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CHURCH



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JEZEBEL'S SEDUCTIVE PROCESS

I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first. Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow 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. 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.

—Revelation 2:19-23 (NKJ)

Many times when discussing Jezebel we often think of a controlling manipulating woman whose appearance is very seductive and sensual. Although Jezebel was this type of woman in the scriptures, the spirit of Jezebel is not limited to this type of behavior; neither is it limited to a specific gender. Because Jezebel is a spirit, it can operate in both men and women. In fact, I will contend that the spirit of Jezebel operates equally or more in men than women. Jezebel's mode of operation is control, manipulation, and seduction. The spirit of Jezebel operates within society to control and seduce people and lead them into captivity. The spirit of Jezebel is obsessed with exercising control over people; even when she appears to be submissive and humble, she meticulously calculates her plan to seize position and authority.

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The scripture in Revelation 2:20 says she "calls herself a prophetess." **One of the most destructive assignments of Jezebel is to secure influence within the church to strategically corrupt the tribe.** The way this is done is through a series of stages, which we will discuss. As we can see in Revelation Chapter 2, the Lord had something against the church at Thyatira. Although he acknowledged their works, charity, service, faith, and patience, he had vital concern about a breach that occurred in the ranks of this particular tribe. A woman who called herself a prophetess was

permitted to teach and seduce the people of God in this particular church to commit fornication or immorality and eat things sacrificed unto idols. It is important to notice that this woman was self-appointed; she identified herself as a prophet of God. That in itself is a sign of trouble when men and women begin to appoint themselves to a specific ministry office without the authorization of God.

A word of caution would be wise for leaders not to be so quick to set people in positions of influence when their grace has not been confirmed, identified, and approved of by God, especially one of the fivefold ministry gifts as found in Ephesians 4:12. Jezebel will attempt to capitalize upon inappropriate ministry patterns and structures that do not install accountability factors within the framework of leadership. Due to the lack of accountability or an incorrect ministry pattern at the church of Thyatira, Jezebel was allowed to teach; she probably was publicly ordained by men; however, she definitely was recognized as an influential voice, even to the point of securing a position of leadership.

The goal of Jezebel is to **teach** and **seduce** God's people to effectively prepare them to ultimately wander off the road of righteous and subsequently denounce Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, and the life. This is why it is important to "Deceive-Proof the Tribe." Like the church at Thyatira, many have succumbed to the spirit of Jezebel not recognizing what is really taking place. Through the adoption of false teaching, erroneous doctrine, and unauthorized ministry patterns, many church leaders are trending toward the world of false prophets unknowingly. Looking at the church at Thyatira, the church leaders obviously did not identify Jezebel as a false prophet because they permitted or tolerated her to teach God's people. False prophets can be identified by their teaching or doctrine. Although in the beginning they attempt to conceal some of their most vile beliefs and practices, they will gradually dispense seeds of corrupt doctrine with the intent to collect on them at a later stage in the process of seduction.

Let them protect you from an affair with an immoral woman, from listening to the flattery of a promiscuous woman.

—Proverbs 7:5 (NLT)

The perverted belief system they harbor eventually will manifest overtly in their teaching and forms of counsel. However, the ability to effectively gain the acceptance and trust of the people is by teaching inspiration and flattering empowerment messages, which prepare the groundwork for a more sinister and dark injection of wicked doctrine. The spirit of Jezebel often flatters people, tells them nice things that are satisfying to the flesh, and avoids any form of correction or adjustment. What more effective way to execute a plan of acceptance, whereby to utilize the vehicle of “exclusive inspiration and empowerment.”

With much seductive speech she persuades him; with her smooth talk she compels him.

—Proverbs 7:21 (ESV)

Soon she has him eating out of her hand, bewitched by her honeyed speech. Before you know it, he’s trotting behind her, like a calf led to the butcher shop, Like a stag lured into ambush and then shot with an arrow, Like a bird flying into a net not knowing that its flying life is over.

—Proverbs 7:21-23 (MSG)

In the end, serious reprimand is appreciated far more than bootlicking flattery.

—Proverbs 28:23 (MSG)

A lying tongue hates its victims, and flattering words cause ruin.

—Proverbs 26:28 (NLT)

To flatter friends is to lay a trap for their feet.

—Proverbs 29:5 (NLT)

A flattering neighbor is up to no good; he’s probably planning to take advantage of you.

—Proverbs 29:5 (MSG)

To teach is to groom, craft, or shape the mentality of men, which governs behavior. To effectively activate people to practice immorality, Jezebel strategically and patiently launches a campaign of teaching to pervert thinking and twist Kingdom principles to control behavior. Demon spirits understand if you control a person's thinking or belief system, you can control their actions and behavior. I am convinced that Jezebel was bent on identifying herself as a prophetess and securing a position within the church to teach. Jezebel desires to teach emerging leaders, and the next generation of saints. Her thrust is to soften the reality and consequences of immortality.

BUT ALSO [in those days] there arose false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among yourselves, who will subtly and stealthily introduce heretical doctrines (destructive heresies), even denying and disowning the Master Who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their immoral ways and lascivious doings; because of them the true Way will be maligned and defamed.

—Peter 2:1-2 (AMP)

IDENTIFYING THE SPIRIT OF SLAVERY

Slavery is defined as the condition of a slave; bondage; the keeping of slaves as a practice or institution. A state of subjection like that of a slave: Severe toil: drudgery. Slave is a person entirely under the domination of some influence or person.

Within the context of the local church the Bible teaches us to submit to our elders and leadership. *“Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. They work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with*

sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.” Hebrews 13:17 (NLT) Unfortunately this scripture or instruction has been abused and taken out of context by some. To use scripture to dominate and enslave people can be identified as “abuse of authority.” Often when there is abuse of authority exercised the spirit of slavery is usually the motivating force behind the action. However, there are many good leaders that understand how to operate in the authority that has been given to them without abusing it. Once we recognize these types of leaders, we should follow the pattern of scripture, submit to their leadership, and not make it difficult for them to lead us. Leaders that care for the sheep and operate in godly authority are precious and should be commended for their ability to lead God’s people.

And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

—Exodus 1:7 (NKJ)

In this chapter, we want to discuss and identify the operation of the spirit of slavery. While looking at the children of Israel, which is a type of the church, we can clearly see that the selected form of strategy to stop and shut down the children of Israel was “slavery.” I’m convinced that the same spirit operating back then is one of the same spirits the church is contending with today. The strategy of this spirit is to stop the progression of local faith communities and engage people in a “system of slavery” with provisions to remain content, thereby diverting away from the advancement of the Kingdom. This behavior is more than often administrated in the context of the local church between leaders and the sheep. In Exodus 1:7 the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly and multiplied and waxed exceedingly mighty, and the land was filled with them.

What’s very important to note here is the children of Israel were FRUITFUL, INCREASED, ABUNDANTLY, MULTIPLIED, and WAX EXCEEDINGLY MIGHTY before they were enslaved. Many times the children of Israel is identified with slavery only, however in the beginning of Exodus before slavery the children of Israel was a governmental people. This position of authority became a threat to the powers of darkness. Therefore, the enemy of Israel, which in this case was Pharaoh, strategically devised a plan to stop the increase and influence and governmental authority that resonated with Israel. The strategy was “slavery.”

Come on, let us deal wisely with them, lest they multiply and it come to pass, when there

befalleth any war, that they join also unto our enemies and fight against us and so get them up out of the land. Therefore they set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses.

–Exodus 1:10, 11 (NKJ)

Many of our local churches have come under attack by spiritual insurgences to stop the increase of influence and governmental authority that has been given and authorized by God himself. The enemy Satan has employed the same tactic the “spirit of slavery” concealed in a different method to hinder the increase and progressive power of some local tribes. We will look at the earmarks of a plantation church structure. The purpose of the spirit of slavery within the context of the local tribe is to shut down the church in order to paralyze its growth and ability to be effective, along with stopping the church from administrating one of its primary functions of exercising governmental authority on the earth. Slavery is primarily a method used to fulfill the lustful desire for power, money, and control.

THE SIGNS OF A PLANTATION CHURCH STRUCTURE

1. THE LEADERSHIP IS OBSESSED WITH CONTROL; AND PLAYS ONE INDIVIDUAL AGAINST ANOTHER TO PROVOKE ONE TO SLAVISHLY OBEY:

This type of behavior is usually articulated with a list of threats, which are designed to create fear. The instruction usually places an incredible emphasis on “submission to authority,” resulting with some form of contorted honor placed on the leader. Once the fear has secretly gripped an individual they are more likely to carry out the demands of the taskmaster. Most saints under a slave master usually display signs of emotional instability. In many cases, they are unable to engage in healthy relationships with family and friends because of the internal struggle to be free and the cryptic mental messages that are prepared by the taskmaster with half-truths, which are presented for consumption. Marriages are highly pressured and never seem to be stabilized in this type of environment. Couples are turned against one another in some cases by playing one spouse against the other to obtain control over the relationship. Because the taskmaster may be privy to personal relational details of the marriage, this provides them with strategic information to manipulate certain situations in their favor, thereby driving a wedge between couples that produce chronic contention for the couple in their home.

People display signs of intense fear, afraid of losing their salvation, or being severely punished by God. One of the most common fears of saints is to become humiliated and singled out in the weekly sermon. Many are punished by becoming the object of discussion because they have violated the plantation rules. Taskmasters will use their platform of the pulpit to target individuals they believe are not compliant with the slave program. This form of activity has become a common strategy to control the saints and strike fear in the hearers. The utilization of the pulpit within this context is often the works of charismatic witchcraft. One way to identify a slave master and slave system is the taskmaster is always preoccupied with fighting with the saints within the congregation. They never have time to genuinely build because they are typically obsessed and preoccupied with contending with the saints, jockeying for control over their lives.

Taskmasters feel the need to control; they are most frustrated when they are not

controlling individuals. Therefore, when they can no longer control you, they will launch a campaign at some point to demonize individuals who refuse to submit to their control. They will mobilize the other saints to join in their campaign. The saints are often instructed to cut off any connection to the known perpetrator of the system. This means no more fellowship, and even in some cases, people are instructed not to speak or talk to these people. It's amazing to see people who have been fellowshipping one with another for years only to become disconnected overnight because the taskmaster releases the orders and deems an individual as being in violation. Because of this activity within the context of control, the slave master will embrace tactics such as "playing one person against another" by manipulating talents and gifting, in hopes of navigating systematic control. "This type of behavior reeks of the scent of cultism."

In natural slavery in the U.S. there were individual slaves called "house slaves." They were the ones that blindly embraced the system and everything the slave master wanted. Therefore, they were able to work in the master's house while others worked in the field. This act was intended to place some form of contorted honor upon the so-called faithful slaves. The slave master would use this tactic to whip the other slaves in line. The strategy was to reward one slave over another with the intent to make so-called rebellious and slacking slaves intimidated into slavish obedience. When you clearly identify the works of a slave system, be careful to never be used as a pawn or object of control to manipulate others to create an environment of competition, as soon enough your turn to become the focus of intimidation is right around the corner. If a taskmaster will use you to make someone else jealous and slavishly obey, there is a good chance he or she will also do it to you. If you don't believe it, just remain in the concentration camp and your number will be called.

One of the main stimulations of a taskmaster is to play one individual against another in hopes of maintaining control. There are many saints that become fatigued and severely flagellant by the constant actions of such activity. I've witnessed many saints struggle with becoming active in ministry for years because of this adopted practice. I've also counseled with different individuals that have contemplated suicide because of this wicked activity. Many are in need of deliverance from spirits of church hurt and abuse of the taskmaster.

Many relationships are instantly severed to only leave people wounded and hurt. I'm aware of the responsibility of a leader protecting the sheep from individuals whom enter into some form of sin and refuse to correct the way of their practice. Genuine

leadership should always protect the sheep from valid harmful situations. However, within the context of the spirit of slavery, taskmasters operate out of fear and control and often attempt to cloak themselves in the role of a compassionate leader. They will communicate that their actions are due to the protection of the sheep, when in reality their actions are activated to solidify and fortify their strategy of “fear and control.” Once the courage and decision is made to get out of this type of situation, many are in great need of deliverance from the emotional scars that have accumulated over time.