

Prayer Study #60

Behemoth, Antichrist Spirit, and Absalom Spirit

(FROM a teaching by Jane Hamon of Christian International)

Behemoth means something of massive size and strength. Some think this was the bull, others the elephant, and still others the hippopotamus. Some think it is a animal no longer alive. It represents any system large enough to oppress large groups of people. Behemoths are strongholds of the enemy that must be destroyed to see millions come to know Jesus. The Israelites were under a Behemoth in Egypt. This was confronted by Moses. The religious system of Jesus' day was a Behemoth. This was confronted by Jesus. The religious system of the 1500's that said one was justified by the law and works instead of by faith was a Behemoth confronted by Martin Luther. Modern Behemoths include Communism, Islam, Humanism, Materialism, Voodoo or the System of Witchcraft, the Spirit of Religion and Tradition or Religious Spirit in the church today, etc. Behemoth may well represent Satan, and he is full of pride and shows no mercy.

Description of Behemoth in Job 40:15-24

1. He eats grass like an ox-15 –HE SEEMS HARMLESS.
2. His strength is in his loins-16-HE IS A VERY VIRULENT REPRODUCER.
3. His force is in his belly-HE IS GLUTTONOUS.
4. His tail is like a cedar-17 –HE IS INFLEXIBLE
5. His sinews of his stones are wrapped together. –AGAIN HE IS A VERY VIRULENT REPRODUCER.
6. His bones are as strong pieces of brass-18 –HIS PRESENCE PRODUCES GOD'S JUDGEMENT.
7. His bones are like bars of iron-AGAIN HIS PRESENCE LEADS TO GOD'S JUDGEMENT.
8. He can be killed by the sword of god. HE CANNOT BE BROUGHT DOWN BY MAN'S WISDOM BUT ONLY BY GOD.
9. He feeds upon the mountains-20 HE SEEMS HARMLESS.
11. He lies under shady trees-21 & 22 –HE IS A HIDDEN, COVERT, SUBTLE DANGER.
14. He drinks a great amount of water-23 –HE DRINKS UP A RIVER, HOLDING BACK THE THINGS MOVING IN THE SPIRIT.
15. He is a slow moving creature- HE IS NOT IN A HURRY.
16. Man cannot take him off guard or take him in a snare-24 WE NEED TO PRAY AS MICHAEL PRAYED, "THE LORD REBUKE YOU, SATAN" IN ZECCHARIAH 3:2.

THE ABSALOM SPIRIT

(FROM a teaching from Rev. Joel Budd from Tulsa, Oklahoma, *THE ELIJAH LIST 3-16-06*)

BASIC BELIEFS OF THE ABSALOM SPIRIT

- A. Most authority is not to be trusted.
- B. Most authority is incompetent.
- C. "I know the right way to handle this."

THE BIBLICAL DESCRIPTION OF AN ABSALOM SPIRIT

(2nd Samuel 13:20-29, 14:23-33, 15:1-12)

1. An Absalom Spirit is rooted in a basic distrust and resentment of one's authority—either justifiable or exaggerated. (13:20,21)
2. An Absalom Spirit is rooted in a basic independence and self dependence. (13:20)
3. An Absalom Spirit is rooted in camouflaged bitterness—unresolved disappointments, fear, anger, etc. (13:22)
4. An Absalom Spirit is rooted in pride. (14:23-26)
5. An Absalom Spirit is rooted in rebellion. (14:27-30)
6. An Absalom Spirit is rooted in a deep-seated desire to be close to/next to/in a place of favor with the one in authority, but not with purity of heart.(14:30-33)
7. An Absalom Spirit is rooted in impressing and stealing the hearts of the people who are under authority in order to eventually “dethrone” and replace the one in authority. (15:1-12)
8. An Absalom Spirit manifests in self-promotion. (15:1)
9. An Absalom Spirit manifests in opportunism/self-advancement at the expense of others. (15:2)
10. An Absalom Spirit manifests in divisiveness, antagonism, and negative criticism of authorities to promote self. (5:3)
11. An Absalom Spirit manifests in false humility. (15:5)
12. An Absalom Spirit manifests in religious hypocrisy and hype. (15:12) ...”while offering sacrifices...” (15:12)
13. An Absalom Spirit manifests in betrayal. (15:12)

PROTECTION FROM AN ABSALOM SPIRIT

- A. Those who have the trust of their leaders are targets for an Absalom Spirit.
- B. Stay loyal to leaders who are putting their trust in you, even if they are not perfect or adequate. Either be loyal or quit.
- C. Confront any Absalom who tries to manipulate you and use you.
- D. Go straight to your leader and tell them about “Absalom” before it is too late for them or you(15:1)

ANTICHRIST SPIRIT

(FROM teaching by Mary Garrison in *How to Try a Spirit*)

1 John 4:3

“And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that Spirit of Antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.”

1. Opposes Christ(doctrine, diety, humanity, victory)
2. Substitutes other methods for atoning for sin, such as good works
3. Attributes gifts of the Spirit to Satan
4. Tries to disrupt Christian groups
5. Persecutes the saints