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HOW WE CAN GO ABOUT USING THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE CORRECTLY

Remembering that we are called to be soldiers of the Lord requiring us to have a soldier's mentality at all times.

2 Timothy 2: 3-4

"You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier."

We have been equipped with the weapons. Where God leads, He feeds and where He guides, He provides.

2Corinthians 10:4

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds."

The battle is for the souls of men and women. Mankind's war is against sin. The warring intercessor's battle is to free him to enter God's kingdom by having him turn his back on Satan's kingdom.

Jude 1:23

"But others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh."

We use our weapons to set men and women free. The warring intercessor must rise up to his responsibility, discern what is binding men and women and then use his weapons to set them free to come to repentance.

Matthew 12:29

"Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house."

Matthew 18:18

"Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

We need to always keep our focus on God not the enemy this is much of what warfare is all about.

Until you know whom you are in God, through your relationship with Christ, remaining victorious will not be possible and the enemy will give you a hard time. You will be on the run, like the army of God before Goliath, until you become like David. (David's victory did not lie in his sling.) Elijah boldly challenged the prophets of Baal, not by shouting or screaming – but by calling on the God he knew.

What are some of the social problems due to iniquities?

What is the solution to these iniquities?

Is it enough to just confess iniquities? Explain.

What pattern do you notice about the character of iniquity as it is passed from one generation to the next in a family?



LIFE APPLICATIONS

What are some of the iniquities with which you have seen your family struggle?

Are these iniquities throughout your whole family?

How can we stop these iniquities?

Is it ever right to lie?

Do you know others who have chronic sins rooted in iniquity? Explain.

How does the iniquity of your friends affect your relationships?

The warring intercessors don't win the battle by emphasizing the enemy, but by knowing who they are in God. While remaining securely seated with Christ in the heavenlies, they declare His victory on the Cross.

Colossians 2:15

"Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it."

(Examples are: The two men in the army and Smith Wigglesworth)

HOW DO WE GO ABOUT USING THIS ARMOR?

BE STRONG IN THE LORD

Ephesians 6:10

We are exhorted to be strong, not in ourselves, but in the Lord, by emphasizing the importance of knowing our position in Christ and that WE ARE FIGHTING FROM A POSITION OF VICTORY.

PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

Ephesians 6:11

The enemy works through deceit and we stand in the Truth. "Wiles" means: cunning arts, deceit, craft, trickery of the enemy. This shows us that we need to stand against the many sly plans of the enemy. Using the armor is an act of your will that demands obedience because we need to be able to stand. Prayer warfare is a lifestyle, 24 hours a day.

Ephesians 6:11

"PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

WHAT ARE WE WARRING AGAINST?

Ephesians 6:12

We wrestle not against flesh and blood. "For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood – contending with physical opponents." (Amplified Version)

Matthew 16:23

"But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

There is a vital truth in warfare. We are not fighting against men but against the forces of the enemy working through men. We are fighting against the principalities and powers that were loosed when mankind fell into sin. It is against these forces and strongholds that we continually wrestle.

Use the Holy Spirit's discernment to identify and deal with the root, so that we don't just attack the symptoms and prune the tree instead of pulling out the root; or constantly remove the cobwebs instead of killing the spider.



The warring intercessor needs to be like a specialist who knows exactly how to find the root cause of the problem. This may sometimes require research.

THREE SCRIPTURAL EXAMPLES OF THIS ARE

Elijah did not pray for rain, he dealt with the real problem.

1 Kings 18

Daniel prayed and fasted instead of going to the king.

Daniel 9 and 10

John the Baptist warned the people to come to true repentance.

Luke 3:8-9

REASONS WE NEED THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

Ephesians 6:13

"Wherefore, put on the whole armor of God"

Being fully dressed in the armor is so vital that it is again emphasized and explained. We are not to choose certain parts of the armor, but to put on the full armor for two main reasons:

FIRST: TO BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND IN THE EVIL DAY

Matthew 7: 24-27

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. "Now everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

SECOND: TO STAND IN READINESS FOR THOSE SNEAKY ATTACKS OF THE ENEMY

Twice we were told to stand in order to be ready for battle. Now, we are reminded to remain in Christ by being clothed with His truth, righteousness, gospel, faith, salvation and word. This is made possible by entering into a lifestyle of intercessory prayer and always being in communion with Jesus, our armor.

Ephesians 6:14-18

"Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

1 Peter 2:9-10

"You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness."

1 Samuel 3:13

"I will judge the house of Eli for the iniquities of his sons."

After having to flee his home because of his iniquity, Jacob wrestled with the Lord as he returned.

Genesis 32:24-30

Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. 25 Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. 26 And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" 27 So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." 28 And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed." 29 Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there. 30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."

FAMILIES AFFECTED BY INIQUITY – AHAB'S FAMILY

1 Kings 21:28

And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 29 "See how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the calamity in his days. In the days of his son I will bring the calamity on his house."

JEZEBEL'S CHILDREN

Revelations 2:20-23

"Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. 21 "And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. 22 "Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. 23 "I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works."

INIQUITIES ARE A PERSON'S RESPONSIBILITY

Ezekiel 1b8:1-32

"The word of the Lord came to me again, saying, (2) "What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying: 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children's teeth are set on edge'? (3) "As I live," says the Lord God, "you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel. (4) "Behold, all souls are Mine; The soul of the father As well as the soul of the son is Mine; the soul who sins shall die. (5) But if a man is just And does what is lawful and right; (9) if he has walked in My statutes and kept My judgments faithfully – He is just; he shall surely live!" Says the Lord God. (10) " If he begets a son who is a robber or a shedder of blood, who does any of these things (13) if he has exacted usury or taken increase – shall he then live? He shall not live! If he has done any of these abominations, he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him. (14) " If, however, he begets a son who sees all the sins which his father has done, and considers but does not do likewise; (17) who has withdrawn his hand from the poor and not received usury or increase, but has executed My judgments and walked in My statutes – He shall not die for the iniquity of his father; He shall surely live! (20) "The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. (30) " Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord God. "Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin."

AS PRIESTS, WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO DEAL WITH INIQUITY

FATHERS ARE TO BE PRIESTS IN THEIR HOMES
TRAINING THEIR CHILDREN NOT TO COMMIT INIQUITY

Deuteronomy 11:18-19

"Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. (19) "You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."

Ephesians 6:4

"You, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."

Numbers 18:1

"The Lord said to Aaron: "You and your sons and your father's house with you shall bear the iniquity related to the sanctuary, and you and your sons with you shall bear the iniquity associated with your priesthood."

LIFE APPLICATIONS

When putting on the armor of God in intercession, we are not to choose certain parts for two reasons, but rather put on the whole armor of God. What are they?

- A)
- B)

From **Ephesians 6:13-17** name and describe the parts of the armor of God.

- A)
- B)
- C)
- D)
- E)
- F)
- G)

Why do we need the armor of God in intercession? Give four reasons validating them with scriptures.

Take a few moments to re-commit yourself to the Lord's army. Ask Him to release you if you have had any fear about warfare and then thank Him for His victory that is yours through Christ.

Take time to bind something that you know needs binding, and then loosen the opposite. (For example: Bind fear and release love.)

The warring _____ doesn't win the battle by emphasizing the _____, but by knowing who they are in _____.

Using the declaration from **Colossians 2:15**, let's say: "We declare to you _____, you were defeated by my Lord at Calvary where He disarmed you, made a public spectacle of you and triumphed over you. You are defeated and you will no longer have any power over _____."

How do we go about using the armor of God in intercession found in **Ephesians 6:10**?

Write out **Ephesians 6:11** Define 'Whiles of the devil.'

List three things we war against in intercessory prayer:

Describe Daniel's warring intercession from **Daniel 10**.

The sons of Jacob deceive their father into believing that Joseph had been killed.

Genesis 37:31-33

"So they took Joseph's tunic, killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the tunic in the blood. (32) Then they sent the tunic of many colors, and they brought it to their father and said, 'We have found this. Do you know whether it is your son's tunic or not?'"

This deception went from Abraham to Isaac to Jacob to the sons of Jacob; four generations.

Have you ever read through the book of Judges and thought "Israel, what is your problem that you keep on doing the same thing again and again?" You fall into sin, you cry out to God, "God help us!"

SEXUAL INIQUITY

Sexual iniquities go down the family tree to the tenth generation. Jesus said He did not come to do away with the law, but to fulfill the law. Today, because of the blood and the finished work of Calvary, we don't have to wait ten generations.

Deuteronomy 23:2

"One of illegitimate birth shall not enter the assembly of the Lord; even to the tenth generation none of his descendants shall enter the assembly of the Lord."

JUDAH AND DAVID'S FAMILY

In **Genesis 38**, you read of Judah who had a weakness in regard to lust. His daughter-in-law, therefore, tricks him. Ten generations later, guess who is born? David. And what does he do? **2 Samuel 11**, says he commits adultery with Bathsheba. **Psalm 51:1, 5 and 9**

2 Samuel 11:1-5

"(2) Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold. (3) So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, 'Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?' (4) Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house."

INIQUITIES CAN GO DOWN TO THREE, FOUR OR TEN GENERATIONS

Exodus 20:5

"visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me."

Exodus 34:6-7

"By no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

Deuteronomy 23:2

"One of illegitimate birth shall not enter the assembly of the Lord; even to the tenth generation none of his descendants shall enter the assembly of the Lord."

ABRAHAM'S FAMILY

Abraham allows the iniquity of deception to enter his family through fear of man and a lack of prayer.

Genesis 12:10-13 and the root of grows stronger. **Genesis 20:1-5**

Genesis 12:10-13

"(13) 'Say I pray, you are my sister, that it may be well with me for your sake and my soul will live because of you.'"

Genesis 20:1-5

"(2) Now Abraham said of Sarah his wife, 'She is my sister.'"

Isaac deceives the men of Gerar and does exactly the same thing.

Genesis 26:6-7

"And he said: she is my sister; for he feared to say, she is my wife; lest said he, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she was fair to look upon."

Jacob deceives his father and he steals his brother's blessing.

Genesis 27:30-36

"(35) But he said, 'Your brother came with deceit and has taken away your blessing.'"

Jacob's uncle Laban deceives him out of his wife.

Genesis 29:18-25

"And he said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served you? Why then have you deceived me?'"

The sons of Jacob deceive the Shechemites.

Genesis 34:13-17

"The sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father, and spoke deceitfully, because he had defiled Dinah their sister."

Is there something you have been earnestly praying about that the Lord hasn't answered yet? During this next week, ask Him to show you what the root issue is.

FASTING AND ITS IMPORTANCE IN PRAYER WARFARE – HELPS US TO LISTEN AND BE ABLE TO OBEY

Isaiah 58: 1-14

6 "Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke?"

This passage summarizes various aspects of fasting and one interesting point is that it does not talk about eating. Through the Word, we see that there are various types of fasting that do include eating food. When you fast, you desire to put aside something that your fleshly nature enjoys in order to spend quality time with the Lord.

ARE WE CALLED TO FAST?

Matthew 9:14-17

"Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?" 15 And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast."

YES, BUT OUR MOTIVE MUST ALWAYS BE LOVING OBEDIENCE

Joel 2: 11-17

"15 blow the trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly; 16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and nursing babes; let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, and the bride from her dressing room. 17 Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar; let them say, "Spare Your people, O LORD, and do not give Your heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

AT TIMES, THE LEADERS TO WHOM WE ARE SUBMITTED WILL CALL US TO FAST

HOW DOES FASTING WORK IN INTERCESSION AND WARFARE?

In **Isaiah 58**, we see how fasting helps to set people free as does

Matthew 17:20-21

"21 "However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."



- How did the enemy try to use Peter's words?
- Why does the bible caution you about making hasty vows?
- Discuss Jephthah's vow in Judges 11:29-40.
- Explain the benefits of Jesus, as the word.
- How can words affect our lives?
- What do you understand by self-talk?

We see that (as in **Daniel 10**) there are certain battles can only won by prayer and fasting.

Covenant is another aspect of warfare that we will study in our next series.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP IN WARFARE

Proclamations are very much a part of warfare and we are encouraged to use praise and worship as a weapon of warfare as it:

PRAISE AND WORSHIP ARE VITAL ASPECT IN OUR WARFARE

Psalm 149:1-9

"6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand, 7 To execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples; 8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; 9 To execute on them the written judgment – this honor have all His saints."

PRAISE AND WORSHIP – WILL ALLOW US TO ENTER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD TO WIN THE BATTLE

Psalm 100:1-5

"4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name."

SHOWS OUR TOTAL DEDICATION TO GOD

Genesis 22:5

"And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."

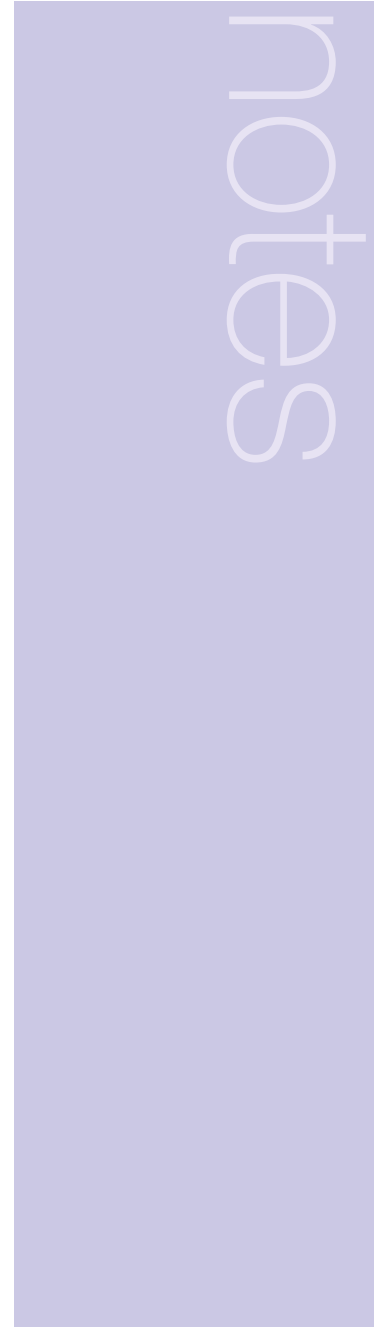
Romans 12:1-2

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship." (NIV)

HELPS US TO TAKE OUR THOUGHTS CAPTIVE AND FOCUS ON GOD

2Corinthians 10:4-5

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ."



CAUSES THE DISTRESSING SPIRITS TO FLEE

1 Samuel 16:14-23

"But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him. 15 And Saul's servants said to him, "Surely, a distressing spirit from God is troubling you. 16 "Let our master now command your servants, who are before you, to seek out a man who is a skillful player on the harp; and it shall be that he will play it with his hand when the distressing spirit from God is upon you, and you shall be well." 23 And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him."

RELEASES THE NEW SONGS OF VICTORY

Psalm 96:1-13

"Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth. 2 Sing to the LORD, bless His name; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. 3 Declare His glory among the nations, his wonders among all peoples."

In these we see how Joshua received prophetic words of encouragement and instruction that helped him and Israel to enter the battle with confidence.

Paul encouraged Timothy to war with the prophetic word that he had received.

1 Timothy 1:18

"This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare."

The battle enables us to worship properly. When there is no victory there is no celebration

God used this whole war to demonstrate His love, how He leads us through all our battles. Love is the key to a united covenant family. Warring together helps bring unity.

THE PROPHETIC WORD IS AN ENCOURAGEMENT IN BATTLE

Joshua 1:2-9, 3:7-8, 4:1-3, 5:9, & 11:6

1 Timothy 1:18

"This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare."

LIFE APPLICATIONS

How important is God's word to Him?

Discuss Proverbs 15:4 and Proverbs 18:21.

How have words blessed you?

How have words wounded you?

Give two scriptural examples of why it is important to understand words when we pray?

How does the enemy try to use words?

THE WORK OF THE WORD IN OUR LIVES – HIS WORD BRINGS HEALING

Psalm 107:20

"He sent His word and healed them."

Proverbs 12:25

"Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, but a good word makes it glad."

HIS WORD IS OUR MOST ACCURATE GUIDE

Psalm 119:105

"Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path."

WORDS SPOKEN IN SEASON ARE A GREAT BLESSING

Proverbs 15:23

"And a word spoken in due season, how good it is."

Proverbs 25:11

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold In settings of silver."

THE WORD CLEANSSES US

John 15:3

"You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you."

HIS WORD BRINGS LIFE AND DISCERNMENT

Hebrews 4:12

"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

WORDS CAN EDIFY, EXHORT OR COMFORT US

1 Corinthians 14:3

"He who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men."

OUR SELF-TALK can often be our own worst enemy. For many years, I had this battle because of the words that children, in particular, spoke into my life.

A CLOSING WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Be careful that you do not fight against the "breaking of the Lord" in your life by thinking it's the devil. Remember the Lord is our Good Shepherd.

Hosea 6:1-3

"Come, and let us return to the LORD; for He has torn, but He will heal us; he has stricken, but He will bind us up. 2 After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight. 3 Let us know, let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; he will come to us like the rain, like the latter and former rain to the earth."

LIFE APPLICATIONS

Why did Jesus tell His disciples that it would take fasting and prayer to cure the lunatic?

How has fasting helped you to see God acting in a special way? Has fasting helped you to hear from Him more clearly?

List 6 reasons why praise and worship can bring victory in warfare:

Hebrews 9:22 and almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

THE BLOOD WAS VERY IMPORTANT IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT

Leviticus 17:11

'For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'

Exodus 29:36

And you shall offer every day a bullock for a sin offering for atonement: and you shall cleanse the altar, when you have made atonement for it, and you shall anoint it, to sanctify it.

Psalms 85:2

'You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have covered all their sin.'

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT THE BLOOD OF THE BULLS AND GOATS WAS PRIMARILY FOR ATONEMENT

You had the special yearly Day Of Atonement:

Exodus 30:10

And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it is most holy unto the LORD.

Leviticus 16:34

And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

Hebrews 9:7-8

But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance; 8 the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing.

ATONEMENT MEANT

To cover, purge, make atonement, make reconciliation, cover over with pitch, to coat, atone for sin and persons by legal rites.

THEY OFTEN SPRINKLED THE BLOOD IN DIFFERENT WAYS

Exodus 9:16-21

"and you shall kill the ram, and you shall take its blood and sprinkle it all around on the altar. 19 " You shall also take the other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands on

Paul expresses the power of words in the way that he warns masters not to use threats on their workers.

Ephesians 6:9

"You, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening."

We are told to let our yes be yes and our no be no.

James 5:12

"Above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your Yes, be Yes, and your No, No, lest you fall into judgment."

JESUS, THE WORD OF GOD

JESUS WAS AN EXPRESSION OF GOD'S LIVING WORD

John 1:1

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

HIS WORDS HAVE AUTHORITY

Jesus' word had such authority that Peter was willing to obey it in spite of the circumstances which he was in.

Matthew 14:28

"Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.""

Luke 5:5

"Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.""

HE WASHED AND CLEANSED HIS DISCIPLES BY HIS WORDS

John 15:3

"You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you."

HE WASHED THE CHURCH BY THE WATER OF HIS WORD

Ephesians 5:26-27

"That He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word."

Jesus warned of the power of words and showed in one of His foundational teachings that we are not to call people names.

Matthew 5:22

"And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire."

Peter used words to try to deter Jesus from fulfilling His destiny.

Matthew 16:21-23

"Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, 'Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!' (23) But He turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.'"

VOWS

Vows are important to God and cannot be taken lightly.

Numbers 30:2

"If a man makes a vow to the Lord, or swears an oath to bind himself by some agreement, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth."

One of the powerful ways that we can become bound is by making hasty vows which can affect our lives as well as the lives of others. Jephthah brought judgment on his daughter by making a hasty vow.

Judges 11:29-40

"(30) And Jephthah made a vow to the Lord, and said, 'If You will indeed deliver the people of Ammon into my hands, (31) then it will be that whatever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the people of Ammon, shall surely be the Lord's, and I will offer it up as a burnt offering.' (36) So she said to him, 'My father, if you have given your word to the Lord, do to me according to what has gone out of your mouth, because the Lord has avenged you of your enemies, the people of Ammon.'"

The Jews cursed themselves as they had Jesus crucified.

Matthew 27:25

"All the people answered and said, 'His blood be on us and on our children.'"

By speaking out his fear, Job brought calamity upon himself.

Job 3:25

"For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me, and what I dreaded has happened to me."

the head of the ram. 20 "Then you shall kill the ram, and take some of its blood and put it on the tip of the right ear of Aaron and on the tip of the right ear of his sons, on the thumb of their right hand and on the big toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood all around on the altar. 21 "And you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar, and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aaron and on his garments, on his sons and on the garments of his sons with him; and he and his garments shall be hallowed, and his sons and his sons' garments with him.

THE PUTTING OF THE BLOOD ON THE DOOR POSTS AND LINTELS WAS A ONE TIME STRATEGY FOR THE PASSOVER

Exodus 12:7-13

"And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it."

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT IT IS THE SYMBOL OF THE NEW COVENANT

Matthew 26:28

"For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

John 6:53

Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you."

Hebrews 9:1

Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. 11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

WE ENTER THE NEW COVENANT AND JESUS PAID THE PRICE FOR US TO HAVE REDEMPTION AND FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS

Colossians 1:14

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.

FORGIVENESS MEANS

To release from bondage or imprisonment, forgiveness or pardon, of sins (letting them go as if they had never been committed), remission of the penalty.

FORGIVENESS AND CLEANSING

Hebrews 9:22

And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."

1 John 1:7 and 9

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CLEANSING MEANS

To make clean, cleanse, to free from defilement of sin and from faults, to purify from wickedness, to free from guilt of sin, to purify and to pronounce clean in a levitical sense.

REMISSION OF OUR SINS

Hebrews 9:22

Almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

REMISSION MEANS

Forgiveness, deliverance and liberty, release from bondage or imprisonment, forgiveness or pardon of sins (letting them go as if they had never been committed), remission of the penalty.

JUSTIFICATION

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

James 3:6

"The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature."

One of the powerful things about words is that once they are spoken, you can apologize for having said them, but you cannot take them back. Once Isaac had blessed Jacob, he could not remove the blessing because he had been deceived.

Genesis 27:33

"Then Isaac said, I have blessed him – and indeed he shall be blessed."

HAVE AN ETERNAL EFFECT

THE WORDS OF JESUS WILL NOT PASS AWAY

Luke 21:33

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

WORDS CAN BE – EDIFYING

Proverbs 30:5

"Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him."

1 Corinthians 14:3

"He who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men."

USED BY THE ENEMY

The enemy knows the power of words, so he uses them continually, as illustrated in:

The Garden of Eden, where he used God's words to cause Eve to sin.

Genesis 3:1-7

"Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, 'Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

The same tactic was used in his temptation of Jesus.

Matthew 4:1-11

"(6) and said to Him, 'If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" (7) Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'"

THE POWER OF WORDS – MECHANISM FOR CREATION, BLESSING OR CURSING

In studying Death and Hades, we saw that a primary weapon used was accusation.

God knows the power of words, so He has exalted His word above His name.

Psalm 138:2

"For You have magnified Your word above all Your name."

WORDS CAN – BRING LIFE OR DEATH

Proverbs 15:4

"A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit."

Proverbs 18:21

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit."

AFFECT OUR PRAYERS

Words are so powerful that we are told to take care what we say, especially in prayer.

Ecclesiastes 5:2-3

"Do not be rash with your mouth, and let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth, therefore let your words be few. (3) And a fool's voice is known by his many words."

AFFECT OUR LIVES

Job 19:2

"How long will you torment my soul, and break me in pieces with words?"

We have often quoted or prayed the first half of Isaiah 54:17, not seeing that God is showing us a vital truth about a weapon which the enemy wants to use against us.

Isaiah 54:17

"No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their righteousness is from Me," Says the Lord."

James talks about the incredible power of the tongue we see that he shows that in the tongue, through our words, is a world of iniquity.

Romans 5:9

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

JUSTIFICATION MEANS

Justification is the judicial act of God, by which he pardons all the sins of those who believe in Christ, and accounts, accepts, and treats them as all righteous in the eye of the law, i.e., as conformed to all its demands. He sees us just as if we had never sinned.

SANCTIFICATION

Hebrews 10:14

For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

SANCTIFICATION MEANS

Sanctification involves more than a mere moral reformation of character, brought about by the power of the truth: it is the work of the Holy Spirit bringing the whole nature more and more under the influences of the new gracious principles implanted in the soul in regeneration. In other words, sanctification is the carrying on to perfection the work begun in regeneration, and it extends to the whole man.

JESUS BLED 9 WAYS FOR US

1) CIRCUMCISION FOR ACCEPTANCE INTO THE INHERITANCE OF ABRAHAM

Genesis 17:10

"This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; 11 "and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you."

Luke 2:21

And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

Romans 4:11

He received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also.

2) SOLD WITH BLOOD MONEY TO SET US FREE FROM MAMMON

Matthew 6:24

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

Matthew 27:3

Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!" 5 Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself. 6 But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood."

3) SWEAT GLANDS – FOR WORRY, FEAR, DOUBT AND ANXIETY

Luke 22:44

And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Philippians 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

4) BRUISED – HE WAS BEATEN BY THE HIGH COUNCIL FOR OUR INIQUITY

John 18:22

And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do You answer the high priest like that?"

Isaiah 53:5

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities.

5) HE WAS SCOURGED [WHIPPED] – FOR THE BURDENS WE CARRY IN SICKNESS

Matthew 27:26

Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.

How was manipulation used in

Genesis 16:1-16

2 Kings 20:1-10

Give an example of how Jezebel can make you want to die.

When David used a Jezebel tactic in 2 Samuel 11 and 12 what were the results?

How has this lesson on Jezebel helped you most?

LIFE APPLICATIONS

What are the three main characteristics of Jezebel?

What form of domination, intimidation or manipulation is shown in the following?

1 Samuel 17:1-16

1 Kings 21:4

2 Corinthians 11:3

Genesis 3:6-7

Ezra 4:6-24

Matthew 17:24-27

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

1 Peter 2:24

Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness – by whose stripes you were healed.

6) HIS HEAD BLEED – HE WAS PLATTED WITH THE CROWN OF THORNS FOR EVIL THOUGHTS AND MAKING ANYTHING BUT CHRIST KING IN OUR LIFE

Matthew 27:29

When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

7) HANDS BLEED – FOR THE EVIL WORKS OF OUR HANDS

Psalm 90:17

And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.

Hosea 14:3

Assyria shall not save us, we will not ride on horses, nor will we say anymore to the work of our hands, 'You are our gods.' For in You the fatherless finds mercy."

8) FEET BLEED – FOR WALKING IN OUR OWN WAYS

Proverbs 6:18

A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil.

Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way.

Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

9) HIS SIDE WAS PIERCED – FOR THE BRIDE TO BE BROUGHT FOURTH

Jesus scars are the only man made thing in heaven.

Genesis 2:24

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

John 19:34

But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

Ephesians 5:26-27

That He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Revelation 19:7

"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

THE POWER OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

When we are forgiven and cleansed we have a powerful testimony which we can proclaim

Revelation 12:11

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."

HOW SHOULD WE PRAY AND INTERCEDE?

We should not plead the blood, but ask for things in Jesus name.

John 14:13

"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

LIFE APPLICATIONS

Why is the Blood of Jesus so important?

LEARN TO BE HUMBLE AND TEACABLE

Philippians 2:5-11

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Hebrews 12:8

But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

BE WILLING TO SUBMIT AND DIE TO SELF

Matthew 26:38-39

"39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

ENTER A SPIRIT-LED LIFESTYLE

Romans 8:14

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."

Ephesians 6:18

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints."

GET TO KNOW GOD AND HIS WAYS

Isaiah 55:8-11

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."

Daniel 11:32b

"The people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits."

WALK BY FAITH IN A NEW WAY**Proverbs 3:5-6**

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

"And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."

Galatians 3:11

"But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith."

BE FULL OF THE WORD**John 15:7**

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

Romans 10:17

"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

DON'T COMPROMISE**Daniel 3:16-18**

"Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 17"If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king.

18"But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

Daniel 6:10-13

"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days."

How was atonement made in the Old Testament?

What did the Blood symbolize in the New Testament?

What do you believe the new covenant does for us as Believers in Christ?

What is the difference between Forgiveness and Cleansing?

There has been nine ways listed that Jesus bled for us in this study, can you identify any areas that He bled for in your life that you are currently struggling with? If any, do you see the provision that has been made for you?

How would you use the blood of Jesus in prayer in light of this teaching?

PRINCIPALITIES

Satan is not omnipresent or coequal with God. He can only be in one place at one time. Therefore we should not be binding or fighting against him, but instead we should be aware of some of the ways that He will try to use to come against us.

Ephesians 6:12

"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 (iniquities) in high places."

Principalities can begin as an iniquity having the potential to become a ruler as they go from an individual to a family.

Exodus 34:7

"Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

SIN DEFINED

The English word for "Sin" comes from archery. The archer would draw the bow and send the arrow toward the target. If he missed the mark, the overseeing official would yell "SIN." It literally means to miss the mark.

TRANSGRESSION DEFINED – MEANING

A willful deviation from and therefore rebellion against the path of godly living.

GRECO MEANING

To go beyond or overstepping the limits.

Ephesians 2:1

"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins."

INIQUITY DEFINED**Isaiah 53:5-6 & 11**

"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities;

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Sin trips us up. Transgression causes us to willfully rebel and not hit the mark, but iniquity defiles or bruises and area of our character and gives us a crooked arrow to start with.

BREAK ROOTS OF INIQUITY**Revelation 2:22-23**

"Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. 23 I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works."

FAST AND PRAY TO GET TOTAL RELEASE**Esther 4:15-17**

"Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai: 16 "Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!"

Matthew 17:21

"However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

BREAK THE CURSE OF LEGALISM**Galatians 3:10**

"For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."

LEARN TO BE STILL AND WAIT ON GOD**1 Samuel 3:9-11**

"Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."

Isaiah 40:31

"But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

Isaiah 52:11-12

"Depart! Depart! Go out from there, touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her, be clean, you who bear the vessels of the LORD. 12 For you shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight; for the LORD will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard."

HOW DO WE GET RELEASE FROM PRINCIPALITIES?

WAYS TO FREEDOM

- Freedom from Anti-Christ – Learn to be humble and teachable. **Philippians 2**
- Freedom from Ahab and Jezebel – Fight against self-pity. Ask for help not to dominate, intimidate, manipulate or seduce
- Freedom from Death and Hades – Desire to speak words of life **Psalms 19:14**

Psalm 19:14

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and
my Redeemer.*

CONFESS AND REPENT

1Kings 21: 27-29

"So it was, when Ahab heard those words, that he tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his body, and fasted and lay in sackcloth, and went about mourning. 28 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 29 "See how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the calamity in his days. In the days of his son I will bring the calamity on his house."

1John 1:9

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Revelation 2:21

"And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent."

RELEASE THROUGH FORGIVENESS

Matthew 6:14-15

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 "But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

John 20:23

"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

AMEND YOUR WAYS

Jeremiah 7:3

"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place."

Iniquity can go from the family to the community affecting the city becoming rulers over the city **Genesis 4:13 and 17** and finally the nation. E.G. Cape Henry

Genesis 4:13

"And Cain said to the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear."

Genesis 4:17

"And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he built a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch."

When it is a sin we confess and repent of it and it will go, but if we allow it to get a deeper foothold through willful transgress it is harder to deal with, but when we have allowed it to become an iniquity it most difficult to deal with. The longer it is able to grow as an iniquity the more it is able to rule, to gain power and finally become a principality.

When an iniquity is over a person it is a spirit or can become a strongman this has the potential of going to our family and still being a strongman. Jesus said we were able to bind this.

Matthew 12:29

Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

On a personal level we have the authority to bind and loose the strong man over ourselves, our children before they reach the age of accountability or when someone requests to be set free.

However when it moves beyond our family into our community it has the possibility becoming a ruler over that area as it has been given a legal right to rule we cannot just bind and loose it. We need to discern what legal foothold [grip or transition – **Ephesians 4:27**] has been given to this strongman allowing it to rule, get power and become a prince.

NKJ Ephesians 4:27

"nor give place to the devil."

NIV"

Do not give the devil a foothold."

NAS 4:27

"Do not give the devil an opportunity."

We have to deal with it personally, then in our families and our churches. The church can have a solemn assembly to confess legal ground given to this prince and then it will loose its power. The longer it rules the more power it gains and from there it has the potential of becoming a principality.

A principality can be defined as a Prince over an area. A principle – set rules or laws. A principal - the head in authority over a school or department. Principle – the primary amount owing in a debt. In Christianity it is important to have living knowledge of God over understanding words or principles.

Satan is not creative and therefore He cannot create things he only copies what God has created or done. One of the most powerful things God did after the creation of man was to create the family. All other religions except Christianity downplay the father and exalt the mother and the son. This opened the door for the Greek Hellenistic model to replace the Hebraic Patriarchal family model. Therefore, as we war against the family network of the enemy we see that Satan has created a false family to replace the true Godly family / trinity.

SATANIC TRINITY EXPOSED

Almost all religions have 3 gods that they focus on. They often focus on the ministry of the mother fertility mother goddess. Some examples in scripture are Semiramis the mother of Nimrod.

Genesis 10:8-9

"Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. 9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD."

And the Queen of Heaven

Jeremiah 44:17-19

"But we will certainly do whatever has gone out of our own mouth, to burn incense to the queen of heaven and pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. For then we had plenty of food, were well-off, and saw no trouble. 18 "But since we stopped burning incense to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything and have been consumed by the sword and by famine." 19 The women also said, "And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make cakes for her, to worship her, and pour out drink offerings to her without our husbands' permission?"

They often work together like a family in opposition to God's true family.

1) Ahab and Jezebel try to replace the Holy Spirit through bribes and threats.

THROUGH HERODIAS

Matthew 14:1-12

"6 But when Herod's birthday was celebrated, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod. 7 Therefore he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. 8 So she, having been prompted by her mother, said, "Give me John the Baptist's head here on a platter." 9 And the king was sorry; nevertheless, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he commanded it to be given to her."

THROUGH THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND COUNCIL AGAINST JESUS

Matthew 26:59-66

"Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, 60 but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward 61 and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" 62 And the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?" 63 But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!" 64 Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven." 65 Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! 66 "What do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death."

THROUGH THE RELIGIOUS PEOPLE AGAINST STEPHEN

Acts 6:8-15

"9 Then there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen. 10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke. 11 Then they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God."

Acts 7:59-60

And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep."

coverings. 8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

HAMAN AGAINST ESTHER'S PEOPLE

Esther 3

"5 When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow or pay him homage, Haman was filled with wrath. 6 But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him of the people of Mordecai. Instead, Haman sought to destroy all the Jews who were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus—the people of Mordecai. 8 Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from all other people's, and they do not keep the king's laws. Therefore it is not fitting for the king to let them remain. 9 "If it pleases the king, let a decree be written that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who do the work, to bring it into the king's treasuries." 10 So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews."

THE JEALOUS PRINCES AGAINST DANIEL

Daniel 6

"3 Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm. 4 So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him. 5 Then these men said, "We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God." 6 So these governors and satraps thronged before the king, and said thus to him: "King Darius, live forever! 7 "All the governors of the kingdom, the administrators and satraps, the counselors and advisors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whoever petitions any god or man for thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. 8 "Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the writing, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter." 9 Therefore King Darius signed the written decree."

2) Anti Christ tries to take the place of Christ opposing God's work through Christ.

3) Death and Hades try to replace the Father and lead us into death rather than the life that God has given to us to enjoy. The Trinity of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit compliment each other with the Satanic trinity they compete with each other.

Ahab and Jezebel are the most visible and least powerful. Ahab and Jezebel say 'Anything goes / we are all equal and listen to me!' They use two basic forms of emotional blackmail of bribes or threats. Like a parent saying 'I'll give you candy,' or they use threats to try control their families. This is a false Holy Spirit attacking our emotions.

Anti Christ says 'Follow me I know the way.' Jesus says 'Follow me I am the way.' Anti Christ is second and is in the middle of this Satanic trinity and has more power than Ahab and Jezebel.

Death and Hades – This is the last one to be revealed and is the most powerful of the three saying 'You are worthless, there is no hope for you except for you to die.' However God the Father says 'I so loved you that I gave you My one and only Son to bring you life.'

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

He spoke words of life over His Son

Matthew 17:5

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

Desiring to give us life and life more abundantly.

John 10:10

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

LIFE APPLICATIONS

How do sins and transgressions differ from each other?

How does one "go beyond" or "overstep" the limits when they move from sin to transgression?

Are you able to recognize "going beyond" and thus "willfully deviating" from the Godly path? If so ask God to help you to identify where it began.

What are the components listed of the Satanic Trinity?

What does the voice of Ahab and Jezebel say? Can you recognize any of the words in your life or the lives of those around you?

What does the voice of the Anti Christ say? Can you recognize any of the words in your life or the lives of those around you?

Both Elijah and Jonah were isolated and wanted to die.

Seed that is sown

Matthew 13:19-23

"When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. 20 "But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 "yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. 22 "Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. 23 "But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

DEATH AND HADES USUALLY ATTACK

- **BEFORE** a vision is birth,
- **DURING** the birthing of a vision, and
- **AFTER** the birth of a vision.

**THESE PRINCIPALITIES OF
AHAB AND JEZEBEL, ANTI-CHRIST
AND DEATH AND HADES
WORKING TOGETHER –
ADAM AND EVE IN THE GARDEN**

Genesis 3:1-12

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 "but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' " 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

5 "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves



Ahab

1Kings 21:1-4

"2 So Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near, next to my house; and for it I will give you a vineyard better than it. Or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its worth in money." 3 But Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you!" 4 So Ahab went into his house sullen and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food."

DEATH AND HADES (ACCUSATION)

John 10:10

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy."

Matthew 16:18

"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

Brings isolation, doubts, fear, torment Also brings suicide, sickness, infirmity

EXAMPLES OF DEATH AND HADES

Elijah

1Kings 19:1-4

"2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time." 3 And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. 4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, "It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!"

Jonah

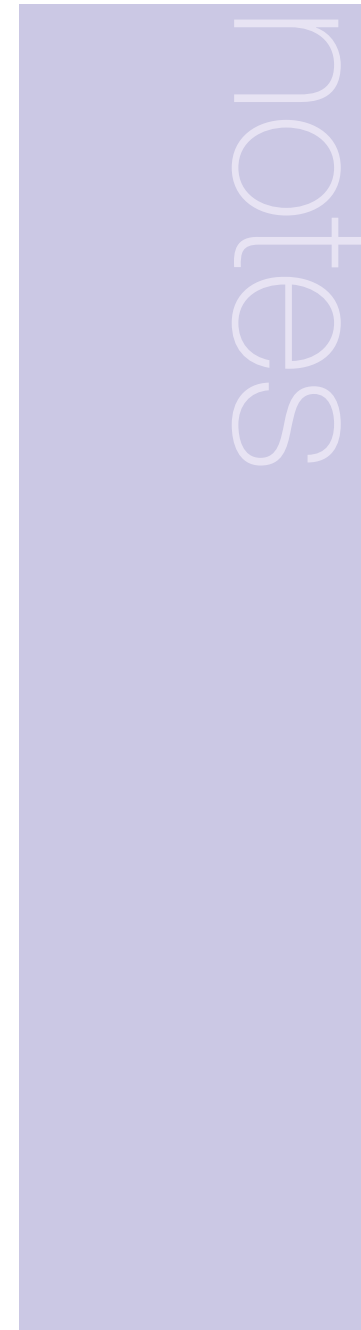
Jonah 4:1-4

"But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry. 2 So he prayed to the LORD, and said, "Ah, LORD, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm. 3 "Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live!" 4 Then the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

What does the voice of Death and Hades say? Can you recognize any of the words in your life or the lives of those around you?

What function do you believe these voices serve to do?

In your journal, what are some of the ways we can firstly begin to recognize or discern the workings of this Satanic Trinity, and then begin to defuse these workings?



AHAB AND JEZEBEL (part 1)

Some meanings for the name Ahab are "Father's brother," "equal" or "Unfatherable." Elijah was sent to father and help him, but Ahab constantly rejected this help. Ahab willfully disobeyed the Lord's ways and married a wife that was not in line with God's will.

1 Kings 16:30-31

"Now Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD, more than all who were before him. 31 And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and served Baal and worshiped him.

He got top prize for wickedness

1 Kings 21:25

But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the LORD, because Jezebel his wife stirred him up.

CHARACTERISTICS OF AHAB – HE IS IN CONTINUAL CONFLICT WITH SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

He blames Elijah for drought and called him his enemy when he had provoked Jezebel causing her to have Naboth killed.

1 Kings 18:17

Then it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, "Is that you, O troubler of Israel?"

1 Kings 21:20

So Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, O my enemy?"

He did not want to have Micaiah come in to him.

1 Kings 22:8

"There is still one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the LORD; but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil."

HE HAS CONTINUAL PROBLEMS WITH SEX AND AUTHORITY

Sex – beckoning Asherah the goddess with her temple prostitutes leading to perverted sex, pornography and sexual problems. Jezebel surrounded herself by eunuchs at her death. **Authority** – beckoning Baal Melkart as he was jealous for power.

We observe how Ahab's family suffered.

1 Kings 21:29

"See how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the calamity in his days. In the days of his son I will bring the calamity on his house."

Abram did not hear from God for 13 years.

Genesis 16:16-17:1

"Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram. 17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him."

ANTI-CHRIST (REBELLION/VIOLATION)**1 Samuel 15:23**

"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry."

OPEN REBELLION

Korah

Numbers 16:1-5

"Now Korah rose up before Moses with some of the children of Israel, 3 They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?"

SUBTLE, CRAFTY OR CUNNING REBELLION

Absalom

2 Samuel 15:1-6

"2 Now Absalom would rise early and stand beside the way to the gate. So it was, whenever anyone who had a lawsuit came to the king for a decision, that Absalom would call to him and say, "What city are you from?" And he would say, "Your servant is from such and such a tribe of Israel."

SILENT REBELLION

Adam

Genesis 3:1-6

"Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate."

SUBTLETIES ABOUT JEZEBEL

The righteous are destroyed or nearly destroyed.

Jezebel makes you do the right thing in the wrong way

1Chronicles 15:13

"For because you did not do it the first time, the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order."

JEZEBEL HIDES BEHIND OTHER SPIRITS, ACTING AS SMOKE SCREENS**Isaiah 47:10**

"For you have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, 'No one sees me'; your wisdom and your knowledge have warped you; and you have said in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one else besides me.'

JEZEBEL AFFECTS US, OUR FAMILY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

Jezebel can bring judgment on Jezebel's children.

Revelation 2:21-23

"I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works."

Jezebel brings judgment on the land.

Joshua 9:15-16 & 2 Samuel 21:1

"Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; but they did not ask counsel of the LORD. 15 So Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them."

2 Samuel 21:1

Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and David inquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, "It is because of Saul and his bloodthirsty house, because he killed the Gibeonites."

When David used it, Bathsheba's child died.

2Samuel 11:14-15

"In the morning it happened that David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. 15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die."

2Samuel 12:14-15

"However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die." 15 Then Nathan departed to his house. And the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and it became ill."

1 Kings 16:31-32

And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and served Baal and worshiped him. 32 Then he set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

HE USES PASSIVITY AS A WEAPON

Ahab's want to avoid conflict and have peace at any price. He strove to be a peacekeeper rather than a peacemaker. He usually appears harmless and ineffective and seems like a good guy! Passivity led him to be "Tolerant" of evil" rather than a fighter against evil. An example of this is with Benhadad where he wanted to appease him to avoid conflict.

1 Kings 20:34

So Ben-Hadad said to him, "The cities which my father took from your father I will restore; and you may set up marketplaces for yourself in Damascus, as my father did in Samaria." Then Ahab said, "I will send you away with this treaty." So he made a treaty with him and sent him away.

HE SEEMS OUTWARDLY SUCCESSFUL

Outwardly he may appear to be successful in his profession, sports or social clubs where he may be well known as a king, commander and city builder. But in his home as a father and husband and his obedience to God he was a failure.

1 Kings 22:39

Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, the ivory house which he built and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

HE PROVOKES JEZEBEL TO ACTION

He does this twice. After the victory of Elijah at Mt. Carmel and when he wants Naboth's vineyard.

1 Kings 19:1

And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword.

1 Kings 21:4-5

So Ahab went into his house sullen and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food. 5 But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him, "Why is your spirit so sullen that you eat no food?"

HE IS PRONE TO DEPRESSION AND SELF PITY

He loved to pout, sulk and go into self pity responding to correction like a whipped puppy and became sullen and displeased that he could not get his way. He can't handle not getting his way and did not want to stand up to pressure like a man. This showed that he was emotionally immature and can't handle his feelings. He is self indulgent.

1 Kings 21:4

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HE WANTS TO BE "MOTHERED"

Jezebel can be translated 'Unhusbanded' not unmarried. This is by the way he acted like a child being silly, pouting, rebellious and indecisive. This can lead to sexual problems in marriage as there is a confusion of roles. Is this your wife or your mother? He desires his pastor and leaders to mother him.

1 Kings 21:4-5

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HE IS TOLERANT OF JEZEBEL

This mothering that provokes Jezebel is seen closest to the heart of Satan.

Revelation 2:20

"Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow [tolerate (NIV & NAS)] that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

Revelation 2:24

"Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden."

He is afraid of his wife's reaction and will not challenge her. He allows his wife to handle conflicts outside the home. He lets her judge the men of God, rail on them and murder them.

What is as idolatry?

Obedience to what protects us from Jezebel?

How can Jezebel work through Busyness, Stubbornness, Legalism, Tradition or Method?

LIFE APPLICATIONS

How does Jezebel work through religious people according to:

1 Kings 16:30-31

Revelations 2:20-21

How does Jezebel operate as an international principality according to:

Isaiah 47:5-9

1 Kings 18:4

2 Kings 9:22

How does Jezebel work. Use scriptures to validate your answer.

What is as witchcraft?

He lets his wife scold, rebuke and protect him. Jezebel then reacted and was provoked by him.

1 Kings 18:4

"For so it was, while Jezebel massacred the prophets of the LORD."

1 Kings 21:7

"Then Jezebel his wife said to him, "You now exercise authority over Israel! Arise, eat food, and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

HE SELLS OUT TO EVIL

When conflict or cost becomes too great he cops out and is not committed to righteousness not being willing to annihilate evil. He gives in to bribes and threats.

1 Kings 20:34

So Ben-Hadad said to him, "The cities which my father took from your father I will restore; and you may set up marketplaces for yourself in Damascus, as my father did in Samaria." Then Ahab said, "I will send you away with this treaty." So he made a treaty with him and sent him away.

HE RESORTS TO DECEPTION AND DISGUISE

He becomes overcome by fear even as Elijah did when he was attacked by Jezebel. He feared Jezebel more than God. When he had been shot he still tried to save face. He was about to die yet he asked to be propped up.

1 Kings 22:37-38

Now a certain man drew a bow at random, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of his armor. So he said to the driver of his chariot, "Turn around and take me out of the battle, for I am wounded." 35 The battle increased that day; and the king was propped up in his chariot, facing the Syrians, and died at evening. The blood ran out from the wound onto the floor of the chariot."

ULTIMATELY HE GETS PICKED OFF

In an unexpected moment of weakness [a small breach in his armor] he eventually dies and is only good for the dogs.

1 Kings 22:37-38

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10 STEPS OUT**1) CAREFUL EXAMINATION****Psalm 139:23-24**

Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; 24 And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

2) RENOUNCE WHOLE-HEARTEDLY AND RESOLVE TO REPENT**2 Timothy 2:19**

Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart [turn (NIV)] from iniquity."

2 Corinthians 7:10

For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

3)BELIEVE GOD – HAVE FAITH – HEAD TO EVERY MAN IS CHRIST**Romans 1:17**

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

1 Corinthians 11:3

But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

4) AVOID LIKE THE PLAGUE – SELF-PITY AND STRONGLY DEAL WITH IT**2 Timothy 2:19**

Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

Proverbs 18:1

A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment.

5) ALSO AVOID INDECISION & SILLINESS – FOOLISHNESS – TRAITS OF CHILDREN**Joshua 24:15**

"And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

HEZEKIAH MANIPULATED GOD AND GOT HIS PERMISSIVE WILL**2 Kings 20:1-7**

"In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.'" 2 Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD, saying, 3 "Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly. 4 And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 5 "Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD. 6 "And I will add to your days fifteen years."

MANASSEH DESTROYED ALL THE GOOD THAT HIS FATHER HEZEKIAH DID**2Kings 21:1-6**

Jezebel makes you claim things in the flesh rather than in the Spirit.

GOD'S PERFECT WILL VERSUS HIS PERMISSIVE WILL

Manipulation is used when we seek God's permissive will. The following references reveal the consequences of not seeking God's perfect will in various situations.

JOSHUA PREMATURELY ENTERED INTO A TREATY WITH THE GIBEONITES

Joshua 9:14-16

"Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; but they did not ask counsel of the LORD. 15 So Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them. 16 And it happened at the end of three days, after they had made a covenant with them they heard that they were their neighbors who dwelt near them."

ABRAHAM ACTED PREMATURELY AND ISHMAEL WAS BORN

Genesis 16:1-2, 16:16 & 17:1

"Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar. 2 So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the LORD has restrained me from bearing children. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her." And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai. 16:16 Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram. 17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless."

ISRAEL DEMANDED TO HAVE A KING RATHER THAN OBEY GOD

1 Samuel 8:1-20 "4

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, 5 and said to him, "Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations." 6 But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." So Samuel prayed to the LORD. 7 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them. 8 "According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt, even to this day—with which they have forsaken Me and served other gods—so they are doing to you also. 9 "Now therefore, heed their voice. However, you shall solemnly forewarn them, and show them the behavior of the king who will reign over them."

James 1:5-7

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord."

6) DO NOT DESIRE OR SEEK TO BE MOTHERED BY

Your wife, other sisters or your pastoral Shepherd.

7) GET INTO A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN BE FATHERED

1 Corinthians 4:15

For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

8) WALK IN INTEGRITY

Titus 2:7-8

in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, 8 sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

Hebrews 1:9

"You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

9) EXERCISE IN LOVE YOUR KINGSHIP AND PROPHETIC MINISTRY IN THE HOME

Speak for God to your wife.

Ephesians 5:25-27

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

Revelation 1:5-6

From Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

10) LET YOUR LIFE BE THE MESSAGE OF YOUR MINISTRY – SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE!

Don't assume success and blessing equals approval run the race to the end.

Acts 20:24

"But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

LIFE APPLICATIONS

Define the difference between a peacemaker and a peace keeper? What weapon did Ahab use in this context?

What kind of mood swings was Ahab prone to?

How did Jezebel complement this behavior of Ahab's mood swings?

How did self pity work in Ahab's life? Are you prone to self pity? If you are why do you think so? See first the section of study with authority problems.

Ezra 4:11-16

"(This is a copy of the letter that they sent him) To King Artaxerxes from your servants, the men of the region beyond the River, and so forth: 12 Let it be known to the king that the Jews who came up from you have come to us at Jerusalem, and are building the rebellious and evil city, and are finishing its walls and repairing the foundations. 13 Let it now be known to the king that, if this city is built and the walls completed, they will not pay tax, tribute, or custom, and the king's treasury will be diminished. 14 Now because we receive support from the palace, it was not proper for us to see the king's dishonor; therefore we have sent and informed the king, 15 that search may be made in the book of the records of your fathers. And you will find in the book of the records and know that this city is a rebellious city, harmful to kings and provinces, and that they have incited sedition within the city in former times, for which cause this city was destroyed. 16 We inform the king that if this city is rebuilt and its walls are completed, the result will be that you will have no dominion beyond the River."

Nehemiah 6:5-7

"Then Sanballat sent his servant to me as before, the fifth time, with an open letter in his hand. 6 In it was written: It is reported among the nations, and Geshem says, that you and the Jews plan to rebel; therefore, according to these rumors, you are rebuilding the wall, that you may be their king."

FINANCES

Matthew 17:24-27

"When they had come to Capernaum, those who received the temple tax came to Peter and said, "Does your Teacher not pay the temple tax?" 25 He said, "Yes." And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or from strangers?"

Matthew 22:15-22

"Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk. 16 And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. 17 "Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

Revelation 2: 20

"You allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols."

2 Corinthians 11:3

"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." (KJV)

SILENCE – THIS IS A SUBTLE FORM OF REBELLION**Genesis 3:6-7**

"So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings."

1 Kings 21:4

"So Ahab went into his house sullen and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food."

LETTERS AND MESSAGES THAT ARE USED TO INTIMIDATE RATHER THAN INSPIRE**1 Kings 19:1-3**

"2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time." 3 And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there."

1 Kings 21:8-10

"And she wrote letters in Ahab's name, sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who were dwelling in the city with Naboth. 9 She wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth with high honor among the people; 10 and seat two men, scoundrels, before him to bear witness against him, saying, "You have blasphemed God and the king." Then take him out, and stone him, that he may die."

Would you agree that one's validation does not come from being mothered? Where should your validation come from?

Reflection for men: Are you exercising your kingship and prophetic ministry at your home in love? What could be better?

Reflection for women: How are you responding to your husband's leadership in the home? Can you recognize any of the principles discussed in this lesson cropping up in your marriage?

AHAB AND JEZEBEL (part2)

JEZEBEL (WITCHCRAFT)

JEZEBEL WORKS THROUGH A RELIGIOUS PERSON

Jezebel came from a family who worshipped Baal

1Kings 16:30-31

"31 And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and served Baal and worshipped him."

This letter is addressed to a church.

Revelation 2:20

"Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols."

JEZEBEL IS AN INTERNATIONAL PRINCIPALITY
(EPHESIAN 6:12)

This principality is seen as the queen, mistress or The Lady of Kingdoms.

Isaiah 47:5, 7

"Sit in silence, go into darkness, Daughter of the Babylonians; no more will you be called queen of kingdoms. 7 You said, 'I will continue forever—the eternal queen!'" (NIV)

Isaiah 47:9

"But these two things shall come to you in a moment, in one day: the loss of children, and widowhood. They shall come upon you in their fullness [in spite of your claims to power given you by the assistance of other evil spirits] because of the multitude of your sorceries, for the great abundance of your enchantments." [Amplified Version]

V. 9 Shows that it works together with other principalities.

WITCHCRAFT WAS THE TRADEMARK OR HALL MARK OF JEZEBEL

It is called Jezebel because she continually used witchcraft.

2 Kings 9:22

"Now it happened, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, 'Is it peace, Jehu?' So he answered, 'What peace, as long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcraft are so many?'"

Matthew 4:1-10

"3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, 'If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.' 4 But He answered and said, 'It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" 8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

Matthew 16:21-23

"From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. 22 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

TEARS AND EMOTION BLACKMAIL

This can be a subtle form of manipulation often connected with fear.

2 Kings 20:1-3

"In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.'" 2 Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD, saying, 3 "Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly."

1 Kings 21:4

"So Ahab went into his house sullen and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food."

WORDS – THE MOUTH OF INTIMIDATION REPLACES THE ROD OF CORRECTION

1 Samuel 17:1-16

"8 Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, "Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. 9 "If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." 10 And the Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together." 11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid."

Nehemiah 4:1-3

"But it so happened, when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, that he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Jews. 2 And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they complete it in a day? Will they revive the stones from the heaps of rubbish—stones that are burned?" 3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall."

Ezra 4:1-5 "4

Then the people of the land tried to discourage the people of Judah. They troubled them in building 5 and hired counselors against them to frustrate their purpose all the days of Cyrus king of Persia."

Genesis 3:1-6

"Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 "but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

JEZEBEL TRIES TO DESTROY THE PROPHETIC VOICE

Jezebel tries to attack and destroy the prophetic voices as they speak God's word and not Jezebel's word.

1 Kings 18:4

"For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water." (KJV)

HOW JEZEBEL OPERATES

Jezebel is provoked by Ahab self-pity and silent rebellion. These two complement one another. Ahab represents self-pity, silent rebellion, subtle witchcraft and it provokes Jezebel to take action.

1 Kings 21:1-4

"2 So Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near, next to my house; and for it I will give you a vineyard better than it. Or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its worth in money." 3 But Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you!" 4 So Ahab went into his house sullen and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food. "

Jezebel will always undermine authority.

1 Kings 21:5-7

"But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him, "Why is your spirit so sullen that you eat no food?" 6 He said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you another vineyard for it.' And he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'" 7 Then Jezebel his wife said to him, "You now exercise authority over Israel! Arise, eat food, and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

Ahab achieves his goal. Jezebel reacts, challenges and misuses his authority and the leadership authority of the elders and nobles.

1 Kings 21:8-9

"I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite. 9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people." (KJV)

Jezebel hides behind a religious or good deed.

1 Kings 21:9

"9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people." (KJV)

Jezebel misuses people

1 Kings 21:10

"And seat two men, scoundrels, before him to bear witness against him, saying, "You have blasphemed God and the king." Then take him out, and stone him, that he may die."

Jezebel tries to destroy the righteous in order to get what her husband's flesh desires getting through manipulation. The leaders were manipulated by Jezebel to use false authority. Naboth is stoned and dies and then Jezebel instructs Ahab to take possession of Naboth's land. Jezebel gets what she wants and fulfills the fleshly desires of her husband .

1 Kings 21:11-15

"So the men of his city, the elders and nobles who were inhabitants of his city, did as Jezebel had sent to them, as it was written in the letters which she had sent to them. 14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned and is dead." 15 And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead." (NKJ)

PROTECTION FROM JEZEBEL

Jezebel enters through our busy-ness and acting in the flesh. When we get too busy, we aren't sensitive to what the Lord is saying.

1 Samuel 15:22-23

"Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry."

Rebellion is witchcraft and stubbornness is idolatry. Obedience to the Holy Spirit protects us from Jezebel.

Stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Stubbornness says, 'I will do it my way.' Self and pride enter in as idols and then try to manipulate.

Paul says to the church, 'Who has bewitched you?' They became bewitched by falling into legalism. Legalism is a curse.

Galatians 3:1-5

"O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? 5 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?"

One example of legalism is the routine of our quiet time. We must spend quality time with God, but not in a legalistic way.

Matthew 6:5-7

"6 "But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly."

HOW JEZEBEL ENTERS OUR LIFE

Method replaces sensitivity to the Lord's voice.

Tradition replaces revelation.

Disobedience replaces obedience.

Flesh replaces Spirit.

Galatians 5:16-23

"19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like." (KJV)

Curses replace blessings (through legalism).

Bondage replaces liberty.

Law replaces faith.

HOW TO IDENTIFY JEZEBEL

FOUR CHARACTERISTICS SHOWING WHEN JEZEBEL IS WORKING

Domination – God directs.

Intimidation – God inspires.

Manipulation – God motivates and leads by His Spirit.

Seduction – God saves and loves us with a holy love

Thus we see that Jezebel dims our vision and clarity causing confusion.

The source will reveal the fruit and the fruit will reveal the source.

These characteristics can operate in the following ways: