

How Jezebel's Evil Spirit Is Still at Work in America Today

Although Jezebel committed all kinds of evil acts, it was her idolatry that made her who she was, says columnist, author and national radio host Dr. Michael Brown.

And now, Jezebel's evil spirit, Brown says, is still at work today in America.

Dr. Brown's new book, *Jezebel's War with America: The Plot to Destroy Our Country and What We Can Do to Turn the Tide*, focuses on very real societal topics such as idolatry, pornography, abortion, radical feminism, witchcraft, the emasculating of men, an all-out war on gender and the silencing of the church's prophetic voice.

Likewise, Jezebel's idolatry was very tangible evidence of her evil nature, Brown says.

"The worship of false gods moved her and molded her, and the evil that poured out of her heart flowed straight from her misplaced worship," he adds. "Even now, Jezebel wants to turn our hearts away from the one true God because we become like the ones we worship and adore."

A striking passage in Psalm 115:1-8 communicates this clearly:

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Your name give glory, for the sake of Your mercy, and for the sake of Your truth. Why should the nations say, 'Where now is their God?' But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they cannot speak; eyes, but they cannot see; they have ears, but they cannot hear; noses, but they cannot

smell; they have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk; neither can they speak with their throat. Those who make them are like them; so is everyone who trusts in them."

"The people of the nations were spiritually blind, deaf and dumb—morally crippled and handicapped," Brown writes. "This was because the gods they worshipped were spiritually blind, deaf and dumb; they were morally crippled and handicapped. Have you ever seen a piece of wood speak or a carved rock sing or a cast-metal statue jump and run? Just as the idols were powerless, so were those who worshipped them. Just as the false gods were evil, so were their followers."

One of the most famous Jewish traditions tells how Abraham, whose father, Terah, was an idol worshipper, was able to open his father's eyes.

Rabbi Hiyya, the grandson of Rabbi Adda of Yaffo, [said]: Terah was a worshipper of idols. One time he had to travel to a place, and he left Abraham in charge of his store. When a man would come in to buy [idols], Abraham would ask: How old are you? They would reply: 50 or 60. Abraham would then respond: Woe to him who is 60 years old and worships something made today—the customer would be embarrassed, and would leave. A woman entered carrying a dish full of flour. She said to him: This is for you, offer it before them. Abraham took a club in his hands and broke all of the idols, and placed the club in the hands of the biggest idol. When his father returned, he asked: Who did all of this? Abraham replied: I can't hide it from you—a woman came carrying a dish of flour and told me to offer it before them. I did, and one of them said, "I will eat it first," and another said, "I will eat it first." The biggest one rose, took a club and smashed the rest of them. Terah said: What, do you think you can trick me? They don't have cognition! Abraham said: Do your ears hear what your mouth is saying?

Brown recalls that, while preaching in a village in India, he told this same story. Those listening were Hindu, and therefore, idol worshippers. In fact, it is commonly said there are 33 million gods in Hinduism. But the Hindus smiled at the story Dr. Brown told, recognizing there was truth to the account.

“I also illustrated it for them by kicking a tree and pointing out how the tree did not respond because it was a tree,” Brown remembers. “Then I asked them, ‘So if I took this tree, cut out a piece of it, and made it into an idol, does it now have power? Should I now worship it?’ Of course, Hindu teachers would tell me I’m misunderstanding their faith and that these wooden idols are representations of various manifestations of deity. But the people listening certainly got the point. As for the Indian Christians with me, the Abraham story became the talk of the day. What a great illustration of the powerlessness of false gods!

“But there’s actually more that needs to be said, since the story illustrates the folly of idolatry but does not illustrate the evil of idolatry,” Brown continues. “As Paul explained in 1 Corinthians 10:20, when pagans offer a sacrifice to an idol, ‘what the pagans sacrifice is to demons and not to God, and I don’t want you to become partners with demons’ (TLV). That’s why idolatry opens the floodgates of evil. When we worship idols and give ourselves to them, we become partners with demons. What a frightful thought. And what an explanation of Jezebel’s evil ways. Talk about being a partner of the devil!” {eo}

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