will meet your ev'ry need.

He will respond to the cry of your heart,

He will touch you and set you free!

CHORUS

Rise and be healed in the name of Jesus.

Let faith arise in your soul!

Rise and be healed in the name of Jesus.

He will make you ev'ry whit whole!