GETTING FREE OF THE RELIGIOUS, JEZEBEL & LEVIATHAN SPIRITS

COMMON GOAL in all 3: to SUBVERT/THWART THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The RELIGIOUS SPIRIT DENIES (or RESISTS the power of) the Holy Spirit
The JEZEBEL SPIRIT seeks to COUNTERFEIT the Holy Spirit
The LEVIATHAN SPIRIT seeks to KILL/STRANGLE or CHOKE the Holy Spirit

GETTING FREE OF THE RELIGIOUS SPIRIT

It is a <u>strong conviction</u> that God works (only) in a particular way. It is <u>any mind-set or attitude that says "it must be done THIS way"</u>. It is SPIRITUALLY BLIND to the presence and work of the HS.

CHARACTERISTICS

LEGALISM

Lie: Spiritual maturity has to be earned and proven.

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TRUTH: I am growing in the Lord, not by my works, but by God's GRACE

<u>Declaration of the truth:</u>

"I renounce the Spirit of Legalism. I renounce the lie that I have to follow rules to be acceptable to God. I renounce my critical attitudes towards those who don't do things the way I think they should be done. I renounce any standard I have set that is not from the heart of Jesus. I renounce my idolatry in putting rules or patterns above the working of the Holy Spirit. Forgive me, Jesus, for allowing these lies to penetrate my heart and spirit. Cleanse me now and pour your grace upon me that I might live by faith and not by sight."

"I declare, according to Philippians 3:8,9 that "I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ - the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith." In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRIDE

<u>Lie:</u> "I can handle/see or understand this by myself."
TRUTH: Gods heart will be fully known as I humble myself before Him and others.

<u>Declaration of the truth:</u>

"I renounce the Spirit of Pride. I renounce the lie that I have to have all the answers. I renounce the lie that in order to be acceptable, I have to prove my knowledge and understanding in spiritual things. I lay down any rights to understanding God's ways or methods. Forgive me Lord for being proud of _______. Forgive me, Lord, for being offended by others when they have disagreed with me. I lay down my right to be right. I yield ultimate authority to You and ask you to cleanse my heart from the sin of pride."

"According to Philippians 2:3,4, I will do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility, consider others better than myself. I will not only look to my own interests, but to the interests of others." I desire to be like Jesus, who humbled himself to death on the cross. As I die to my own desires, I declare my love and devotion to You, the author, perfecter and finisher of my faith."

REBELLION AGAINST AUTHORITY

ie: I can't trust God. RUTH: As I submit to the spiritual authorities in my life, God will bless me and release my full inheritance in Christ.
t always starts with FORGIVENESS:
Lord, I choose to forgive for hurting me as a spiritual authority in my life. I choose to forgive them and release them from any obligation to me. I also choose to forgive any church, denomination or movement (name it) that has caused me pain and disappointed me. Forgive me for holding this offense against them. I
hoose to BLESS them and cut any soul tie with the OFFENSE I have had against them, in Jesus' name. Amen."
Declaration of the truth:
I renounce the Spirit of Rebellion. I choose to submit to the Lordship of Christ. I renounce my rebellion towards authority, either civil, in the home or in the church. I renounce and lay down control of my life. I confess my tubbornness and any unwillingness to yield to the authority God has placed me under. Jesus, forgive me for criticizing hose in authority over me and questioning their place. I confess that I have been rebellious towards
I declare according to Romans 6:11-14 that I am dead to sin, but alive to God through Christ Jesus. I will not let the sin of rebellion against authority reign in my body so that I obey its evil desires. I offer myself to God as an instrument of ighteousness. Sin will not be my master because I am not under the law, but under grace. Thank you, Jesus, for your unconditional love and acceptance of me. In Jesus' name, Amen."
JNCOMFORTABLE WITH INTIMACY WITH GOD
ie: Child-like praise and adoration is immature. RUTH: The kingdom belongs to those with child-like faith.
Declaration of the truth:
I renounce my pride in the area of praise and worship. I renounce the lie that it is immature or childish to worship Jesus reely. I renounce any childishness in my attitudes and in its place ask for a child-like heart to worship. Forgive me for being offended by others who worship freely and intimately."

"According to Psalm 51, create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the JOY of my salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me. In Jesus' name, Amen."

ACCUSATION

<u>Lie:</u> God won't defend me - I have to make my own case TRUTH: God upholds and vindicates those with pure hearts

Declaration of the truth:

"I renounce the Spirit of Accusation. I renounce any words I have spoken that have come from impure motives or wrong attitudes. I renounce the lie that God can't defend me. I take back any wrongful statements I have made that have caused harm to another person or to the Body of Christ. Jesus, I ask you to cleanse my heart and my tongue. Forgive me for passing judgment on persons or situations, when You, alone, are the Judge."

"I declare that my God is my Defender and my Shield. According to Exodus 14:14, the Lord my God will fight for me and I will stand still and keep silent. According to Psalm 31, I take refuge in You, O lord. Let me never be put to shame. Deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. For the sake of your name, lead and guide me. In Jesus' name, Amen."

FEAR OF MAN

<u>Lie:</u> God can't meet my deepest needs
TRUTH: The fear of the Lord brings greater truth and lasting freedom
Declaration of the truth:

"I renounce Fear of Man and pray, O God, for the Fear of the Lord. Forgive me for wanting to please (people/family)
______ more than you. Forgive me for desiring acceptance by others more than You. Forgive me for being preoccupied with what other people think or want. Take my heart and mold it and shape it according to your purpose and design."

"I renounce the Fear of Rejection and the lie that my identity is found by being accepted by others. I am accepted by you and will never be rejected by you. I will no longer entertain thoughts that would make me a captive to the fear of rejection, for I am a part of your family. I belong to You."

"Forgive me for being ashamed of you. I now confess that you are my Lord. I will now fear the Lord and serve you with faithfulness. I will throw away the idol of Acceptance and serve you alone. I will keep your commandments, for you are a holy God. I will not be afraid of those who don't like me or agree with me, but will serve you in reverent fear. (Joshua 24:14, Isaiah 8:13, Matt. 10:28) In Jesus' name, Amen."

UNBELIEF (cousin to Legalism)

<u>Lie:</u> If it doesn't make sense, it can't be true
TRUTH: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed

Declaration of the truth:

"I confess my lack of faith and inability to trust Jesus completely. I confess that I have depended upon my own understanding and human reasoning. I confess that I have depended upon others for meeting my needs (emotional, spiritual, financial, etc.) rather than the Lord. I have questioned and doubted your Word, but now choose to take You at your Word and be faithful. I declare that you are a faithful God and that you keep your promises. You proved your ultimate love for me by sending Jesus to die on the cross for my sins. There is no other test."

"I will live by faith and not by sight. According to Proverbs 3:5 I will trust in the Lord with all my heart and lean not on my own understanding. In all my ways I acknowledge You, Lord, for you will make my paths straight. In Jesus's name, Amen."

"Thank you, Jesus, for delivering me from this Religious Spirit.

Come and fill me afresh with your Holy Spirit and your indwelling presence.

May your love flow through my heart and be reflected in my thoughts, attitudes, actions and words.

I declare my freedom in Christ Jesus and rejoice that I am yours, alone.

In the powerful name of Jesus, who alone is worthy - AMEN!"

GETTING FREE OF THE JEZEBEL SPIRIT

The Jezebel Spirit seeks to COUNTERFEIT the Holy Spirit and EXERT CONTROL

The Religious Spirit was personified in the Pharisees. Though Queen Jezebel personified this spirit in the OT, it is actually the spirit of ASHTORETH found in 2 Kings 23:13 (and other places). This is not gender specific, though women are more prone to it.

* **Ashtoreth** was the chief goddess of the Phoenicians, as Baal was the male (counterpart). She partly represents the planet Venus, *partly the moon*, "*the Queen of heaven*" (Jer 7:18; 44:17-18).

KEY SCRIPTURE IN NT: Revelation 2:19-25

Persons who carry or operate in a Jezebel Spirit:

- 1. Have a NEED TO BE RIGHT
- 2. Is DECEPTIVE (able to adapt; says one thing to one person, changes the story to another)
- 3. Manipulates people and conversations to go her way.
- 4. Constant state of confusion and doubt no peace.
- 5. Counterfeits the Prophetic supernatural encounters and manifestations (FALSE Prophet)
- 6. Can be overly focused on supernatural to draw attention to themselves
- 7. Cannot properly DISCERN the Spirit
- 8. Has problems with SEXUAL temptations or sins
- 9. Degrades or mocks holiness (may dress in a way to get attention)
- 10. Can carry a spirit of Defilement or Unclean Spirit
- 11. Does not honor authority (obeys on the outside but criticizes behind closed doors)
- 12. Feels the right to JUDGE
- 13. Prone to jealousy
- 14. Wants to teach or instruct others (reproduce themselves)
- 15. Very ambitious and self-promoting
- 16. Can reproduce perversion or sexual imbalance in children (if mother is influenced)
- 17. The spouse is often passive (Ahab spirit)

The EFFECTS of this spirit (as seen with Elijah):

- 1. Feelings of BEING ACCUSED or THREATENED, specifically in regards to your IDENTITY.
- 2. PANIC ATTACKS or ANXIETY caused by feeling trapped.
- 3. Desire to RUN FROM THE BATTLE.
- 4. Feelings of QUITTING DEPRESSION FATIGUE and WEARINESS, CONFUSION, DOUBT
- 5. SICKNESS or INFIRMITIES that distract us and wear us down.
- 6. Desire to ISOLATE.
- 7. SPIRITUAL or even PHYSICAL HEAVINESS
- 8. Demonic DREAMS
- 9. Feeling out of control (controlled). LOSS OF CHOICE

GETTING FREE:

1. Look at your **generational line** to see if this spirit is at work. CUT IT OFF: "Father, in Jesus's name, I repent on behalf of my family member(s): for operating in the Spirit of Jezebel. As a family member, I acknowledge this as sin and offensive to you. Please forgive them for rebelling against you in this way. I CUT OFF this UNGODLY TIE and CONNECTION to this family member and I RENOUNCE my agreement with this Spirit of Jezebel and ASHTEROTH. Please cut me loose from this generational stronghold and free me, my spouse, my children and my entire family from this demonic foothold. In Jesus' name, Amen." 2. **FORGIVE** those in the church who have hurt you or misunderstood you, especially leaders: "Father, I ask you to forgive me for harboring offense and unforgiveness towards acknowledge my sin before you by holding them in judgment and not forgiving them. Please cleanse my heart and mind from this offense. I release them to you and give up any obligation on their part to "make things right" or even understand me. I am yours and trust in YOU to validate who I am. In Jesus name, Amen. 3. PRAY THIS PRAYER OF REPENTANCE, RENUNCIATION AND DECLARATION OF TRUTH: Father, I come to repent and renounce the ways in which I have walked in agreement with the Spirit of Jezebel. Forgive my sin and cleanse my heart and mind to be filled with your Holy Spirit. Father, forgive me for any DECEPTION I have walked in. I confess any words or actions done on my part that have been deceptive or only half-truths. I renounce the SPIRIT OF DECEPTION and ask you to cleanse my mind to walk in YOUR truth. I renounce the SPIRIT OF MANIPULATION. I confess any words or actions done on my part that have been done with ulterior motives for personal gain. I renounce the lie that I can't trust Jesus to reveal the truth about people or situations. Forgive me for any ways in which I have MANIPULATED people or circumstances to suit myself. Cleanse my thoughts and habits to walk in absolute surrender to YOUR will and YOUR ways. I repent of any SELFISH AMBITION and NEED TO BE SEEN. I choose to humble myself before you and REJOICE in the success of others. Father, forgive me for any UNCLEAN THOUGHTS, words or actions that MOCK or DEGRADE your HOLINESS. I renounce and reject any UNCLEAN SPIRIT or SEXUAL PERVERSION in my life and give you permission to cleanse my spirit, soul, mind and body to be HOLY AND ACCEPTABLE TO YOU. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. May my mouth be a SANCTIFIED INSTRUMENT of honor to declare your praise and goodness. Forgive me for any JUDGMENTS I have place on others. YOU ARE THE ONLY JUDGE. When I disagree with someone, I choose to PRAY for them and BLESS them, not curse them. Forgive me for FOLLOWING MY FEELINGS and not the true Word and HEART of God. SANCTIFY my emotions and affections that they please you and line up with Your Word. Forgive me for any ways I have SOUGHT TO CONTROL or EXERT INFLUENCE over others to get my way. I choose to SUBMIT TO YOUR LORDSHIP and YOUR dealings with me, even when they include others disagreeing and even correcting me. Thank you for using others to help me grow in you! I RENOUNCE THE SPIRIT OF FEAR and FEAR OF REJECTION from my thoughts and emotions.

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I will not fear man or man's ways.

You will always love and accept me and will never forsake me.

I RENOUNCE PANIC ATTACKS and ANXIETY DISORDERS that stem from the Jezebel Spirit

I am covered by the Shadow of the Almighty and am safe under the shelter of His wings.

I declare the peace of God over my life and body and declare that Jesus is my PRINCE OF PEACE and the Lord of my thoughts and emotions. Come and remove the effects of this FEAR and remind me of your goodness and love. Thank you for quieting my soul.

I RENOUNCE THE ACCUSER OF THE BRETHREN and all accusations set against me!

I choose to receive godly instruction and correction but reject the enemy's empty threats.

I reject all LIES of the enemy that seek to destroy my trust and faith in God and in my calling, anointing and destiny.

I RENOUNCE DEMONIC DREAMS and all demonic influence through night visions. I declare my dreams to be HOLY GROUND and a place where the Holy Spirit can reveal the Father to me. Come, Lord Jesus, and speak to me in the night and show your goodness.

I RENOUNCE the SPIRIT OF INFIRMITY from my life and ANY and ALL SICKNESS in my life and in my family's that originate from the Jezebel Spirit. I cancel the assignment upon my life and body that would seek to cast me on a sickbed. My life and body belong to the Lord Jesus Christ and HE, alone, is my Health and strength. All sickness must GO, in Jesus' name. Thank you, God, for being my HEALER.

I CANCEL the SPIRIT OF DEPRESSION and HEAVINESS that would seek to pull me down and shut me up! I will not be yoked by a Spirit of Heaviness but am yoked with Christ whose yoke is easy and burden is lite.

I RENOUNCE THE SPIRIT OF CONTROL and all the thoughts and lies that have sought to hold me down and bind me up. I ask you to forgive me, Jesus, for trying to control either people or situations for my own security. Lord, FORGIVE ME for appealing to the sinful nature and human desires instead of your grace and mercy. I BREAK OFF the chains that have bound me to this spirit and declare that I am a SLAVE TO CHRIST and am BOUND TO HIM in covenant relationship. I am LOVED by HIM unconditionally and fully. I choose to follow Him of my own free will and submit to His direction, leading and guidance.

Thank you, Lord, for the JOY OF THE LORD which is my strength. As I place my trust in You, I receive all Your goodness and grace upon my life. Thank you for setting me free from the influence and control of Jezebel.

In Jesus' name, AMEN!!

To Keep your Freedom:

WALK IN THE OPPOSITE spirit!

Maintain good communication with others, especially leaders

Defeat isolation and depression by pursuing healthy, consistent relationships

*For more information on the Jezebel Spirit, go to: www.jezebelspirit.net

Getting FREE from the LEVIATHAN/PYTHON SPIRIT

The Leviathan/Python Spirit seeks to KILL the life of the Spirit.

Its purpose is to SQUEEZE the life of Christ out of us.

It is usually attached to a Religious or Jezebel Spirit but goes further than just RESISTING the Holy Spirit or CONTROLLING it. It seeks to KILL it!

"Leviathan" is from the Greek word "entwine"; a wreathed animal – coiled

"Leviathan" is described in detail in Job 41

LEVIATHAN is a spirit rooted in PRIDE Some suggest that it is a PRINCIPALITY – not just a demon ("King over ALL...") It is usually a GENERATIONAL

(How God will destroy) Ps 104:25-26

Python is a territorial spirit. Its goal is to:

Mark people for demonic pressure through lies and manipulating information.

Uses the SPIRIT OF DIVINATION to squeeze out, pressure,

and push people out of a life-giving apostolic ministry to stop a move of God in a region or city.

Acts 16:16-19

HOW THESE SPIRITS MANIFEST:

The neck speaks of the will. Stiff-necked pride and stubbornness are with Leviathan.

It can manifest as painful STIFFNESS in the NECK and SHOULDER

During deliverance, Leviathan shows itself sometimes with choking manifestations around the throat.

One who carries this spirit, even unknowingly, may tend to:

- Seek to keep things hidden: "Don't say that", "Don't let them know that"...

Twist words and communications to keep their own sin or weakness hidden

- Has a strong belief in PRIVACY
- Be stubborn in acknowledging needs or the need to change

(Some of these characteristics can be seen in previous generations as culturally and socially expected ways of maintaining good appearances – shows generational root).

Associated spirits:

Spirit of Death, Spirit of Infirmity, Spirit of Division, Deaf and Dumb Spirit

The ROOT of this spirit is PRIDE

HOW TO GET FREE:

A PRIMARY KEY over LEVIATHAN is to take the position of HUMILITY.

It's the position of the CROSS.

It's crucifying to your flesh. CONFESSION

LOVE NEVER FAILS and will DISTINGUISH PRIDE

Key weapons against a Python Spirit:

- a) Praying especially at night
- b) Worship spirit-filled praise!
- c) Trusting the justice of God to manifest having faith in God
- d) Declare the citizenship and authority of your covering

(Luke 18) Night and day prayer releases the quick justice of God.

Personal Prayer of Repentance:

Father, in Jesus' name, I come to repent of the PRIDE in my heart.
Please forgive me for thinking more highly of myself than I ought.
Forgive me for JUDGING others or esteeming them unworthy because of my fleshly standards.

I REPENT for not humbling myself before you AND OTHERS.

TURN MY HEART FROM PRIDE and grant me a willing spirit to be OPEN and HONEST about my spiritual walk. I CHOOSE to EMBRACE HUMILITY and walk in LOVE towards others.

I RENOUNCE the SPIRIT OF PRIDE in my life and NULLIFY any WORDS or ACTIONS that have been prideful, arrogant and self-serving. Please continue to show me any ways in which PRIDE may seek re-entry.

Thank you for cleansing me by your blood. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE TERRITORIAL SPIRIT OF PYTHON

"We want the authority of heaven in our lives, in our church and our city.

In Jesus name, as citizens of Christ's kingdom, we cut ourselves LOOSE from every ungodly authority, ungodly spirit, ungodly power, and any ungodly principalities connected with Python or Leviathan spirits that make war to bind the apostolic move of God in this city, in this church and the churches of this city.

In Jesus name and through the blood of Christ, we REMOVE THE SHACKLES from this demonic spirit and we RELEASE the true apostolic in this house, in this city, in city government and the churches of this city. As citizens of Christ's kingdom, we declare we are FREE FROM UNGODLY AUTHORITY in every dimension. As citizens of the kingdom of heaven, we render ineffective Python and his work to hold back the apostolic in us, this church and the churches of this city and the city government here.

As citizens of God's kingdom of light, we ask the Father to SEND HIS HOLY ANGELS from the throne room to displace all demonic angels who have taken up authority in our lives, our church, this city and the churches in this city and we ask Father God that all demonic authority be replaced by godly authority in every dimension of our lives, our church and this city.

As citizens of Christ's eternal kingdom, we AFFIRM OUR unity in TRUE APOSTOLIC authority, SPIRIT-FILLED WORSHIP and PURE PROPHETIC INTERCESSION in this church, in this city, and in us. And we call for the rising up of godly government and healthy family in every dimension in WINCHESTER and the surrounding region.

In Jesus' name, AMEN!

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