

Take Authority Over the Spirit of Jezebel, Even in Your Wilderness

For a long time, you have heard about how Jezebel will attack the prophets (1 Kings 18:4). The spirit of Jezebel especially loves to target prophetic ministers. Unfortunately, sometimes the spirit of Jezebel works through people closest to us. Most people who have the spirit of Jezebel operating through them are completely unaware of it.

The Jezebel spirit loves to control and manipulate. Sadly, people with past traumatic experiences can become controlling people. It keeps their focus on the outside and away from the trauma and hurt on the inside. To be cautious, perhaps we label too many things as the spirit of Jezebel. However, to be unaware of that evil spirit in the world today is foolish.

I heard someone say recently that the spirit of Jezebel is similar to Satan testing Jesus in the wilderness. Combating the spirited Jezebel can be like a wilderness experience. What I like about the story of Jesus in the wilderness for 40 days is when he had enough, he rebuked Satan. Jesus never fell for Satan's traps or schemes. We have learned many valuable lessons from Jesus' time in the wilderness. Is it possible that Jezebel is attacking you and your wilderness experience?

You must understand that you have authority over this spirit. Inside you lives the Holy Spirit of God, who is infinitely more powerful than any demonic force. Years ago, some church members came to me complaining about a lady in the church with the spirit of Jezebel. They said to me, "Dr. Self, are you going to cast her out?" They meant, "Are you going to ask this lady to leave the church?"

"Oh no, she can stay," I told them. "We will just cast the

spirit out of the church.”

We should not be unaware of Satan’s schemes. “Lest Satan should take advantage of us. For we are not ignorant of his schemes” (2 Cor. 2:11). Jezebel will scheme to attack you when you are going through the wilderness, especially if you have a prophetic call on your life.

If that is you, perhaps God is testing you and training you to use His Word and exercise your delegated authority to overcome demonic schemes. {eo}

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