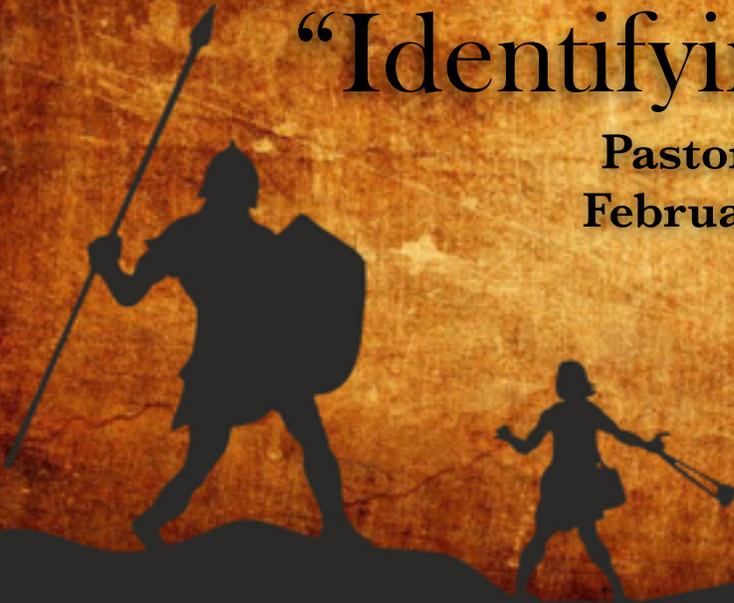


“Identifying The Giants”

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Ephesians 6:11-13 AMPC

11 Put on God's whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil.

12 For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural)

13 Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place].

Ephesians 6:11-13 KJV

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

*12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in **high places**.*

*13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to **withstand** in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

How do we **Withstand?**: read the Word daily, believe the Word, speak the Word and act on the Word. We need to put on the whole armor of God which is our equipment that is needed to not only defend but to take ground against the enemy or giants in the land.

These giants (seed of the serpent/spirits) that we have been studying want to prevent you, family and friends from the promises in God's Word and ultimately the promise of eternity. They want to stop God's Word, God's Laws from being implemented here on earth right now for such a time as this.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 KJV

*1 This know also, that **in the last days perilous times (spiritually difficult times) shall come.***

2 Timothy 3:1-5 AMPC

*1 But understand this, that **in the last days will come (set in) perilous (spiritually difficult) times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear].***

The causes of these “spiritual difficult times” is what we are identifying during this study. There is the seed of the serpent that we are born into that we need to die to every day. Then, there’s the spiritual wickedness in high places. These forces are the world rulers of this present darkness, spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.

This is happening in the world but also the church which is one of the 7 spheres or mountains/pillars we looked at last week and will continue to use as this study continues. The church is getting pulled into the world by saying “let’s unite” which on the surface sounds biblical but what is happening is pastors are watering down God’s Word and twisting it and “uniting” at the lowest of common denominators that aren’t found in the Word.

The church is no longer a light in the darkness or salt that says repent, but a feel good message that is no longer a voice in the wilderness. Those voices are being shut down and called legalist or “trouble makers” and today’s modern church in large, would shun the prophets of old and would assist in the shutting down of John the Baptist which were both voices in the wilderness crying out repent.

The passage that we read last week in Romans is not something the “unify with the world” pastors are going to use...they are more interested in not offending the world than not offending God. God will grow His church and that is through the correction of His Word and protection of His Word.

Romans 16:17-20 AMPC

17 I appeal to you, brethren, to be on your guard concerning those who create dissensions and difficulties and cause divisions, in opposition to the doctrine (the teaching) which you have been taught. [I warn you to turn aside from them, to] avoid them.

18 For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ but their own appetites and base desires, and by ingratiating and flattering speech, they beguile the hearts of the unsuspecting and simpleminded [people].

19 For while your loyalty and obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, I would have you well versed and wise as to what is good and innocent and guileless as to what is evil.

20 And the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) be with you.

Romans 16:17-20 KJV

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

19 For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Church discipline, which we will talk about in a few weeks is being ripped out of God's Word saying it is old fashion. The messaging all too often is look the other way or wink at the sin and don't share God's Word because that is what is causing division...the Word of God *is* supposed to separate light from dark. But, by not living and speaking what is right, it is causing the church to divide. Satan is already dividing the church and the remnant is being blamed.

We looked at the pastors job last week according to God's Laws.

2 Timothy 4:1-5 AMPC

1 I charge [you] in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, Who is to judge the living and the dead, and by (in the light of) His coming and His kingdom:

2 Herald and preach the Word! Keep your sense of urgency [stand by, be at hand and ready], whether the opportunity seems to be favorable or unfavorable. [Whether it is convenient or inconvenient, whether it is welcome or unwelcome, you as preacher of the Word are to show people in what way their lives are wrong.] And convince them, rebuking and correcting, warning and urging and encouraging them, being unflagging and inexhaustible in patience and teaching.

3 For the time is coming when [people] will not tolerate (endure) sound and wholesome instruction, but, having ears itching [for something pleasing and gratifying], they will gather to themselves one teacher after another to a considerable number, chosen to satisfy their own liking and to foster the errors they hold,

4 And will turn aside from hearing the truth and wander off into myths and man-made fictions.

5 As for you, be calm and cool and steady, accept and suffer unflinchingly every hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fully perform all the duties of your ministry.

The pastor helps the good seed grow by living the commands of 2 Timothy and the born again believer does their part as well. The good seed needs that good environment just like the bad seed needs or seeks out the bad environment.

Those environments for growth for good and bad seed are in the 7 spheres or pillars/mountains.



The taking of these 7 mountains/spheres or pillars is critical today for the kingdom of God. These 7 Pillars that satan offered Jesus in Matthew 4 during His time of fasting and prayer is where the enemy who is subtle, cunning, ruthless wants to use as a trap to get as many people as he can to hell. This is where the fight in the natural through supernatural means will be won or lost. Our job as followers or imitators of Jesus Christ is to raise up change agents to scale the mountains and to help a new generation of change agents understand the bigger picture.

Last week we finished with 2 women in the Old Testament with the Jezebel spirit and now we are going to look at 2 women who have the same spirit in the New Testament. Remember this spirit which is predominately found in women will kill the seed and kill the seed of the gospel form being spread. She wants to be in authority and will do it at any cost - we will get into the specifics of the characteristics shortly.

One of the women in the New Testament was named Herodias. She was the woman who had a daughter that Herod lusted after. The lust burned so bad that he said I will give you anything you want even up to half of the kingdom.

So, she went back to her mother and said I want you to get the head of John the Baptist.

Matthew 14:8 AMPC

8 And she, being put forward and prompted by her mother, said, Give me the head of John the Baptist right here on a platter.

Herod was terrified of John, but went ahead with the vow that he made and had John the Baptist killed and brought his head to her on a silver platter.

When you go back to the time of Ahab in 1 Kings 18, there were thousands of prophets who were beheaded by Jezebel. When you go forward to the time of Christ, you have that same spirit. That spirit is operating the same way, she is taking away the voice of a man in the wilderness (just like the prophets of old).

Matthew 3:1-6 AMPC

1 In those days there appeared John the Baptist, preaching in the Wilderness (Desert) of Judea

2 And saying, Repent (think differently; change your mind, regretting your sins and changing your conduct), for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

3 This is he who was mentioned by the prophet Isaiah when he said, The voice of one crying in the wilderness (shouting in the desert), Prepare the road for the Lord, make His highways straight (level, direct).

4 This same John's garments were made of camel's hair, and he wore a leather girdle about his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.

5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the country round about the Jordan went out to him;

6 And they were baptized in the Jordan by him, confessing their sins.

Often times a church doesn't want to hear repent, doesn't want to hear stop being like the world, doesn't want to hear stop the craziness, doesn't want to hear all religions don't believe the same...John had to leave and go out and preach The Word. That Word was what Jesus preached, repent. They preached that we are the called out ones, not to unite with the world as the church.

This spirit is trying to seduce the men of God to stop preaching the truth, to twist the truth - it is seducing men to stop the seed from going out. Herodias (spirit of Jezebel) hated that voice so much (killing the seed or babies) that she did whatever she could to cut off the head of John the Baptist to silence any opposing voice.

Why was she mad at John? because she had been someone else's wife and Herod had come in and stripped here away from that man and John the Baptist said it is illegal to be married to her. She didn't like what he was saying - coming up against "her rights" so she had him killed.

Now, we have another Jezebel in the New Testament, it was a female teach in Thyatira which was one of the seven churches mentioned in Revelation. What happened in the beginning will happen in the end (Isaiah 46)...

Revelation 2:18-29 AMPC

18 And to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, Who has eyes that flash like a flame of fire, and Whose feet glow like bright and burnished and white-hot bronze:

19 I know your record and what you are doing, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your recent works are more numerous and greater than your first ones.

20 But I have this against you: that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess [claiming to be inspired], and who is teaching and leading astray my servants and beguiling them into practicing sexual vice and eating food sacrificed to idols.

21 I gave her time to repent, but she has no desire to repent of her immorality [symbolic of idolatry] and refuses to do so.

22 Take note: I will throw her on a bed [of anguish], and those who commit adultery with her [her paramours] I will bring down to pressing distress and severe affliction, unless they turn away their minds from conduct [such as] hers and repent of their doings.

23 And I will strike her children (her proper followers) dead [thoroughly exterminating them]. And all the assemblies (churches) shall recognize and understand that I am He Who searches minds (the thoughts, feelings, and purposes) and the [inmost] hearts, and I will give to each of you [the reward for what you have done] as your work deserves.

24 But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not explored and known the depths of Satan, as they say—I tell you that I do not lay upon you any other [fresh] burden:

25 Only hold fast to what you have until I come.

26 And he who overcomes (is victorious) and who obeys My commands to the [very] end [doing the works that please Me], I will give him authority and power over the nations;

*27 And he shall rule them with a sceptre (rod) of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, and [his power over them shall be] like that which I Myself have received from My Father;
28 And I will give him the Morning Star.
29 He who is able to hear, let him listen to and heed what the [Holy] Spirit says to the assemblies (churches).*

Notice, God didn't say she was a prophetess...no, she called herself a prophetess. If you are prophetic, you don't have to go around telling everybody that you are a prophet and call me prophetic so and so...

If you call yourself a prophet, tell me ten prophecies that you gave and if 9 of the 10 didn't come to pass or anything short of 10, you're not prophet. In the old days they would of been stoned so if you think you're a prophet or listen to someone who think they are and they are wrong, God's not wrong - ever. We will take about this more in the weeks to come but this is how the enemy is using the "church pillar" to get people divided.

The bible says she called herself a prophetess and one of the things she was doing in the church was seducing the men and was telling them it was ok to be offering things that were sacrificed to idols. (Rev. 2:20)

God's Word says He was going to give her a season to repent but if she didn't He was going to remove her from the position completely.

Four Jezebel Spirits

1. Jezebel, the wife of King Ahab Athaliah,
2. Jezebels daughter
3. Herordias, who was the wife of Herod.
4. The women teacher at Thyratira in the book of Revelation.

Let's go back to the original Jezebel...God, in the Old Testament tells us what He thinks of this woman and this spirit during that day.

1 Kings 21:25 KJV

25 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

1 Kings 21:25 AMPC

25 For there was no one who sold himself to do evil in the sight of the Lord as did Ahab, incited by his wife Jezebel.

1 Kings 21:25 GNT

25 There was no one else who had devoted himself so completely to doing wrong in the Lord's sight as Ahab—all at the urging of his wife Jezebel.

This means she stirred him up for wickedness. She was the one who had an innocent man killed, forging letters in Ahabs name so Ahab could get the property to put an herb garden in.

2 Kings 9:7 KJV

7 And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the Lord, at the hand of Jezebel.

So, God said since she slew the prophets, she herself one day would be slain. Then there's the prophecy in verse 10...

2 Kings 9:10 KJV

10 And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her. And he opened the door, and fled.

Then the fourth passage about what God thinks about Jezebel is found in 2 Kings 9:22...

2 Kings 9:22 KJV

22 And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?

She is accused of whoredoms. Figuratively, that is witchcraft and idolatry. God hates idolatry and people throughout the bible once in idolatry would stray away from God and worship anything and everything.

Before we continue...when we say the spirit of something, the spirit of Cain, the spirit of Balaam, the spirit of Korah...this is what God told us and why He told us.

Jude 11AMPC

11 Woe to them! For they have run riotously in the way of Cain, and have abandoned themselves for the sake of gain [it offers them, following] the error of Balaam, and have perished in rebellion [like that] of Korah!

Jude 11 GNT

11 How terrible for them! They have followed the way that Cain took. For the sake of money they have given themselves over to the error that Balaam committed. They have rebelled as Korah rebelled, and like him they are destroyed.

First, Cain murdered his brother over an offering (Genesis 4). Then, Korah was a man in the Old Testament who was at the time of Moses and he wanted to be priest so he led a rebellion against spiritual authority. (Numbers 16)

Balaam was a compromiser, he knew he couldn't curse Israel but he told the King of Moab that if you really want to get to them, have their God curse them. The only way for God to curse them is to get them to sin. So, Balaam told the king of Moab how to set up the Israelite men with the Moabite women in their tents to have relations and it would anger God. (Numbers 22-25)

Balaam is a negative name, Korah is a negative name and Cain is a very negative name but Balaam is dead, Cora is dead and so is Balaam, all dead. So, why does Jude talk about these people who are all dead. They're not coming back from the dead, their souls or spirits are not coming back until they're resurrected at the day of judgment.

The point is, when the bible uses names like Korah, Balaam, Cain or Jezebel, God is saying learn the characteristics of these people. Learn what they did that brought damage.

God is saying learn what they did that displeases me and I will show you lessons that can be repeated in history or in our case avoided in history if we pay attention to the people who lived in the past.

Let's read what Paul wrote when he talked about Israel's disobedience in the wilderness in 1 Corinthians

1 Corinthians 10:5-11 KJV

5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

11 Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

1 Corinthians 10:5-11 AMPC

5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with the great majority of them, for they were overthrown and strewn down along [the ground] in the wilderness.

6 Now these things are examples (warnings and admonitions) for us not to desire or crave or covet or lust after evil and carnal things as they did.

7 Do not be worshipers of false gods as some of them were, as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink [the sacrifices offered to the golden calf at Horeb] and rose to sport (to dance and give way to jesting and hilarity).

8 We must not gratify evil desire and indulge in immorality as some of them did—and twenty-three thousand [suddenly] fell dead in a single day!

9 We should not tempt the Lord [try His patience, become a trial to Him, critically appraise Him, and exploit His goodness] as some of them did—and were killed by poisonous serpents;

10 Nor discontentedly complain as some of them did—and were [a]put out of the way entirely by the destroyer (death).

11 Now these things befell them by way of a figure [as an example and warning to us]; they were written to admonish and fit us for right action by good instruction, we in whose days the ages have reached their climax (their consummation and concluding period).

We are reading and studying these characters, characteristics and the seven pillars or spheres because Paul said know these examples so we would not follow the pattern they did and have the same problems they did. Not just ourselves, but what to look out in other people.

Now, let's focus back in on Jezebel. There are five points that I want to get across to you about Jezebel or the spirit of Jezebel in order that we can more easily identify this spirit.

In general, this spirit must have admiration, success, and believe it is superior and entitled. It will do anything to make sure that entitlement comes to pass.

Spirit Of Jezebel

It resist real spiritual authority. It will not sit under or listen to real spiritual authority.

It will fight anyone that threatens its control. If you threaten to take power or control away from that spirit, it will go into a rampage against that person.

It will permit/accept the shedding of innocent blood. Aborting of infants - no respect for life. Just using those around it to get what it desires.

It believes it is above the law. Believes that the law will apply to everyone else but not it.

It believes that its decision are always right.

In all 7 spheres or pillars of society this spirit is alive and well. From business, government, education, media, art/entertainment, family and church, this spirit is causing division.

I want to focus in on the #1 sphere or pillar of society and that is the church. I want to look at this Jezebel spirit as it moves and acts inside of the Kingdom of God. Satan knows that if he can infect the church and get it to divide then the other 6 pillars are free to do whatever they want.

First, men - don't you be lead astray by this seducing spirit. It is easy for us (men) in order to resolve conflict, in order to focus on what we have on our plate to go along with this spirit of Jezebel. It is the politically correct thing to do and it, the spirit of Jezebel will always cause men to be silent - the atmosphere is created so men are not needed or tolerated - take a back seat.

This spirit is crafty, conniving, tearing up God's church, dividing the body of Christ. God's Word identifies this spirit as vainglorious and when you hear what to look for tonight, it will be like going to the doctors and having him say "this is when you know that something is wrong" - a self diagnosis if you will.

vainglorious defined: excessive elation or pride over one's own achievements, abilities, etc.; boastful vanity.

This is for women as well. Do not be pulled in this person or spirit. The holy spirit gives all of us (men and women) insight and revelation so instead of being led away by people, we will lead others to Christ and lead people with love (obeying God's Commands), not uniting with other religious watering down dogma or heresy. People will know us by the fruit of the spirit that we exemplify when we are led by the spirit.

How will I know who this spirit is? Because the workings of the flesh are clear. I want to go to heaven and this isn't just fun and games, people are being fooled by these seducing spirits in the church today - lets turn to Revelation 2:24 and see this...

We have read that the Apostle Paul told Timothy to avoid these people - this is for today. It is my job as a shepherd/pastor/over seer, to warn you against what is here and what is to come.

This is what to stay away from because of what the Word says what will happen to those who get deceived as well by this Jezebel spirit.

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20 And the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) be with you.

This is what Jesus said...

Matthew 7:15-20 AMPC

15 Beware of false prophets, who come to you dressed as sheep, but inside they are devouring wolves.

16 You will fully recognize them by their fruits. Do people pick grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles?

17 Even so, every healthy (sound) tree bears good fruit [worthy of admiration], but the sickly (decaying, worthless) tree bears bad (worthless) fruit.

18 A good (healthy) tree cannot bear bad (worthless) fruit, nor can a bad (diseased) tree bear excellent fruit [worthy of admiration].

19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and cast into the fire.

20 Therefore, you will fully know them by their fruits.

God's Word is teaching us or equipping us to identify and deal with these spirits (whether we see them coming or not) because they are working all around us in one sphere or another.

Earlier, we looked at 5 general characteristics of this spirit and now I want to further break the characteristics of this spirit down right from the Bible.

- o This spirit usually operates in women who push themselves off as "prophetic"...
- o They feel they have deep revelation, deeper than the other leaders, deeper than the pastor, ...changing God's Words
- o Jesus calls this self-proclaimed insight "the depths of Satan" – Rev 2:24

Revelation 2:24 AMPC

24 But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not explored and known the depths of Satan, as they say--I tell you that I do not lay upon you any other [fresh] burden:

- o This is a seeking spirit, always seeking something new, something better...
- o The Jezebel spirit will use manipulation, control, witchcraft (soulish prayers to manipulate), religion, gossip, false prophecies...
- o This spirit will lie, will seem overly concerned about the leadership in the church, hates male authority, is extremely nosy, bears false witness and loves power...
- o Will pray for the leadership and especially the pastor but, these will be condescending prayers... “Lord please show our little pastor the deep things you are showing us”...
- o She puts herself above the authority God has established
- o She will use whatever means to get what she wants: prayer, scripture, giving help – but her motives are wrong

Men and women need to watch out for this spirit. God’s Word warns us about it in the Old and New Testaments. He warns what the punishment will be to the ones who have that Jezebel spirit. This spirit is at work in the church and in all 7 spheres/pillars/mountains and we need to understand that continuous messaging from this spirit will draw people to it’s way of thinking. Guard you hearts and run away from those who identify with these characteristics, your eternity is at stake.

Now, we are not going to stay with bad news, because I have some good news to tell you. Anytime you have a Jezebel you have Gods people at work. You have a standard that is being raised.

For the believer at the office, home and church you need to be discerning and know your bible. For pastors, you have to get a backbone and deal with this spirit because it will multiply and have offspring. That seed will create an environment and grow other seed to come up against God's Church. It will cause confusion, resentment and people will leave.