

Jezebel

All these verses will give you an insight into Jezebel from the old testament. **1Ki_18:4, 1Ki_18:19, 1Ki_19:1, 1Ki_19:2, 1Ki_21:5-14, 1Ki_21:25; 2Ki_9:30-37; Rev_2:20** She was heathen princess who married a king of Judah and basically caused a lot of strife, she manipulated, controlled and steered Ahab's life in a very wrong direction, her Name Jezebel actually means, a servant of Baal. I have met people over the years and heard ministries refer to "The Jezebel" spirit being in a person or a ministry, but to me that is just a "Tag" for a problem that is obviously seen, some say yes it is an actual demonic spirit, but I have no idea or qualifications to say anything different or the same.

The reason I have titled this Jezebel is because maybe some of you have heard it, but what I really want to point out is this, the previous pages of this newsletter was on control and manipulation, which is what some say Jezebel is all about..... Why don't we just call it what it is and call it demonic, or witchcraft, because to control someone is witchcraft have a read of **1Samuel 15v23**. Witchcraft is simply rebellion against what God has told you to do, and to listen to what man tells you to do! Let me explain it a little better, previously I told of a man I knew who had the opportunity to minister in a large church and start his own ministry as well, his senior Pastor told him it was not God, that the senior Pastor should have been the one going to preach and that the man could not go. This same man also tried to start a ministry, which the senior pastor also took over. Now the man may have been in the wrong by simply not obeying the voice of the Lord in his own life, but the senior pastor was rebelling against God also, he saw the potential of money in what the other man was called to do, he also saw the potential of losing his greatest asset by the man branching out to start his own ministry.

Ultimately when that man stands before God and gives account of the calling on his life, he will not be able to blame the senior pastor, he will give account separately. Just like you and me, we will all give account of what we did do, or we didn't do for the Lord. Has the Lord called you to do something in him and you have rebelled against it? I know I have at times and even so recently, recently I had a certain attitude toward a large ministry that rang me and wanted me to start preaching again. I repented some time ago, apologised to the Lord for having that attitude but had no idea how to contact that man again. Just a couple of weeks ago, that man rang me once again, I apologised to him as well for my attitude, although he did not remember it, and we have now made contact once again, I am open to go where God wants me and do what he would have me do.

It was only after changing my attitude that I received 2 words from 2 separate pastors in 2 different churches that matched each other, I knew it was for me, and I knew it was only because I had repented of certain things. See, the Jezebel spirit, if it had of had its way in my life, I may have ended up like her, being fed to the dogs so to speak. My life would have gone nowhere as I would have been walking in rebellion and disobedience. If you read **Rev 2v18-25** again you will see that the Jezebel spirit is a spirit of "works". God searches the hearts of men, Jezebel caused the church to be in "fornication" not of the marital or sexual type, but the spiritual type! She taught to seduce the people of the church into "eating of things sacrificed to idols", now is that spiritual or physical? I think we all know better and know it means spiritual. The bible tells us God is a jealous God, he will not share his glory with flesh, and many other things like this, that we are to be obedient etc to Him and him alone!

I know too many people out there today who have a calling on their life, but they are withheld by their leaders or peers, they are frightened to go ahead and do what God wants them to. My church where I go is great, they train up there young people, they disciple people, they have plenty of programs for teaching people to work in the ministry and they encourage it in the congregation, people pray for one another, we don't see only the pastor preaching every week, we see the youth and those who are moving in the things of God being encouraged to move out in their God given talent. It was my pastor telling a story one Sunday morning that was the first word for me, then on the Sunday night I visited another church and got a direct word from the pastor who double confirmed what God had said through my own pastor that morning. Both pastors encouraged me, to keep my eyes on Jesus, seek him and what he would have me do and he will show me regardless of the surrounding situations.

So, how about you? Has the Lord asked you to do something, even the little things and you have been stifled or held back by someone else? The Jezebel spirit will control and manipulate you like this and it may use those closest to you as well, but there comes a time when you have to stand up and be counted, go forth, go out in the name of Jesus because it is him who called you, not man. I think too many times we want to be "Yes" men and women. We want to please others, where we should be pleasing God. I was reading on the internet recently where a few Australian churches (large ones) are throwing out their "feel good music", their big screens and smoke machines, because they have not seen the power of God in it, but rather they are returning to true worship of the Lord in their services and now seeing mighty things happen!

I think the days of the feel good gospel are well and truly over! Jesus called us to lay our life down, he asks us are willing to follow him all the way to the cross which means death, how many of us are willing to do that? We have been scared for too long to witness to people in case it offends them, so much so now the government is trying to outlaw it, some places they have in Australia like the Queens Street Mall. Guess what! People are dying a Godless life and going to hell, do you know someone recently who died without God, did you have the opportunity to witness to them, I mean really tell them straight about the love of God and how Jesus died for them?

I know a multitude of Christians who say God is going to bless me big time and then I will..... They will what? Those same people have been saying it for years and have done nothing, they will not be blessed by God until they step out and be obedient to what they feel they have to do with what they have. Like Moses, God told him to go to Egypt and deliver his people, in todays terms Moses would have been a Geek or a Nerd, he stuttered, probably wore reading glasses with thick rims and was not qualified! But still, God said go, Moses replied I have nothing, God said what do you have in your hand, a stick, throw it down, and it turned into a serpent, so Moses went in the power of God. He could have said God give me a thousand golden chariots and I will go, give me wealth beyond my dreams, how can I minister to Pharaoh of all Egypt who is wealthy, but Moses didn't he just went trusting God and he succeeded.

Today's generation is a "feel good generation", come to Jesus and he will make you feel good! Pphht, I don't feel good! Today many have to prioritize things, and in their priorities they leave no room for the moving of God's spirit, no spontaneity, no miraculous moves of God. People just don't have time any more. What will happen to people like that, they will stand before Jesus, will he say well done good and faithful servant or depart from me I never knew you! I look at my life regularly, is it just "works" or is it God working? How about you?