

# MIRACLE & DELIVERANCE

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## PERILOUS TIMES



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Christian witnessing can be especially powerful because of the tremendous darkness that has spread across the world. The Christian Church is surrounded by the enemy and infiltrated by New Age doctrines camouflaged

in Biblical language. To be successful, we must be a vigilant, but Word based, enlightened church.

John 12:46-50

**“I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. 47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. 49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. 50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.”** KJV

We are living in terrifying times. Dangerous people are rising, capturing the souls of the people. Horrifying, stalking demons are on the prowl and lie in waiting attacking sleepy Christians. Jesus warned us to be on our guard, being watchful, and attentive to His Word and His Church.

**“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth,”** (2 Tim. 3:1-7).

Furthermore, Jesus notified of danger of the great darkness causing a great falling away from His Kingdom. He warned us to be on the alert. Nevertheless, it is also a time for great light to shine into the darkness of Satan’s kingdom. Jesus said, **“And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God,”** (Jn. 3:19-21).

### **LIGHT SHINES IN DARKNESS**

The Church of Jesus Christ has been purchased with the precious blood of the Eternal Son of God, therefore, like Him is eternal. Jesus said, *“upon this rock”* (Petra) *“I will build my church.”* The Church is not built upon Peter, but it is built upon the sacrifice and blood of Jesus Christ. Unquestionably, there is a Divine Person living in the Christian Church. Each member of the Church should be indwelt by the Spirit of God. Each Christian has the opportunity a unique relationship with Jesus, Who is shown as the Head of the Church. The members are called His Body. He has given his believers a power of attorney to act against the power of Satan.

### **CONQUERING POWER**

**God’s spiritual dominion is the most astonishing power in the universe. God has always worked through humans to accomplish bring His kingdom to the earth. We must take heaven by force. Just as God gave the people of Israel the promise then told them to take it be force.**

The Apostle Paul reports, that Jesus rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. He writes in the beautiful poetic language of Jesus in (Col. 1:13), describing Christ's sovereignty. **“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins . . .”** (Col. 1:13-14). Look at a passage that celebrates Christ as creator and sustains the universe, and He is shown supreme over every living creature. He is the head of His body, the church, and the first to conquer death. Although in Christ **“all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.”** Paul asserts, it was ultimately only through his human suffering—through **“the blood of His cross,”** (Col. 1:19,20), **“That he was able to reconcile all things to God and make peace.”**<sup>1</sup>

Paul describes the power of Jesus. **“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation: for in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers,”** (Col.1: 15-16). Jesus Christ is Lord and we worship Him in the Spirit of truth according to (Jn. 8:32). Jesus must be at the center of our sermons and our lives that the world can truly see that the Father sent Him.

**[Who is the image of the invisible God]** *eikoon tou Theou tou aoratou*. The objects, here, as it is in the parallel place in (Eph. 1:20-23), is to give a just view of the exaltation of the Redeemer. It is probable that, in both cases, the design is to meet some erroneous opinion on this subject that prevailed in those churches, or among those that claimed to be teachers there. See the Introduction to this Epistle, and compare the notes at (Eph. 1:20-23). For the meaning of the phrase occurring here, **“the image of the invisible God,”** (See the notes at (Heb. 1:3, and 2 Cor. 4:4).

The meaning is, that he represents to mankind the perfections of God, as an image, figure, or drawing does the object which it is made to resemble. See the word **“image ”** - *eikoon* - explained in the notes at (Heb 10:1). It properly denotes that which is a copy or delineation of a thing; which accurately and fully represents it, in contra distinction from a rough sketch, or outline; compare (Rom. 8:29; 1 Cor. 11:7; 15:49).

The purpose noted in this passage is that the being and perfections of God are accurately and fully represented by Christ. In what respects particularly he was thus a representative of God, the apostle proceeds to state in the following verses,

to wit, in his creative power, in his eternal existence, in his heir ship over the universe, in the fulness that dwelt in him. This cannot refer to him merely as incarnate, for some of the things affirmed of him pertained to him before his incarnation. The idea is, that in all things Christ fairly represents to us the divine nature and perfections. God is manifest to us through him; (1 Tim. 3:16). We see God in him as we see an object in that which is in all respects an exact copy of it. God is invisible. No eye has seen him, or can see him; but in what Christ is, and has done in the works of creation and redemption, we have a fair and full representation of what God is . . . <sup>2</sup>

## SEAT OF POWER

Jesus has been raised and seated at the right hand of Father God. He is ruling in power and distributing His power to the ones who believe. (Eph. 1:17-23), **“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.”**

He has been raised by the Father and is sitting in His position of divine power and has put every power under His feet. He is giving His power to usward who believes. This means that we can walk in his powerful anointing and accomplish the very same results that He and His disciples did.

## SPIRITUAL KEYS

The Apostle Paul gave the Church the apocalyptic knowledge of the powers and principalities in Eph. 6. He disclosed that the church was in spiritual warfare gave us the keys to spiritual warfare by using our spiritual weapons. Jesus Christ also told us in (Matt. 11:12), **“The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and the**

**violent take it by force.”** We must break through the powers of darkness with military force against the kingdom of darkness.

The Church of Jesus Christ has to be the difference in every community. Jesus’ Saints are His instruments on this earth because He is sitting at the right hand of God waiting and willing to give the power to win every spiritual battle. He gave the Church spiritual armor and weapons. **Our weapons are prayer, using His name, His blood, His Word and His power.** The Apostle Paul shows this transference of Jesus’ power to usward who believe in (Eph. 1:19-22). **“And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead and set him at His own right hand in the heavenly places. Far above all principality and power and might, and dominion, and every that is named not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church.”** The problem is, some Saints never understand their position in Jesus Christ.”

Jesus is powerful. He is the power of the universe. He literally spoke and the world came in existence. Gen. 1:16 **“And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.”** KJV He took His hands and casts the stars into the skies. The planets spin at the Word of His voice. Ps. 110:1, **“The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool,”** KJV

Yes, the entire universe worships our God. Ps 148:3-5, **“Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. 4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens. 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.”** KJV He is high and lifted up and His train fills the temple.

#### **WHY DOES GOD ALLOW HERESY?**

The Bible says, **“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children,”** (Hos. 4-6).

It's time for Christians to look to Jesus and win the battle for souls. Jesus is calling us to a new mind set. Challenge, the enemy, never back down, never waver, never surrender, we must fight for our faith.

The Apostle Paul tells us in (1 Cor.11: 19), why God allows heresy to dwell in the midst of His Church. Paul says, *"There must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you."* **If you are a true believer, you will be able to discern the real from the false!** Give God glory for it is a gift to be able to discern good from evil. God's Word and His anointing are standards that places our faith on firm foundations. It is by means of iniquity (self will) that the root of error takes control.

The Greek word, **heresy**, according to Liddell and Scott, **means taking for oneself, choosing, or choice.** The things chosen, and so plan, purpose a course of action or thought. From this we get a philosophic principle, a sect, a heresy.<sup>3</sup>

Seeking power beyond the Word of God and Jesus Christ finds one stepping into the world of witchcraft.

#### **ANOTHER GOSPEL, ANOTHER JESUS BY ANOTHER SPIRIT**

(2 Cor. 11:4), *"For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus , whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him."*

The Apostle Paul says, (2 Cor. 11:4),

**[For if he that cometh]** the false apostle, who came after Paul had left Corinth.

**[Preacheth another Jesus]** Who cannot save more fully and more powerfully than that Jesus whom I have preached.

**[Or if ye receive another spirit]** And if in consequence of believing in this new savior ye receive another spirit, the gifts, graces, and consolations of which are not greater than those which ye have received from the Holy Spirit, which has been given to you on your believing on the Christ whom we preached.

**[Or another Gospel]** Containing more privileges, spiritual advantages, and stronger excitements to holiness, than that which we have preached and which ye have accepted, ye might well bear with him. This would be a sufficient reason why you should not only bear with him, but prefer him to me.

Others think that the last clause should be rendered, Ye might well bear with ME-notwithstanding he brought you another Jesus, spirit, and gospel, ye might

bear with me, who have already ministered so long to and done so much for you. But the former sense seems best.

The Apostle John forewarns, *“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know we the Spirit of God, every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is not of God and this is that spirit of antichrist whereof you have heard that it should come and even now, already is in the world,”* (I Jn. 4).

Certainly, as we look at this text, we see that Christians should be discerning the times and seasons. Numerous Believers provide understanding to the involvement of the occult, cults and bizarre Christian sects. However they choose ignore the stunning fact that **Satan is busily infiltrating many churches through supernatural New Age methods.** These bewitching seeds of seduction have been etching themselves into the landscape of the American Christian Church for many years. The Church has ignored the subtlety of Satan tactics because the **discerning of Christian doctrines and ministers have not been at the forefront of Christian teaching and preaching.** The sideline of a great deal of preaching consists of teachings concerning materialism, emotionalism and intellectualism and ministering under the powers of demonic fallen angels. When biblical foundations are weakened, the church loses its purposes and becomes religious instead of being powerful and faithful guardians of the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

## **CHURCHES AND NATION UNDER THE POWERS OF JEZEBEL**

**Jezebel, was ruled by a territorial demon called Baal — This demon god had gained the soul of King Ahab, his kingdom and the spiritual temples of the God of his forefathers.** King Ahab was willing to give up his power and inheritance of being ruler of the nation by giving his wife and her gods, the authority for her to promote her gods over nation’s religious system. She turned the nation to paganism. Of course, since everything is spiritual, it is only a matter of time before she began to move into the secular realms to grab power. The Jezebel spirit is a territorial taking spirit.

## **ELIJAH, A TERRITORIAL TAKING PROPHET**

While Israel clearly was influenced by some of the traditions of her neighbors, the Hebrew prophets and religious leaders abhorred other aspects of these cultures. First they condemned such religious practices as idolatry, common in Canaan and in the surrounding regions. **“I am the Lord your God . . . You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a graven image,”** (Exo. 20:2-4).

The Hebrews called a pagan deity to whom child sacrifices were often made by the contemptuous title *Molech*. This name combines the Hebrew consonants for “king” with the vowels from the word meaning shame. The Bible says that Ahab looked upon his marriage to Jezebel **“as a light thing.”** Yet, **this woman was a witch-idolater and was able to take the entire nation over for her gods.**

Ahab was not devoted to the God of his forefathers. His faith was not important to him. He lived for the desire of his flesh. He became a double minded man a wishy-washy man to be unstable in all his ways. He was efficient and strong in manipulative and administrative powers but weak and vacillating in the face of his powerful wife, Jezebel. **“But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the Lord cast out before the children of Israel,”** (1 Kngs. 21:25).

He gave his authority to his wife and even when she abused it. He remained passive. Ahab’s marriage to Jezebel proved to be a major factor in the eventual fall of the Omride dynasty.

Jezebel was a clever and determined woman, devoted to the worship of Baal and Ahserah and determined to substitute their worship for that of the true God. **“And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Ball, and worshiped him. And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the Kings of Israel that were before him,”** (I Kngs. 16:31).

It was she, being devoid of the antiauthoritarian principles which characterized the religion of the Hebrews, who secured the vineyard of Naboth for

her pouting husband (usurpation of his authority). This deplorable offence became a battle cry of the revolution to overthrow the house of Omri.

Elijah appeared before King Ahab to declare the Word of God to him concerning the subject of God's judgment. He actually spoke and forbid the rain to pour, shutting up the skies. Elijah said, **“As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.”**(I Kn. 17:1). The weather obeyed his word.

God was going to judge Jezebels' capture of the nation (territory) by the release of her paranormal powers through the practice of witchcraft and goddess worship. **Amazingly God used the commitment and obedience of one man to provoke these powers of darkness that had control of the entire kingdom.**

Elijah's narrative is one that when God turned His eyes on a nation to deliver it from Satan's hands; God moved through a human vessel to be converted into a territorial taking warrior. You must make note of the fact that in this instance, God and one man became a majority in the spiritual realm.

After God's wrath of judgment was poured out for Ahab's rebellion, Elijah returned to challenge his wife's Jezebel's gods of Baal and Asherah. The Bible says, **“And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him Art thou he that troubleth Israel?”** (I Kn. 18: 1). When a person is in sin, they always want to place the blame for his condition upon someone else and usually they choose a person who is not in sin.

The curses of rebellion had brought much suffering to King Ahab's land. Like God dealt with the gods of Pharaoh, and made an open show of the gods that were worshiped by the people of Egypt, such as serpents, frogs, lice, water, sun, etc., God dealt with the gods worshipped by Jezebel's followers, such as, rain, Sun, water etc. God revealed His superior power to subdue her powers and gods. Uncontrollably, the evil power using nature gods had brought King Ahab to his knees. In his desperation, he was willing to listen to Elijah's God and allowed Elijah to oppose the false prophets and Jezebels' gods.

Elijah forcefully, supernaturally battled the power of Jezebels' god Baalim on the mountaintop of Mount Carmel. Then he boldly fought against her prophets of

Baal and the prophets of Asherah. There were four hundred and fifty and the prophets of the groves, four hundred, which sat at Jezebel's table. After Ahab gathered the prophets together and the people, Elijah said, **“How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered *him not a word.*”** (1 Kngs. 18: 21).

The Word says that after winning this enormous spiritual battle, all Jezebel's false prophets were killed by the people. 1 Kngs. 18:40, **“And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.”** KJV

Elijah had rebuilt the altar of God and the people fell on their faces to worship Jehovah. In his zeal and victory, Elijah announced the abundance of the sound of rain warning the king to go to Zezreel before it began. The king left and Elijah went alone to pray. He cast himself down to ground, put his face between his knees and sent his servant to look for a cloud to form toward the sea. After the seventh time, the servant announced to Elijah, “That he saw a small cloud about the size of a man's' hand. Elijah sent him to tell the king to prepare his chariot so that he would miss the rain.

The heaven was black with clouds and wind and there was a great rain. **Ahab rode and went to Zezreel. And the hand of the Lord was upon Elijah and he ran before the chariot of the king. Think about it. He actually ran forty miles, faster than the king's team of horses to the city. It was miraculous that he could run thirty miles before the Ahab's chariot. The powerful anointing of God was still upon him.**

The truth is, whenever a person has ministered under the anointing of God, it takes time for God's anointing to lift. The person still feels the anointing power of God in their bones. It is a time to get alone with God. Do we see anywhere in this account that God told Elijah to go to city to challenge Jezebel? Did Elijah in his excitement and zeal for his victory, go before he sought God's next move?

I believe that this is where Elijah failed. He should have returned to the presence of God to discover his next assignment. He should have built himself up on the Word of God before attempting to face the next battle. After winning a spiritual victory the person is on a spiritual high and seeks God to discover the next

assignment of God's plan. If the minister goes forth while still high under the anointing of God, he/she will begin to act in the flesh. The person will lose spiritual strength if they push ahead before God's time. Jesus always left the crowds and went into the places to pray to His Father.

## **BAAL DESTROYED BY THE FIRE OF JEHOVAH**

It was customary to honor a king by running before his chariot (Verse 46; Exo. 12:11; 2Kn. 3:29; 9:1; Lk. 12:37; 17:8; Acts 12:8). Ahab made his report to Jezebel regarding the prophets of Baal being destroyed by the fire of Jehovah. She was furious and rejected his account of the miraculous fire and of the supernatural superior power of Elijah's over her pagan prophets. She totally believed in the power of her gods were superior to Ahab's former God. She thought she had killed His prophets. However, we know that there were 3,000 that were alive and had never bowed their knee to her gods. Her heart was hardened and it caused her determination to kill Elijah who had caused her idol gods to be so humiliated.

### **THE BONDAGE OF FEAR**

We see in verse (1 Kngs. 19:1), Ahab tells Jezebel about everything that had happened on the top of Mount Carmel. Jezebel is furious and sent a **messenger,(messengers were angelic beings in the bible)** to Elijah to threaten to take his life.

Then a very curious thing develops. This brave man is shown running away in fear for his life. The Word says, **“Then when he saw ‘that’, he arose and ran for his life,”** ( I Kn. 19:3a). He was now running to Mount Horeb, completely out of the will of God. He was no longer looking for God to lead and direct him or secure him.

We see this thing called **“that”** evidently released fear upon Elijah. His spiritual **doorway was opened for that demonic spirit to discharge fear into him. The bondage of fear,** brought spirits of doubt, self-pity, oppression and depression and went spiritually mad. Fear is the exact opposite of faith. He had received the spirit of fear that brought hordes of demons to join him.

What was **“that”** and who was the **“messenger”** that Jezebel sent to this prophet of God? Why didn't she just send someone to kill Elijah without first warning him? Witchcraft always works with the spirit of fear! Did Elijah really

run in fear from the woman Jezebel, as many teach today? Remember. Elijah had killed all of Jezebels' prophets on the mountaintop thereby showing enough faith to attack her gods. Could, what was simply described as **“that”** have been the **chief evil demonic principality over Jezebels' witchcraft power abiding in the city?** Could the **messenger** have been a **chief evil angel** that was aiding her jurisdiction over the nation? I believe the **messenger** was most definitely an evil **spiritual being or a fallen angel.**

And so, the **messenger** that was sent by Jezebel was a **powerful evil angel, or demon.** Jezebel was setting Elijah up **to receive a spirit of fear by her threat of death.** Witchcraft powers work with fear. It is important for the witch or wizard to get the information to the intended victim to create the trauma of fear to attack them. Fear is the opposite of faith and opens the spiritual doorway for entrance of evil forces to enter.

Before a witch is able to be effective in sending evil spirits for destruction, she will always send a **message** to the intended victim to inform of her evil spells. This message can come in the form of a threat or it could come in the form of an object that is used in her blood sacrifices such as a voodoo doll. The witch has to appease her spirits before they will obey her request. Before conjuring her powers to cause the death, the witch must plead with the evil spirits to go and obey her command. However, before the spirits obey, they must be worshiped by blood sacrifices. This is why Jezebel sent the **messenger** (evil angel) to Elijah. She had to open his spirit to fear before she could penetrate his shield of faith. Remember. This man, Elijah was a godly man that had faith to raise the dead! Then she had to appease the demons with blood sacrifices before they would obey her commands.

So did Elijah run in fear from the woman, Jezebels' threat or did he run from the intimidating appearance and powers of the demons that were controlling Jezebel? The Bible said that “when he saw something called **“that,”** then he ran for his life. **“That”** must have been so formidable, grotesques and startling, that the spirit of fear came upon him. This thing called **“that”** caused him to be filled with terror and he ran for in terror for life. Elijah is seen, after he saw **“that,”** he instantly became a changed man. He received a religious transformation. He was totally dispirited, no longer a strong man of faith, he is shown as a man charged and filled fear. Suddenly, his character has shifted from a man full of the power of God to a man so weakened from the oppression of evil spirits that he just wants to sleep. Even after an angel appears, awakens him to feed him, he goes back to sleep.

This is a picture of man being weighed down by the power of evil spirits. The same type of serious oppression can be seen when the disciples were sleeping in the Garden of Gethsemane while Jesus was under heavy spiritual attack. This is why the Church is sleeping in our time.

### **Spiritual submission to God is important before battles can be won!**

Elijah had raced victoriously into Jezebel's territory to conquer her predominate rule over God's people. The evil powers and principalities were totally controlling this area through the manipulations of this powerful witch. Elijah came under intense bewitching spirits as long as he was in Jezebels' domain. These spirit followed him as he ran in terror. He would have never survived Jezebels' witchcraft attack, if God had not sent a ministering angel to strengthen and support him.

After this angel fed him and gave him drink, Elijah was able to fast and walk for forty days, leaving Jezebels' territory. However, the effects of her evil spirits were still present after he left her territory. She had thrown him in spiritual confusion and many evils and troubles had befallen upon him. He was dispirited, melancholic, and in a state of confusion, seeking God's presence at Mount Horeb. It seems that he was going toward Mount Horeb without being in the direct will of God to do so. But God enabled him to go in his own self-will. Even so, Elijah had to learn that self-made plans, never work out. Eventually one has to go back to where to the point that he left off following the direct will of God, if he wants Him to lead and guide. This was not for him to go to Mount Horeb for when he arrived, he was sent back farther north to than the place where he had started from (Verse. 15-18). Over 80 days of much hard traveling was his only reward except for the new experience of hearing from God.

Horeb was about 180 miles south of the place where he sat under a juniper tree. His was a slow journey, for it took him 40 days to get there (Verse 8). Perhaps this was because of his fast. The journey north again was over 300 miles. In (Verse 15), this question confirms the fact that God did not tell this prophet to go to mount Horeb. However God permitted him to go where he desired, before giving him the next assignment. It seemed he was so moved with fear to get away, that he did not inquire of God what to do. Fear brings doubt and blocks the voice of God. He had lost his spiritual ears. The Lord could have protected him without going this drawn-out distance to mount Horeb and the back north to Syria.

This shows the serious turmoil that Elijah found himself. He was in a state of outright religious confusion. Why did he have to go looking for God? Didn't Elijah find God at the brook of Cherith? Didn't Elijah find Him on the mountain when he demonstrated the power of God? However under Jezebels' witchcraft spell, he found himself in religious chaos. Jezebels' demons had totally bound his mind by evil spirits that he seemed to have forgotten the great spiritual battle that he had previously won.

When God spoke to him again there were three great things that God was not in, a great wind (Verse 11); a great earthquake, a great fire. When Elijah raced before the chariot of king Ahab, God was positively not in Elijah's honoring him. Remember, when he returned to Jezebel, he returned to his weak, passive state of mind. God looks into the heart of a person. He discerned that the King's change of heart would only last until he returned to his wife.

Elijah discovered God was in the still small voice (Verse 12). Covering his face, was a sign of reverence, in the presence of God. After his second visit with the small still voice, (Verse 9:13), God was saying to him, I did not ask you to come here; go right back north (Verse 13-16). He had to face the giants of Jezebels' territory in order to finish his course for the cause of God.

Jezebel had sent powerful bewitching spirits of mental illness, oppression, depression, confusion, doubt, destruction, pain, suicide and death. Elijah cried to God to die. He blamed the people to God for his fear and defeat. He told God that the people had torn down His altar and were not following Him. Did we see Elijah rebuild the altar of God and the people turned and fell upon their faces in worship of the true God? His victories had receded in the depths of his doubts and fears. Elijah was being tormented in his mind. These powerful blocking-mind controlling spirits seems to have caused him to misplace his memory of these things because he repeats his charges to God. He is seen suffering from a spirit of isolation because he believes that he is the only one left, still serving God. If spirits can isolate a person, they become more effective.

Understand that Jezebels' demonic powers were working on his mind, body and spirit from a distance. She had conjured up killing demons and sent them out. It was an all out attack for his life. Witches do not have to present, to work their powers. They do their rituals and then send out their evil spirits to do their craftsmanship.

Jezebel was just a human being, but a willing instrument to these evil spirits. Satan had taken the territory. He revealed himself to Elijah in his ghastly appearance of evil. No, I believe that Elijah did not run from Jezebel the woman. He ran from the witchcraft and idolatry gods (demons) of Jezebel that were controlling the territory! Elijah had successfully defeated the gods of the mountain. Evil spirits abide where people live. On the other hand, the gods of the city were different. There were more of them. They were stronger, more intimidating because there were more humans willing submitting to them in sin. Notice that Jezebel's **messenger** (demon spirit) was not fearful to approach the man of God that had just defeated the gods (demon spirits) of the mountain. These city evil spirits were more powerful. They had successfully taken over the entire nation and murdered all the prophets of Jehovah. Every time a religious spirit defeats a child of God, that spirit gains strength!

In my ministry of deliverance, I have found that every time a demon defeats a child of God, he becomes bolder and stronger and begins to think of itself as invincible. If a spirit that defeats' a child of God, that evil spirit will lose his fear of God's people. Nonetheless, Jezebels' demons were successful because they had killed God's prophets. Also, they had control of a committed agreeable vessel. They had used her witchcraft powers to take over the territory and bring its people to the feet of Satan. The entire nation had fallen into churlish sins of idolatry, witchcraft and goddess worship.

Interestingly, the word ANGEL (Hebrew *mal`ak*; Greek *angelos*, both meaning "**messenger**"). In some cases the word is applied to human beings (Mal. 2:7; Rev.1:20) or even figuratively to impersonal agents (Exo. 14:19; 2 Sam. 24:16-17; Psa. 104:4). The connection must determine its force. In its most common use in Scripture the word nevertheless designates certain spiritual and superhuman beings that are introduced to us as messengers of God. <sup>1</sup>

There is harmony between the teachings of our Lord upon this subject and those of the apostles and other Scripture writers. Many questions that may be raised can receive no answer whatever from the Scriptures. Of the history of the angels we can know but little. It is clear that Satan and the fallen angels (demons) were created sinless and later fell (Isa. 14:12-15; Rev. 12:3-4). Some of their number "did not keep their own domain" but fell under divine displeasure and are reserved "for the judgment of the great day" (Jude 6).

Aside from the teachings of Scripture there is nothing irrational, but quite the opposite, in believing in the existence of creatures superior to man in intelligence, as there are many inferiors. But we depend wholly upon the Scriptures for our knowledge. The denial of the existence of angels, as that of a personal devil and demons, springs from the materialistic, unbelieving spirit, which in its most terrible form denies the existence of God. <sup>1</sup>

The truth is, the Jezebel spirit is a territory-taking principality. People who are totally committed and submitted to God because this devil will come after their life can only defeat this Jezebel spirit. In the Scripture, it took another man, Elijah with a double anointing, and a school of the prophets taught by Elijah to accomplish God's plan for the nation of Elijah.

Yes God is bringing real judgment on America and the World and all the nice words and prayers of corrupt men will not change a single thing except they need to repent!

## **FOLLOW JESUS**

We must be certain to follow Jesus, not men or women in these perilous days. We who would escape the great apostasy and the falling away that was prophesied for our time must get back to the Bible. We must check the Scriptures for ourselves comparing today's issues against God's Word. (1 Cor. 11:19), **“For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.”**

## **BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD**

For instance, have we ever seen anyone bleed in the Bible for the people except Jesus? Have we ever seen God's image appear on the walls anywhere in the Bible? Have we ever seen Jesus or any of His disciples take anyone back to the womb or even beyond the womb to heal their memories? Do you believe the Bible ever shows the Devil with the authority to beat Jesus in hell? Of course, the answer to these questions remains forever **No!**

Only Jesus takes away the sins of the world. (Rev 12:11), **“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb , and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”**

## **TRUE CHRISTIAN AUTHORITY**

Use your authority-Satan must obey. Demons don't have a choice. They tremble and run when we talk and agree with the Word of God. It is God's will for you to be free from every evil influence of the devil.

Matt 18:18-20

**18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**

**19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.**

**20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. KJV**

Matt 12:28-30

**28 “But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.**

**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.**

**30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.” KJV**

Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Provisions made by His Word.
2. Through blood of Jesus.
3. Through His delegated authority.
4. Through the power of the Holy Ghost.

**"In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, and my spirit with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, to deliver such a one to**

**Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus" (1Cor. 5: 4, 5).**

**[In the name of our Lord Jesus]** Who is the head of the church; and under whose authority every act is to be performed.

**[And my spirit]** My *apostolical* authority derived from him; with the power, sun *dunamei*, with the miraculous energy of the Lord Jesus, which is to inflict the punishment that you pronounce: (1 Cor. 5:4).<sup>23</sup>

## **JESUS IS THE CREATOR GOD**

(Col 1:12-29),

**12 "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:**

**13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:**

**14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:**

**15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:**

**16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:**

**17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.**

**18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.**

**19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;**

**20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.**

**21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled**

**22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:**

**23** If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

**24** Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

**25** Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God;

**26** Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

**27** To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

**28** Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

**29** Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily”

## **JESUS IS THE WORD**

(Jn. 1:1) **“In the beginning was the Word , and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men,”** (Jn. 1:1-4).

(Jn. 1:5-2:1), **And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.**

**6** There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

**7** The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

**8** He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

**9** That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

**10** He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

**11** He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

19 And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

22 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

23 He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

24 And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.

25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?

26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

28 These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

**29** The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

**30** This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

**31** And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

**32** And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

**33** And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

**34** And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

**35** Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

**36** And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. **42** And he brought him to Jesus.

**49** Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. **50** Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. **51** And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.”

## **BINDING RETALIATING SPIRITS**

This is what spiritual warfare is about. Jesus must be the center of a person's life. One must know Him from the power of the Word of God, because of His triumph, His people can win their war. The Scripture reveals Him in ‘power and authority,’ **"And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead and set him at His own right hand in the heavenly places,"** (Eph. 1:10). How wonderful! Nevertheless, look at

**this. "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus," (Eph. 2:6).**

Many of these materialistic false ministers don't like anyone too scripturally to discern and uncover their unscriptural teachings in their ministries. They release curses on those who take time to discern and expose them. They use the scripture, in Isaiah 54:17, **"No weapon formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgement, thou shalt condemn This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their righteousness is of me."**

Well, Jesus talked about the false prophets of His day and there were many. The Apostle Paul pointed false prophets out and called them by name.

Therefore, I hereby bind all the curses that are pronounced upon those Christians who are watchmen on the walls that are placed to warn the sheep that the wolves have come into the flock. Every spoken word against myself and all those, who take the time to see, expose and alert the Body of Christ of the danger of the false teachers is hereby canceled in the name of Jesus. I release the blessings of financial success over every true minister in the Body of Christ in the Name of Jesus. Praise Your Holy Name Dear Jesus.

Jesus said in (Matt. 12:23-33). Satan is not going to allow anyone to destroy his work without putting up very strong counteraction. His control must first be neutralized before Christians can release his captives.

Jesus asks this penetrating question, **"How can anyone enter a strongman's house and carry off his possession unless he first ties up the strongman?"** Then Jesus told us that we could enter his house. (Matt. 12:29). The King James Bible reads, **"bind the strongman."**

Indeed, binding the strong man is the first basic PRINCIPLE of spiritual warfare. In fact, before any warfare opposing powers and principalities and wicked rulers and evil spirits can be won to release the nation, cities, individual, family, the strongman must be defeated, (Matt. 18: 18. 19. 20).

Once Satan's power is bound, Jesus enters freely into his house and carries off Satan's possessions. The territory is delivered and Satan loses control.

The Apostle Paul warned, **"But I fear lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For it he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom, we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him."** (2 Cor. 11: 3-4).

Do you know what happens to Christians that are having demonic problems? They are falling through the cracks of the church and are being sent to psychologist or psychiatrists. Many ministers believe these people are cursed because they are poor and no one takes time to minister to them. They are being drugged and some even sent to the mental wards. Have mercy Lord Jesus.

Many children of God and sick in bodies, sick in minds, can't seem to serve God, can't read the Word of God, can't go to church, gripe about the preacher, their spouse or the people in the church. Meanwhile Christian people delight themselves in riches, swing and dance, sing and eat but many are Luke-warm in their commitment to Jesus! **"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils,"** (1 Tim. 4:1).

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## **HOW TO BECOME BORN AGAIN**

**Accept God's Word that He loves you and wants to give you an abundant life.**

***"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life,"*** (Jn. 3:16). ***"I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly,"*** (Jn. 10:10).

**1. Accept God's word: that you are a sinner; and this separates you from God: that you must truly repent or "turn away" from sin.** *"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23). "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord . . . "(Rom. 6:23). "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us," (Rom. 5:8.)*

**2. Accept that Jesus Christ is our only contact with God.** *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (Jn. 14:6). "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus." (2 Tim. 2:5).*

**3. Receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord by your personal invitation.** *"But as many as received Him to them gave the power to become the sons of God," (Jn. 1:12). "Behold I stand at the door and knock; If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into Him . . . " Christ speaking (Rev. 3:20.).*

**Will you receive Christ right now? You can be saved in seconds!  
Open the door of your heart and Pray:**

Dear Father, I'm a lost sinner. I repent. Please forgive me and come into my heart and save me. Thank You for saving my soul! In Jesus' name, Amen.

If you are backslidden, say the same prayer. The Lord loves you and will forgive you.

Obedience is the practical acceptance of the authority and will of God, including both the inward glad submission and the outward expressing of actions, reactions, words and thoughts.

Disobedience is evidence of rebellion and distrust in God, preference to self-will and the lack of surrender to and desire for the will of God in all things. God expects obedience (Deut. 11:26-28).

*To choose Christ is to choose obedience*, (Jn. 14:15, 21). To become disobedient is to sin or rebel against God's expectation and rights (I Sam. 15:22, 23)

*"Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day: And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known,"* (Deut. 11:26-28).

God bless you.

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