

Defeating Jezebel

Week 6 – Are We Glorifying Jezebel

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches (Revelation 2:7)

When the name of Jezebel is mentioned, some people may think of a fascinating story of a woman who used her craftiness, to lure many into her web of delusion, confusion and destruction. If it were made into a movie, there would be lots of bloodshed, sexual content, and drama and this.... is very appealing to the flesh.

Jennifer Le Claire shares about her experience when she was first learning about this spirit and how it works, how she was falsely led to believe that every bad thing that happened in her life was because of this spirit Jezebel. She said, "When I discovered the name Jezebel, I was no longer buffeting the air. In my immaturity, however, and based on incomplete understanding, I waged war against Jezebel and began to blame this spirit for everything that went wrong in my life." She explains that it even went so far in the church that the church developed a Jezebel Culture. Meaning, if someone didn't agree with the pastor, it was Jezebel. If someone got sick, it was Jezebel. Though it very well may be that a person is under the operating power of this spirit, not everything bad that happens in our life is a result of this spirit. Sometimes it is the very result of the things we do.

Should We Ignore It?

Paul says, "*And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them*" (Ephesians 5:11). Jesus warned us about "that woman Jezebel". He did not ignore her. However, Jennifer Le Claire makes an interesting point when she explains "Rather than exalting Christ from the platform, some churches have fallen into a trap of exalting demons. To some extent, we get what we preach." In other words, no we should not ignore evil, we are to expose it. But we should never make it the focus and give it center stage either. To do this is to put our focus on Satan and his schemes instead of giving honor, glory, and focusing on the goodness, and the power and the victory that Jesus Christ has over Satan and his plans.

Read Colossians 2:15

The devil and his angels did their worst to Christ when He died on the Cross. But Jesus rose from the dead, making a public spectacle of them and their inability to conquer Him!! Likewise, Jesus has given to us "***all authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and [physical and mental strength and ability] over all the power that the enemy [possesses]; and nothing shall in any way harm you***" (Luke 10:19)!!

Read 2 Corinthians 3:16-18

It is an important principle to understand how vital it is to your life, that you become what you behold. Think about that for a moment.

What you make yourself more aware of, what you observe, what consumes your mind and your thoughts, what you inspect, what you gaze upon....you will ultimately become. And in the scripture above, Paul is saying that when we turn to Jesus Christ, the covering that once blinded us from His truth is removed,

and when we behold, observe, think about, look to and gaze upon Jesus with our minds and our hearts, we are then transformed and become more like Him. How awesome is that!

Reflect – Maybe you unconsciously focus on the bad in your life? We are not to be gullible in the plans of the enemy in our life, but we should also not glory in them. One place to start to make a change is in the words that you speak. God said, “Let there be light, and there was light” (Genesis 1:3), and God saw the light (Genesis 1:4). God said, “Let there be a firmament”, “thus God made” (Genesis 1:6-7). Genesis 1 goes on to show how God powerfully created all the heavens and the earth by speaking them into existence. We do the same thing in our life. Proverbs 18:21 says, *“Those who love to talk will experience the consequences, for the tongue can kill or nourish life.”* Think about this scripture this week.

Confess – Pray about and think upon the scripture from Proverbs. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to be aware of the idle words you speak, and replace them with words that speak life into you circumstance, your children, your marriage, your finances. So instead of saying things like, “I’m always broke, I never have enough”, “Bad things always happen to me”, “my children bug me”, “my husband bugs me”, “they never”, “I always”, start to replace those negative words with God’s Word. Not every bad thing you feel and think needs to be given seed to be planted in your life by your words. Change your focus, and you change your life! Remember you have been given, the authority, and the power to be an overcomer! Be blessed!