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# The Three Battlegrounds by Francis Frangipane

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## Chapter 20 - Strategy Against the Spirit of Jezebel (Part 1)

*You cannot defeat the enemy simply with prayer. To topple Satan's empire we must be transformed into Christ's likeness.*

### Our War Against Jezebel

The church that successfully wars against Jezebel will be a church that inherits the glorious “morning star” (Revelation 2:28), which will be a visible outward glory, a symbol of hidden, inward purity. It will be a church that ultimately exercises “authority over the nations” (v.26), uniquely because it has conquered the Jezebel spirit which sought to strip the church of authority. It will be a church in which the gift of healing is an integral part of their body ministry.

There are great prizes to winning the war against Jezebel. Although every victory is initiated by prayer, God's rewards will not be attained only through intercession. As we have stated: Victory begins with the name of Jesus on our lips; it is not consummated until the nature of Jesus is in our hearts.

Therefore, in regard to our war against Jezebel, we must allow the Holy Spirit to expose where we are tolerant and sympathetic to its ways. We cannot be successful in the heavenly war if we are not victorious in the battlefield of our minds. There is only one realm of final victory against the enemy: Christlikeness.

Jesus is He “who searches the minds and hearts” (Revelation 2:23). Our victory in every battle begins here, in our “minds and hearts.” Consequently, we cannot tolerate Jezebelian thinking in any area. Our concept of church must expand beyond buildings into a way of life we practice everywhere. Since we are the church, let us realize that we are still in the church when we are home. When we turn on television to an immoral program or view a web site that is illicit, we are still in the church, tolerating the spirit of Jezebel.

If a husband is afraid of his strong-willed wife or unable to serve as the head of his household, although he is not in the worship building, he is still in the church tolerating Jezebel. Our time spent in the worship service is necessary, but it is a very small part of our continuing

church-life. It is in our daily, routine living where the strongholds of Jezebel must be confronted and destroyed.

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