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The Three Battlegrounds by Francis Frangipane

Chapter 21 - Deliverance from the Spirit of Jezebel (Part 3)

The Jezebel spirit is Satan's answer for a woman's protection in a harsh, male-dominated world.

Godliness or Witchcraft

The Jezebel spirit exploits the offenses a woman may have received from ungodly men, forcing the woman to utilize manipulation, sensuality and intimidation to make her way through life. Yet, it drives the woman beyond mere survival, developing her more intuitive nature until, whether she realizes it or not, the techniques she applies to personal relationships are akin to principles of witchcraft.

The entry of this spirit into the woman's life is full of irony. The woman, in her rebellion from the harsh, unloving demands of corrupt male authority, finds shelter and strength in becoming like her oppressor: she herself becomes harsh and unloving. Thus, the very thing she hated in men, she has now become.

The defense God offers for women, however, is the nature of Christ. Indeed, the antidote for the Jezebel spirit is Jesus' humility. His call to us requires that we crucify our "rights" and our list of things which have offended us upon the cross. Thus, Christ makes all things new. Because we follow Him, we forgive those who have hurt us and love those who were our enemies. The effect of Christ's love not only offers hope for our antagonists but is a source of protection, a buffer between us and the harshness of life. Indeed, through the way of Christ we not only find protection but eternal life. We can become fruitful in the land of our affliction.

The Joy of Spiritual Freedom

We know many women who once were in bondage to the Jezebel spirit but now have been delivered from its ways. These are women who function today in respected ministries throughout the nation. They do not feel they must become manlike to become ministries; they are feminine and glorify Christ in their womanhood, and they function in great authority and liberty.

The Jezebel spirit, however, is a perverse spirit which seeks to alter women into men and to make men into women. Since the Jezebel spirit offers an "illegal" strength to the woman, her

deliverance will not begin until she can embrace a transition time of weakness. As Christ was crucified “because of weakness,” yet He lives “because of the power of God” (2 Corinthians 13:4). So God will work dependency into the woman’s heart until she trusts in the power and goodness of God for her security; she will renounce her ability to manipulate people.

The Jezebel stronghold is rooted in woman’s reactions to fear. She controls because she seeks predictability; she manipulates because she cannot trust. However, the Scriptures tell us that “perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment” (1 John 4:18 KJV). During the process of deliverance, she needs godly men and women to stand with her in love, especially as she embraces the allotted times of weakness.

Remember, a woman under the influence of this spirit is a woman tormented. She has not been properly loved; the Jezebel stronghold is the result. Those who work to help such individuals should acknowledge with thankfulness that the woman who has come for help has already taken the first step toward her deliverance: she recognizes her need. You must confirm to her your commitment to this process of deliverance.