

Prayer Study # 57  
**REBELLION**  
**“Python Revisited”**

*For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, He hath also rejected thee from being king. 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 15:23*

4(among many) Examples of the Rebellion Hall of Fame in Scripture

1. Lucifer(Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:11-17, John 8:44; 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 3:6, Revelation 12:7-12)
2. Adam(Genesis 3, Romans 5:12-21)
3. Absalom(2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 15-18)
4. The 10 Tribes of Israel(1<sup>st</sup> Kings 12:16-20)

*Woe unto them! For they have fled from me. Destruction unto them! Because they have transgressed against me. Though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against me. And they have not cried unto me with their heart, when they wailed upon their beds; they assemble themselves for grain and wine, and they rebel against me. Hosea 7:13-4*

9 Characteristics of Rebels

1. Secrets Sins(Hosea 7:1)
2. Lying(Hosea 7:1 & 13)
3. Stubbornness(Hosea 7:2)
4. Glory in sins(Hosea 7:3)
5. Love of wine and women(Hosea 7:4-5, & 14)
6. Extreme lustful passion(Hosea 7:6)
7. Prayerlessness(Hosea 7:7 & 10)
8. Ignorance(Hosea 7:9 & 11)
9. Wicked imaginations(Hosea 7:15)

If rebellion is as witchcraft, scripturally rebellion must be tied to witchcraft or divination. The Spirit of Divination in scripture is literally translated the Spirit of Python in the Greek. It is my belief that rebellion in the Body opens up the church to a Spirit of Python. Because there is rebellion against authority(authority of God’s Word; authority of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; parental authority; authority of God sanctioned pastoral leadership and elders, etc.) in the church today , we have opened ourselves up to a Spirit of Python, which is turn is why the Body of is dull and lifeless.

The python is a large, nonpoisonous snake that crushes its prey and kills by suffocation. The death process is slow, and when the python has you in its grip, the only way to kill is by cutting off its head. (HE[the seed of the woman]SHALL BRUISE THY HEAD, AND THOU[the serpent or Satan]SHALT BRUISE HIS HEEL. Genesis 3:15) (AND THE GOD OF PEACE SHALL BRUISE SATAN UNDER YOUR FEET SHORTLY. Romans 16:20)

The Spirit of Python wants to keep you from doing what God wants you to do. It crushes your hopes, faith, vision, dreams, drive, motivation, and fight. It is the source of spiritual apathy. Spiritual apathy is a state of no fight or drive to possess the promises of God. (THIS CHARGE I COMMIT TO YOU, SON TIMOTHY, ACCORDING TO THE PROPHECIES PREVIOUSLY MADE CONCERNING YOU, THAT BY THEM YOU MAY WAGE THE GOOD WARFARE. 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:18) Spiritual apathy is caused by the Spirit of Python actually whispering in your ears lies, accusations, condemnation, fear, and unbelief, trying to cast doubt and suspicion on God's Word. It cast out life, breath and the joy of the Lord from our lives and is closely associated with the spirit of heaviness and even death. This spirit makes it difficult to feel the Lord's presence and brings hopelessness, discouragement, depression, tiredness, defeat, and sickness. Many with this spirit struggle with addictions, particularly to smoking and drugs. Sometimes we come to such a place in the warfare associated with this spirit and its slow death process and constant feeling of weighing down, that we want to commit suicide to end the pain.

When the 12 spies went out to spy out the land that God had promised them, ten came back with a bad report saying in Numbers 13:33. "*And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants, and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.*" The name ANAK literally means in Hebrew "to choke as with strangulation using a necklace." Sounds like a Spirit of Python to me!

When we speak death over people[*DEATH AND LIFE ARE IN THE POWER OF THE TONGUE AND THEY THAT LOVE IT SHALL EAT THE FRUIT THEREOF.* Proverbs 18:21] in curses, slander, judgment and criticism, especially in regards to elders and spiritual authorities[*REBUKE NOT AN ELDER, BUT EXHORT HIM AS A FATHER; AND THE YOUNGER MEN, AS BRETHREN.* 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 5:1], or use manipulation or control, we are using divination and are in rebellion to God's authority.

(Information on Python taken from Dr. Paul Cox in *Guidelines to Deliverance*)