

Has America Compromised With the Jezebel Spirit?

I was traveling across the country on a ministry trip when I saw the recent Women's March begin to dominate the news headlines.

My first reaction was, "This is great!"

It appeared to be women from all over the nation coming together in unity to advance equal treatment and equal pay in the workplace. My wife Heather and I travel and minister together as full-time prophetic evangelists. I love the fact that she and I minister side by side. I always say, "She is fire," because she never holds back and is completely obedient to the Holy Spirit when she ministers.

Truthfully, we've experienced firsthand how some ministries value me (men) ministering over my wife (women). Never has my wife ever once received a larger honorarium than I, and sometimes she doesn't even receive one at all. Heather and I have had many private conversations about how hurtful and dishonoring this has been. My wife is a gift and brings a powerful prophetic ministry to the body of Christ. We've made the decision together to let God bless her, and regardless of this discrimination she receives as a woman, everything she does is unto the Lord. I believe the church shouldn't be light-years behind in this arena, but leading the way.

With that said, I watched as the march went on, and the entire tone seemed to be very militant in nature. Then I saw on the news that a pro-life women's group that wished to march was asked not to.

Then I witnessed celebrities cursing our government and nation, promoting abortion institutions. They carried signs that read, "If Mary (Magdalene) had had an abortion, we

wouldn't be in this mess!" I continued to see an anti-God, anti-purity, anti-Christ spirit emerge from the heart of this march. I watched a celebrity curse profanity over our nation and demand the right to have abortions. This wasn't about equal pay; this was about the advancement of an anti-Christ spirit. As I watched, I was grieved, and up in my spirit came, "This is the Jezebel spirit!"

In my book, *Jezebel: The Witch Is Back*, I write:

One woman brought down the kingdom of Israel. One woman sent the ministers and prophets of God running in fear for their lives. Her name was Jezebel. Jezebel was a seductive prophetess of the false god, Baal. We first hear about this infamous queen in 1 Kings 16:30-31. Jezebel was the daughter of a king-priest of Sidon named Ethbaal. Ethbaal means man of Baal or with him is Baal. He was a high priest of Astarte. This is very important. Astarte was the Canaanite fertility goddess, also called Ishtar. In the Babylonian pantheon, this deity was the daughter of the moon god, Sin, and later the consort of Anu, the deity of heaven. She is usually regarded as the goddess of love and sensual pleasure or fertility. The Assyrians also fostered her identification as the goddess of war. This high priest of Baal, Ethbaal, personally mentored his daughter in the heathen worship of this pagan god of sexuality and spiritual war. This king, who was entirely devoted to Baal, indoctrinated his daughter with the notion that she was an ally of Baal, and her goddess of fertility is not only the giver of life but also the giver of death. He gave her the assignment of bringing death and destruction to all those who oppose Baal. Accordingly, he named her Jeze-Baal, (jězə, bəl), or Jezebel.

The worship of Baal rejected the holiness set up by Yahweh (God) and encouraged indulgence in every self-pleasing sexual desire as a part of self-worship. Through the worship of Baal came the god Dagon, for Baal was the son of Dagon. Baal,

Dagon, Ashtoreth and Molech combined for the erotic acts of perverted heterosexual relations, homosexual activity, violent sexual acts, body piercing (including genitals), body cutting and an infatuation with blood (drinking and draining), prostitution and ceremonial orgies. They were also one of the originators of child sacrifice. Sadly, God's children were participating in all this debauchery, and His prophets were being chased off from doing anything about it. With her rebellious, manipulative practices installed in the culture, only a fraction of the Jews who remained still lived their lives in covenant with God. Jezebel and her god, Baal, stood in direct opposition to Yahweh. It was of utmost importance for her to elevate Baal and the worship of him in Israel. Her god didn't have to be the true God; he just had to be an option. The purpose was not for Jezebel's god to answer by fire but to get him on the same stage as the true God. Jezebel will force her way onto the stage, because she wants Baal to be on the same altar as God.

Jesus's words in the New Testament (Revelation 2:20) were, "Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess." In the New Testament, Jesus noted the spirit behind the woman Jezebel. Theirs was toleration of the spirit by the ignorance of it. I believe that the spirit behind the woman, Jezebel, is the very same spirit at work in our nation today. This spirit is bringing the same destruction to the political sphere and God's house, the church, through compromise, self-worship, immorality and a removal of the prophetic voice (prophets). We must be spiritually discerning at what is going on in our nation. We can't link good causes with evil spirits. We cannot compromise with a Jezebel spirit. We can't align with it; as Jesus said, "We can't tolerate it!" We need to expose this spirit, confront it and defeat it through prayer and humility.

For more information on the Jezebel Spirit, see my book, *Jezebel: The Witch Is Back*, or check out another great book on

the subject by my friend Jennifer LeClaire, *The Spiritual Warrior's Guide to Defeating Jezebel*.

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