

Some Thoughts On The Jezebel Spirit And The Absalom Spirit In The Local Church

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Recall or reread the story of Elijah and Jezebel in 1 Kings Chapters 16 through 2 Kings Chapter 9.

There can be no détente with Jezebel.

Jezebel has to be dealt with.

Jezebel does not have it within herself to change.

Jezebel will strike again.

Jezebel must be run off.

Jezebel is not just a principality or power. It is a stronghold of the second highest classification of demons listed in Ephesians Chapter 6. It is a “ruler of the darkness of this world” holed up in a strong and unbroken woman.

Jezebel exists to undermine the authority and anointing of the man of God.

All strong females are NOT Jezebels just like all strong males are NOT Absaloms.

It is not the presence of a strong personality that makes a female into a Jezebel or a male into an Absalom. Rather it is the absence of brokenness and tempering before God in the same.

There is a time (most of the time) for a leader to be soft and tenderhearted, discarding his outer garments like Jesus in the upper room to wash the disciples’ feet. But there is another time a leader must stand strong against someone trying to destroy him and divide the church, like Jesus when he boldly wore his robe of authority and made a whip to cleanse the temple of moneychangers.

There is no victory over Jezebel until she is out of the picture altogether.

The problem with a leader having to confront a Jezebel in the house of God is that doing so APPEARS like and FEELS like the leader is only defending himself, since the nature of Jezebel is to undermine the leader in order to destroy the greater work of God. Hence the guilt manipulation and witchcraft of it all as the leader is forced to plow through the façade of it all. At first appearance it can APPEAR that the senior leader is insecure and mean-spirited, BUT actually that leader is doing everyone in the church a favor because if Jezebel can smite the shepherd, the enemy can scatter the sheep. Then to make matters worse, because Jezebel is nearly always a female, it can APPEAR like the pastor is cold-hearted and mistreating a woman. So APPEARANCES in this battle of the centuries between men of God and Jezebel can be very misleading, both to the shepherd being manipulated, and to the sheep observing from the sidelines. But the battle is more than just for the man of God’s anointing and authority in that church. Actually the devil is trying to strangle the life out of the whole congregation. The pastor can feel it but the people often can’t see it. This calls for courage!

Christian men can FEEL the presence of a Jezebel in a house of God.

Christian men are UNCOMFORTABLE when they discern an undercurrent of a Jezebel spirit in the local church. Strong and solid men, heads of households, will not join themselves to such a crippled chariot.

Jezebel is against natural MALE AUTHORITY and against supernatural SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY.

All of the above is NOT to say that women should not be in positions of authority and influence in the local church. Priscilla is always mentioned alongside her husband Aquilla in the New Testament and appears to be the primary pastoral figure between the two.

In 1 Kings and 2 Kings, Jezebel tries to ASSASSINATE the man of God. In the book of Revelation, Jezebel tries to ADULTERATE the man of God. Either strategy is fine with her because the end result is always the same: The man of God is either discredited or destroyed. He's physically ASSASSINATED or either he's ASSASSINATED in his character and credibility.

Revelation 2:20-23 NIV - Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.

When a Jezebel spirit is manifesting herself in a local church, usually the man of God or the man of God's wife, or both become sick or weak in their bodies. This is because Jezebel is undermining things behind the scenes, releasing a flood of witchcraft against the pastor in the unseen spirit realm. Like a whirlwind coming out of nowhere, demons assail the head of God's flock.

Absalom is the under-leader with hidden agendas. Absalom is the under-leader who eventually draws away disciples unto himself. Absalom is the wolf in sheep's clothing who steals sheep for his own gain. Absalom may indeed be a sheep himself, but he is at best a sheep with a wolf's heart.

Jezebel is a woman with issues in her heart concerning male authority. She has probably been wounded by a male authority figure(s) in her past, and hasn't allowed God to heal those inner wounds. A Jezebel is often a woman who has great disrespect for her father, either because he abused her, ignored her, or because he spoiled her by never confronting her immaturities as a child, and who let her run over him. Regardless of the why, she has nursed a deep disrespect for manhood inside her heart.

Absalom is very self-centered and is unable to survive very much testing in his relationship with the senior leader, but will eventually betray the man of God at an opportune time when it appears to be to his own advantage. Sooner or later he will seize the opportunity to trump the senior leader's authority in that house.

Sometimes a Jezebel is a Jezebel because, by default, she had no example but her mother... who was a Jezebel herself... in the home.

Men ought to wear the pants in their marriages. Some have a quieter personality than the wife, but they should still assert themselves enough to clearly demarcate who is the head of the family unit. If God holds the man ultimately accountable for the direction of the family, then the wife should do the same. A wise woman will gently point her husband in this direction, even if he tends to be hesitant, by deferring certain decisions to him. A foolish woman will just take over the husband's role because she senses he is unsure of himself and she has the stronger personality. But this is unscriptural!

As long as Jezebel gets her way, she is fine, and can remain under the radar screen. But if she doesn't get her way, watch out! She is all over the radar!

Hundreds of false prophets could not intimidate Elijah, but one Jezebel had him on the run!

Hundreds of evil men didn't shake Elijah, but one evil woman completely unnerved him!

Hundreds of male enemies couldn't steal Elijah's joy, but one female enemy threw him into deep depression!

The threats of hundreds of men couldn't shake Elijah's confidence in God, but one threat from a Jezebel overwhelmed him with fear. Talk about a panic attack!

A Jezebel is actually operating in the spirit of witchcraft. This spirit of witchcraft can manifest itself even through a Christian woman. In fact she is the devil's favorite host, because she is a better disguise for his plots against the pastor and that local church. Whether she tries to control the pastor in an overt active way or in a clandestine passive way makes no difference to her, as long as she can exert "control."