

Confronting The Spirit Of Leviathan: Pt. 2 By Todd Bentley

1. The first way that this spirit will attack is with his tongue. (Job 41:1) Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook, or snare his tongue with a line?

The lying tongue: This spirit attacks out of his mouth with lies, gossip, accusation, criticism, faultfinding and slander. (Job 41:19) Out of his mouth go burning lights, sparks of fire shoot out.

I asked the Lord about this and he showed me (Rev 12:15) so the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away with the flood.

This Leviathan wants you to be destroyed and carried away with the lies, gossip, slander and accusations he will bring against you and if he can he will carry your friends and those who labor with you in the ministry away in the lie and deception. He wants people to believe the lie and accusation against you. Number one, he wants to slander your character and bring reproach on your name.

If the devil cannot get you in sin, he will accuse you or even make up a lie against you when you are innocent (Prov 6:19 a false witness that uttereth lies) is one of his heads. We need to be sure to respond to these demonically inspired attacks that even can come from those closest to you being used by the devils purpose that we do not wrestle against flesh and blood and we remember to respond in a right spirit. We can not afford to allow Leviathan to operate in us, as we can become offended at the lie and accusations, criticisms or judgments spoken of us and strike back. To strike back or lash out is what Leviathan wants. It is with his tail in (Rev12:4) that he withdrew a third of the angels in heaven.

Leviathan is working today through the body of Christ and we see many churches, ministers and organizations bringing accusation against one another. There is a critical, faultfinding spirit at work in church today judging and speaking against moves of God, ministries and denominations different from one another.

We do not need fault finders and those who feel to be the watch dogs of Christianity but those who will restore the body of Christ. (Gal 6:1) Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

Let us not forget how many have been quick to judge harshly and criticize the body of Christ, find fault and publicly publish Christian dirt have too be over come by the same sins. Lets not let Leviathan work through us but lets operate in the anointing of Galatians 6:1.

Another way we can counter attack this demonic assault of the tongue and lies, gossip and slander by claiming Gods promise. "the mouth of the lies shall be stopped and (Isa 54:17) No weapon formed against you shall prosper and every tongue that rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord.

We need to start speaking this verse out and acting on it in prayer.

We also want to be sure this spirit has no truth in what it says. We don't want to give him a foot hold by living in a lie in our lives. We can only effectively counter attack this spirit by living in truth in every area of our lives.

2. Miscommunication

(Job 42: 3 and 5) 3Who is this that hideth counsel without knowledge? Or in the amplified: who is this who darkens or obscures counsel without knowledge? Or as in another translation: who is this who seals up counsel?

In Job 42: 3 Job also declares Therefore have I uttered that which I understood not, v 5 I had heard of thee by the hearing of the ear, but now mine eye seeth thee:

Job is trying to understand why what is happening to him is happening? God has this lengthy discussion with Job in ch 41 and reveals this principality Leviathan. Job repents in ch 42 and confesses that counsel and true understanding were kept from him. This spirit wants to get between you and the revelation of God and distort the word of the Lord. Leviathan will seek to hide from you true revelation and confuse the true meaning of things.

This Leviathan spirit will hide the meaning behind what is said and cause they're to be miscommunication and misunderstanding. That's how this spirit can sow discord among brethren. Have you ever been at the office or maybe in your marriage and something you say is taken the wrong way, someone will say, "you said this" and you say no "I said this" and you both think your right, or you say one thing and they hear it as another i.e.: you said it to black and they hear blue. Leviathan wants to get in between your conversation and hearing and distort or mutter what one is really saying. This can happen between friends, ministry and even children and parents.

When you become aware of this attack on your ministry or in your relationships it is important to simply say "Leviathan I bind you in Jesus name"

Recently we had a small misunderstanding in our ministry. A woman had given a large donation to our ministry and the church that hosted our ministry failed to let us know one individual had given a certain sum of money. We sent a thank you letter to the donor but we were unable to specifically mention the amount given.

The enemy worked on this woman's mind and the accuser that he is told this woman that maybe we could not be trusted as a ministry or that because we did not specifically mention the size of her donation in the thank you letter that maybe the church only gave me a honorarium and not the full amount which I said would be entirely used for missions.

This individual who was previously working in another church had seen the church hold back on offerings. Leviathan works in suspicion and mistrust. This woman contacted our ministry and inquired about the gift she gave and again my office didn't know a woman had given a large gift in the offering. The woman also believed I said I would use the entire missions offering specifically for Somalia. The devil in his lie nearly had this woman convinced that maybe I was truly not up front with my word and cast doubt, mistrust and questions on our ministry.

I never said that I was using any money for Somalia and the tapes and transcript of that nights service also verified we had never said that. The seeds of mistrust, lies of the enemy, and misunderstanding nearly cost me a dear partner. I met with the lady later and we prayed together and cut the devil out of our business.

I knew when I was in India and I received this bad report that this was the work of Leviathan and we began to pray immediately. There was opportunity for us and this lady to be offended and accuse one another and the devil nearly cost me money for souls and a crusade but the Lord showed me in the midst of this attack the spirit of Leviathan and his accusation.

Leviathan will attack prophetic word

In (Gen 3:1-5) the serpent (Leviathan) is wanting to distort and hide the true word of the Lord from Eve. Leviathan wants to cast doubt, mistrust and suspicion on Gods word.

1 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of 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 hath said, Ye shall not eat of it: neither shall you touch it, lest you die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God does know that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

The Famous Hs God said? Or is that really what he meant? Leviathan wants to twist God's truth and rob us of our promise.

When this happens just simply bind this spirit from your prophetic promises.

I believe it was the spirit of Leviathan that was keeping Job from the true counsel of the Lord and hiding from Job his own small areas of pride and self righteousness in his life.

When God brings Job to chapter 42 he is no longer the one who justifies himself but confesses that he had not really known God by revelation. Lets be sure to give all these areas of any pride or self-righteousness to the lord and ask for the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in our life and ministry.

3. Sons of pride (Job 41: 34) He beholds every high thing; He is king over all the children of pride.

This spirit carries an attitude of superiority, haughtiness, boasting and arrogance. He not only works in this kind of environment but attacks ministries and individuals with the temptations of pride. Can you hear this spirit smooth and deceptive whispering in your ear? Who do they think they are? They do not move in the power like you do. Who gives them the right to speak into my life? The bible says too not to think of ourselves more highly than we ought to.

This spirit promotes self and self-serving agendas. We need to watch out for a false confidence, and keep a humble trust in the Lord. When God is using you mighty there is a constant temptation to play the name game or measure yourself with another and feel like were more successful because of how much money we raise or how many come to our church or how many miracles we see. How big are your meetings?

Power, numbers and what looks like God's favor based on power, miracles or healing and success in casting out demons does not always mean we always are right with God. We need to guard ourselves from the "well I am to good for that attitude" I will only do this or that is you do this and that. This spirit wants to set you up with a false confidence and getting your identity out of what you do, rather than who you are.

Egypt and Leviathan

Lets look at Egypt for some insight on how Leviathan operates and what he did in that nation. In Ezekiel chapters 29-32 we have a series of prophetic utterances against Egypt and pharaoh.

One of the first sins of Egypt was its pride and boasting out of a false confidence in things rather than intimacy with God. Egypt puts its trust and confidence in its wealth, how many horses and chariots it had and the numbers of its people. This Leviathan Spirit wants to promote you ahead of the Lord's leading and move you into a place, where you no longer totally depend on the Holy Spirit but on your gifting, charisma, finances, or denomination, traditions or programs.

There can come a place in ministry where we can get it done without Him, email lists, mailouts, websites, who you know! or monthly partners, lets go to the investors. We can begin to lose sight of Jesus and hearing his voice and getting our inspirations, visions, initiative or new ideas from his presence. Sometimes the devil will give you a ministry machine if he knows it will move you out where it all started in the secret place, if he can distract you and keep you busy and feeling like all is well because the marketing tools and infrastructures are in place, God is blessing me, the machine is running well.

There is nothing wrong with all these things that God uses, our ministry is a large ministry with all the tools, many staff, partners, huge infrastructure and were growing more every day. All these are vehicles to help me fulfill the blessing of God, but I need to keep my eyes on Jesus and remain broken daily before him.

There can be a place where we put our trust in the wrong things and this spirit will be your best cheerleader. In (Rev 12:4) it was with his tail that he withdrew a third of the stars, the angelic hosts who cast their lot with the devil we need to watch for the tail of Leviathan.

Pride attitudes

Here is a small list of attitudes we can ask the Lord to show us any of these in our lives.

Condescending Attitudes towards Others in the Body: We are to esteem others as higher than ourselves. If we catch ourselves thinking of another as less than ourselves in any way, especially in regards to spiritual gifting, understanding, etc. must repent quickly.

Independent Attitude: We are to be united in heart as one, although we may all have different functions. If we ever feel "out there like we are just wanting to do our own thing" while maybe we are forgetting the fuller purpose of the kingdom which is to embrace the whole body of Christ.

Self Glory: Although it is good for one to enjoy the workings, dealings, gifting and blessings that the hand of the Lord brings to us, we must be careful not to think that it is because of our own greatness. All things are given to us as a gift of grace (undeserved, unmerited favor) and all the worship and delight in these blessings must be returned to Him who authored them. Remembering our helpless and humble estate without Him. We can never glory in our own righteousness; it is as filthy rags.

Self-Confidence: When we begin to feel a confidence in our own abilities to produce the anointing and the fruit of the Kingdom, we must be alert to the tempter.

Lack of Time in His Presence: Often times this is a sign that a temptation to pride has come. It indicates a possibility that we have become self sufficient and self ruled and no longer need all that we have and all that we are to flow from His Presence and Counsel. This is dangerous in that it can produce a mindset of "self rule" that subsequently asks God to bless and serve what man has initiated.

Critical and Condemning Attitudes and Thoughts: The heart of a "critic or accuser" is postured above others. The heart of a savior is postured in servanthood.

Boasting Over Achievements and Revelation, often times this is not an outward action but an inward attitude. (Note: this is the "sin nature, not the "boasting in the Lord" as Scripture speaks of.

Dishonor of Authority: We are to esteem and honor those in authority (even if they are NOT under Holy Spirit control, i.e. David's attitude towards Saul). Attitudes of dishonor towards leaders often indicate pride in the heart.

Desiring to be served: Jesus did not come to be served but to serve. This is the posture of humility.

Desire for Reputation: Jesus was a man of no reputation in heart. He emptied Himself. If we have inner desires to be esteemed by others, we need to be watchful. Pride could be lurking.

Desiring to Control Others.

Use of a Position of Authority or Gift to Fulfill Selfish Ambition and Vision."

The only way we can effectively counter attack this assault is to live in humility.

(Jam 4:10) Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and he will lift you up. Do you notice it says, "humble yourselves", this is something we chose to do daily and in every moment we feel the attack of Leviathan in pride. Choose to go low, take the position of (Phil 4).

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