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The Three Battlegrounds by Francis Frangipane

Chapter 20 - Strategy Against the Spirit of Jezebel (Part 2)

It Takes an “Ahab” to Tolerate Jezebel

There is a spirit that works alongside Jezebel. The effect of this demon is that it floods the soul of a man with weakness and fear. Its name is Ahab; his nature is one who gives his authority to Jezebel

The Ahab spirit occupies the areas of tolerance within a man’s mind. The man feels almost drugged in his struggle against Jezebel. To win against Jezebel, one must conquer the nature of Ahab.

The essence of Ahab is a title, “husband,” and a position “head,” but the man has no real authority. When Ahab was king, Jezebel ruled. The man who cannot govern his household with godly, loving, and protective authority will not exercise his spiritual authority elsewhere. Such as man needs to repent of his fears and firmly, with gentleness and patience, set his home in order.

But let us further clarify authority. Authority is simply delegated responsibility. The emphasis is not on being the boss but being responsible. The substructure upon which divine authority comes forth is divine love. Headship in the home is simply the man taking loving responsibility for the condition of authority as simply the domination of his wife. God would have couples making decisions together, each drawing upon the wisdom of the other, enjoying themselves as friends in open and loving communion. God’s answer to dealing with Jezebel is not to exchange one form of oppression (Jezebel’s) for another (the man’s). Our objective is to replace Jezebel’s concept of security with the security a woman receives when she is tenderly loved by her husband. Thus, the man wins the war against Jezebel by becoming Christlike.

The woman overcomes the haughtiness of Jezebel by seeking the meekness of Christ. She pursues a “gentle and quiet spirit” (see 1 Peter 2:23-3:4), which is natural to Christlikeness. The woman must see God’s wisdom in the divine order of the family and honor her husband as her head. If she is unmarried, she should be submitted to the order God has established in her church as unto the Lord. Her humility and peace in serving others is a sign of destruction to the nature of Jezebel (see Philippians 1:28).

The woman conquers the sensual side of Jezebel by renouncing her feminine charms, which are “deceitful” (Proverbs 31:30), and her “many persuasions” (Proverbs 7:21), which are enticing. She refuses the sensual look of the eyes and seductive softening of the voice. If she is married, her beauty is given to her husband. If she is single, she adorns her inner person with the spiritual qualities of the fruit of the Spirit, knowing that if she compromises her standards with God, she will inevitably find a man who will compromise his standards with her. The true man God has for her is a godly man in search of a virtuous woman. Her victory begins with prayer, but it is consummated by transformation.

What we become in Christ, as His people, must be the exact opposite of the spirit of Jezebel. Is she rebellious? We must become submissive. Is she proud and haughty? We must become meek and lowly of heart. Is she a control demon? We must be gentle and willing to yield. Does Jezebel send forth witchcraft and immorality, fear, and discouragement? We must live a crucified life in the purity of Christ, full of love and faith for our vision. Again, it is who Christ becomes in us that establishes our victory against the spirit of Jezebel.

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