

PRAYER STUDY #88

Demonic Strongholds and Powers

Consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the Lord your God and cry out to the Lord.

Joel 1:14

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6: 10-11

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.

2nd Corinthians 10:4

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...

Hosea 4:6

Jack Deere's Specific Demonic Inroads

1. Prolonged Voluntary Sins-John 14:30
2. Anger and Unforgiveness-Ephesians 4:26-27; 2nd Corinthians 2:9-11; Mark 11:25; Matthew 6:14-15; Matthew 18:21-35; Luke 23:32-34
3. Lust, sexual immorality or perversion-1st Corinthians 5:5; Proverbs 5:7-9
4. Hatred and violence-Luke 9:54-56; John 8:44
5. Envy, jealousy and selfish ambition-James 3:13-18; 1st Samuel 18:8-11
6. Occult practices-Leviticus 20:6; Deuteronomy 18:9-13; Acts 16:16-18
7. Idolatry-1st Corinthians 10:20; Revelation 9:20; 1st Timothy 6:9; Colossians 3:5
8. Blasphemy-1st Timothy 1:20;
9. Drugs

Some demonic powers we have encountered & some we have not:

1. **JEZEBEL SPIRIT:** *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. REVELATIONS 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. Its goal is to disable and destroy individuals,

ministries, 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 one person against another, declares he or she knows the mind of God, appears religious, and gives false dreams and revelations. The family life of a Jezebelite is usually unstable, and this spirit breeds negative attitudes and behavior. Jezebelites 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 struggles with bitterness, criticalness, and anger. Those who operate in this spirit often refuse to communicate truthfully or not at all. It is often characterized by self-pity, pride, bitterness, selfishness, anger, resentment, jealousy, and a pattern of broken relationships. Jezebelites 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 skilled 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. Jezebelites 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 and glove with a religious spirit. Although many Jezebelites don't have this problem, the Jezebel spirit is often the controlling influence directing the lesser demons of homosexuality and is often connected to the demon named "Faultfinder."

2. **ANTI-CHRIST SPIRIT:** *Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that Antichrist is coming, even now many anti-christs have arisen.* 1st John 2:19

This spirit uses the power demons of Jealousy, Fear, Unforgiveness, and Ambition to keep bodies of believers from becoming the armed and dangerous united Body of Christ. The antichrist spirit hardens the heart, keeping it from love. An individual or body of believers who

think God is pleased with them, yet they do not walk in love may actually be serving the Spirit of Antichrist. It is the “strong man” behind most church splits. Indeed, if you pray against this spirit, instead of what you think are the immediate issues, most church splits would be avoided. In this sense, we must guard against clinging to our own ideas and criticisms. If our thoughts exalt themselves above God’s ability to correct us, we will certainly become a target for the Spirit of Antichrist. The Antichrist Spirit opposes truth, especially new wineskin truth, and resists any movement in the church towards life. The Antichrist Spirit opposes the prophetic office, utters blasphemies against the gifts (attributing them to Satan), tries to harass and disturb fellowships, attacks individual personal testimonies, bind people to exact church laws contrary to scriptures on freedom from law, and tries to seduce into error.

3. SPIRIT OF HAUGHTINESS OR PRIDE: *Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall. Better it is to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.*

Proverbs 16:18-19

Manifestations of the Spirit of Haughtiness include bragging (1st Peter 5:5), pride (Proverbs 6:16-17), stubbornness (Proverbs 29:1), gossip (Proverbs 21:23-24), contention (Proverbs 13:10), control and dictatorial domination (1st Peter 5:3 & 5). It also exhibits a “Holier than Thou” attitude and is always ready to correct others, especially those in authority.

4. PYTHON SPIRIT: *And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain maid possessed with a spirit of divination [python] met us, who brought her masters much gain by soothsaying. The same followed Paul and us and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the Most High God, who show unto us the way of salvation. And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee, in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.*

Acts 16:16-18

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

throat at night, fatigue and hopelessness. It is associated with witchcraft which is closely related to rebellion. It wants to keep you from doing what God wants you to do. It is associated with spiritual apathy and tries to crush dreams and visions, faith and hope, motivation and fight. It casts doubt and suspicion on God's word.

- 5. LEVIATHAN:** *In that day the Lord with his hard and great and strong sword shall punish Leviathan, the piercing serpent, and he shall slay the sea monster that is in the sea.*

Isaiah 27:1

The visible fruit of this demon's presence is that Leviathan twists communication to cause damage to relationships. *"The root that enables Leviathan to operate is pride in competence. When someone is excellent in their field, a pride in their own excellence can open the door for Leviathan to skew what is said or heard. Hence this massive fragmentation in the Body. So many times one leader does not trust another leader so they won't let their followers partner with the other organization either. There are actual ethics-based problems at times, but if you trace most divisions among leaders back to the point of deviation, it was a discussion somewhere that went awry. One person walked away from the relationship convinced that the other person's motives stunk, and they arrived at that conclusion because of miscommunication."*

Jane Hamon

"Leviathan is a devouring spirit that tends to break apart and leave living residue with the person. We have found that you must pray that no parts be left behind or that it must not be reconnected to the person. It seems to be against worship; therefore it affects the throat down to the stomach. Leviathan may be like a curse. The dominion affects emotions and thoughts. It modifies how someone sees and hears. It affects giftings. It appears to be in control of addiction and compulsive activity....It appears to be directly in charge of spiritual death."

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- 6. ABSALOM SPIRIT:** *And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom. And David said unto all his servants, who were with him at Jerusalem,*

Arise and let us flee; for we shall not else escape from Absalom. Make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil upon us and smite the city with the edge of the sword.

2nd Samuel 15:13-14

This spirit is closely akin to Jezebel and is rooted in distrust and resentment of one's authority. It believes most authority is not to be trusted; most authority is incompetent; and "I know the **right** way to handle this." An Absalom Spirit is rooted in pride, self-promotion, manipulation, selfish ambition (disguised to appear as service to others), negative criticism, divisiveness, false humility, religious hypocrisy, hype, and rebellion. It is rooted in a deep-seated desire to be close to/next to/ or in a place of favor with the one in authority and tries to impress and steal the hearts of the people who are under authority in order to eventually "dethrone" and replace the one in authority.

7. BEHEMOTH: *Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteneth not; he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth.*

Job 40:23

(Read Job 15-24 with spiritual eyes to understand Behemoth.)

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 an 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 before 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 confronted by Jesus. The religious system of the 1500s 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, Witchcraft, Religion and Tradition, etc. Behemoth may well represent Satan who like Behemoth is full of pride and shows no mercy.

8. Belial(a title for a worthless person): *And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?*

2nd Corinthians 6:15

Belial "is in charge of confusion; it takes feelings away; it puts walls around the heart and seems to disable the mind and love in a person."

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- 9. Spirit of Molech:** *Again thou shalt say to the children of Israel, Whosoever he is of the children of Israel, of 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 is connected with abortions.

- 10. Dagon:** *And when they rose early on the next morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the Lord, and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him.*

1st Samuel 5:4

Dagon seeks to manipulate the plans of God.

11. **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 also considered 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, and idolatry and other sexual sins.

Recommended Reading

The Jezebel Spirit by Francis Frangipane

The Three Battlegrounds 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 Hamon