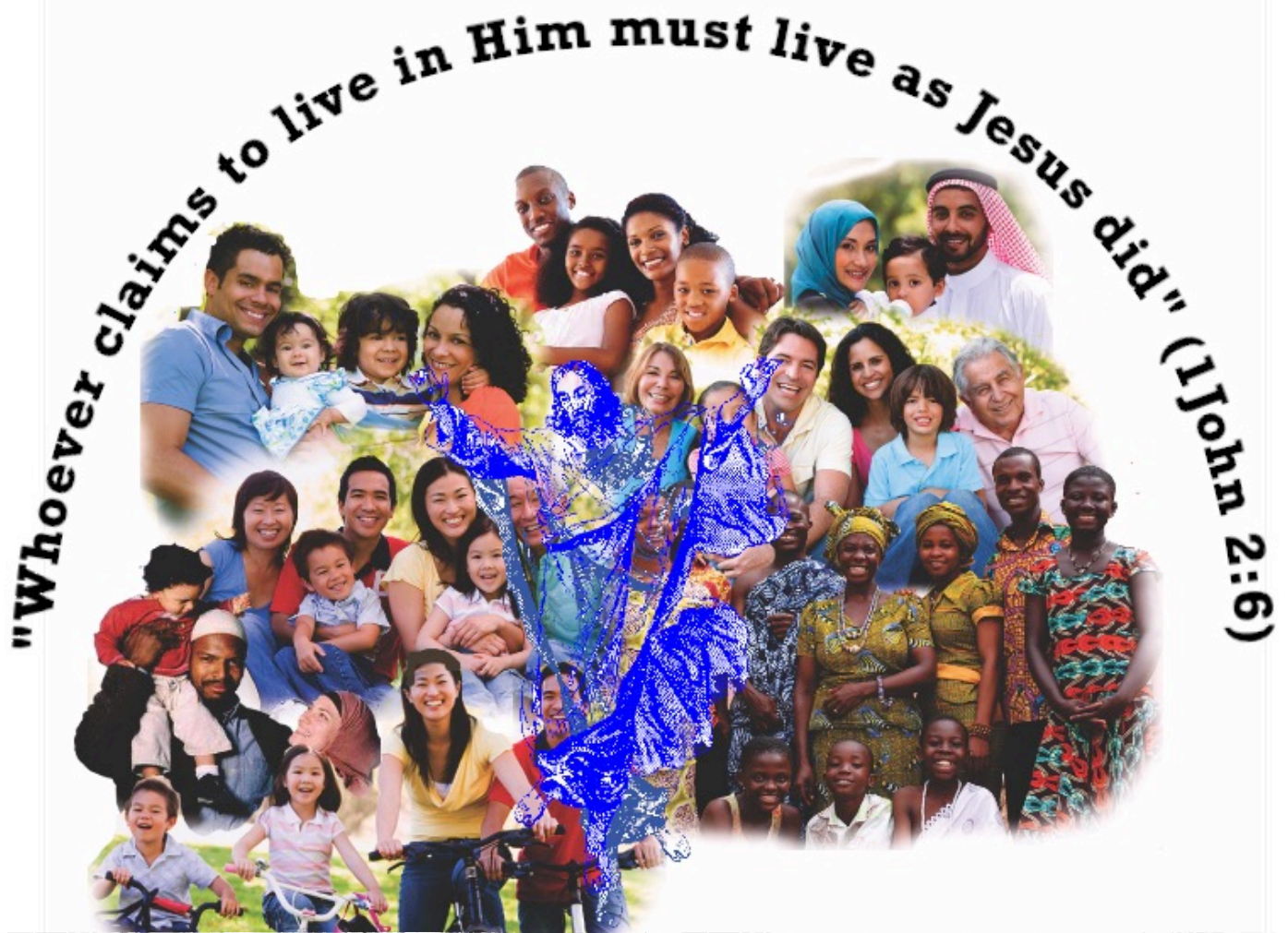


# Being The Reality Of Jesus To A Wicked World

Reality 17. Make absolutely sure you're free of Jezebel!



Pinpointing Key Facets Of The Hebraic Foundations

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### Living in the Excellence of Christ's Likeness: Your Goal by His Grace

Lifting up Jesus as Lord of our lives is first and foremost for us as older women and for those headed in that direction! There's so much at stake in purposing to be the best representative of our Lord Jesus you can be through His Spirit at work in and through you. You just need to realize that you're up against the demonic spirit of Jezebel which hates your love and obedient trust in Jesus. Our society is fully under this spirit's sway, and there may be indicators in your own life that you've made room for it even if you consider yourself to be a Christian!

The spirit of Jezebel rules the USA!



Others in your life need you to be hearing ONLY from the Holy Spirit and not this pervasive demonic entity. So **if** you aren't totally free of this spirit and its insidious influence, you'll ignore or disregard the truths I'll be sharing to help you grow in Christ's character. In Reality 16 I encouraged you to read about the spirit of Jezebel so you'd be aware of its scheming tactics. Two videos in our *Mutually Serving Jesus Your Lord With Resolute Determination* series will help you further recognize how this spirit adversely affects both men and women:

Video 44. [\*\*The Spirit Of Lawlessness Precedes Jezebel\*\*](#)

Video 45. [\*\*Most Alpha Males And Females Belong To Jezebel\*\*](#)

**FYI:** Remember, we women in particular are susceptible to the influence of this demonic entity because of our Eve-derived **desire to usurp our husband's position of authority, his "rule"**. And this spirit also ensnares both men and women who are held captive by **unresolved bitterness**, and **men who are obsessed with seeking self-acclaim**. As with Jezebel of the Bible, this entity's worst enemy is a prophetic person our Lord sends to lead people to repentance. Its worst fear is that people will humble themselves and genuinely repent! Anyone in whom this spirit is exercising control or influence needs to repent even of making excuses for its manipulation, and then resist it in the name of Jesus.

### Genuine repentance is a two-step process.

If you find you have yielded to any sort of Jezebellic influence along the way, then most likely you've fallen far short of the Christ-likeness our Lord would have graced you with by this stage in your life. Keep in mind that from a biblical perspective, repentance is (1) turning away from your sinful attitude or action, and (2) replacing that with what Jesus would do (and would have *you* do) as His Word commands. Because of Jesus as your Lord, you can repent when you need to, receive Father's forgiveness and cleansing, and then press on into all the **grace with purpose** the Spirit of our Lord will impart. Always press forward, and don't look back (Luke 9:62). After you repent, remind yourself to trust fully in these glorious promises: "*He has removed our sins from us as far as the east is from the west*" (Psalms 103:12). "*For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more*" (Hebrews 8:12; see also Isaiah 43:25; Jeremiah 31:34). Hallelujah!

**When you're totally free of the vestiges of the Jezebel spirit, you must be careful to resist its deceptive disguises. Not only is Jezebel's rule seen in all corners of our society and in the media, its sometimes subtle tactics can entice you back under its control or influence. Stay close to Jesus!**

## Christian feminism – Jezebel’s ‘Trojan horse’

As I mentioned in Reality 16, the Jezebel spirit’s feminist agenda pervades much of Christianity as well as society at large. For instance, both men and women who are under the Jezebel spirit’s influence have made deliberate attempts to reword and alter the meaning of the Bible through **reversionism**. They contend that the Bible is culturally entrapped: it favors the men and is prejudiced against the women, not keeping up with our "enlightened" society. In essence, they are accusing our God that He is incapable of ensuring that His Word is true.

A revised representation of God has recently infiltrated some Bible translations and interpretations: God the Father is instead called "**He/She God**" or is referred to as **He/She**. In particular, a number of women who are divorced or are unhappy with their husbands have found themselves drawn to the feminization of our heavenly Father. Even men whose relationship with their own fathers was unhealthy or non-existent find that they prefer a God whose "soft side" predominates. And the feminization of God stresses only His "soft side" by promoting His love and grace but ignoring or denying His justice and judgment. Also with the "soft side" comes excusing or tolerating or even approving certain sins.

Obviously, vast quantities of God’s Word have to be altered to accord with these erroneous views! For example, everything about our God in His role in disciplining His loved ones is eliminated from the revised perspective. But in the Bible which the Holy Spirit inspired, Jesus warns His hearers, ***“Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent”*** (Revelation 3:19; see also Deuteronomy 8:5; Proverbs 3:12; Hebrews 12:5-11). Our Father does discipline those He loves. And He is the divine role model for parents and grandparents. (See also Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 22:15 for His stance on this.)

- Deep down, how do you view our heavenly Father: as a "soft side" grandpa? A "hard-side" disciplinarian?
- Do you believe that God disciplines us when we hold onto unconfessed sin so that we’ll repent and return?

## Jezebel despises modesty, and tempts through sensuality and sexuality

God’s Word commands us women, young and old, to dress modestly (1Timothy 2:9,10; 1Peter 3:3,4). By not drawing undue attention to our appearance, His work on our character can shine! We live at a time in which seductive clothing is the norm. And women loudly cry "Foul!" when their immodest attire attracts leering male eyes and lewd comments. So as women who seek to represent our Lord Jesus in the world, it’s especially important to His holy reputation that we avoid clothing and even behavior that arouse unholy reactions. It’s certainly not new that the Jezebel spirit uses seduction through sensuality and sexuality to gain control of a man. The spirit’s namesake tried that tactic but failed: *“When Jezebel heard [that Jehu was coming to kill her], she put on eye makeup, arranged her hair and looked out of a window”* (see 2Kings 9:30-33). Her scheme was thwarted by two eunuchs who tossed her out the window, thereby fulfilling the prophecy made against her earlier (1Kings 21:23).

The rise of sensuality and sexuality in mainstream society and even among Christian women began with the Women’s Liberation movement of the late 1960s. (I was in college when "bra burning" was popular!) Feminism used sensuality and sexuality to tear down perceived restrictive walls on sexual behavior. At the same time, looks became such a priority that girls (and women) began to have severe misgivings about their appearance. In the high school I attended, girls who were sexually active were called "fast" by other girls. But by college, being "fast" seemed to be the fastest way to become popular! Car commercials that came out during that period took advantage of the obsession with the risqué. Ads featuring voluptuous blondes next to or driving specific vehicles popularized the thinking that "Sex sells!"

Fathers who aren't there physically or emotionally to commend their daughters in their home add to her vulnerability to males who will pay attention to her (for a time). Studies have concluded that a girl with a weak relationship with her father is far more likely to fornicate than one who has a healthy relationship. (And far too many clergy who are themselves ensnared by pornography resist warning their congregations about sexual sin.) We older women must step in to come alongside the young while they're still children so their dignity as beloved sons and daughters of Father God can help them resist today's sexual temptations. And later, if and when they marry, they may be able to avoid this sad reality: that many wives who fornicated before marriage have a difficult time experiencing intimacy as the loving expression God intended.

Sexuality isn't the only tool in the Jezebel spirit's arsenal against God's Word and His righteous ways. Through the public education system from preschool through grad school, role models of women "in power" are touted. Whether as ranking military officers or police chiefs or government officials, to name a few, women are paraded in almost every field of society as dominating men rather than serving alongside them. (And the media makes sure that even the rare woman who succeeds in Special Forces or logging or subsistence living becomes a model for a multitude of young women who aren't even physically able to handle it!) The entire month of March is publicly dedicated to exalting women. Yet the whole contemporary concept that "women rule" defies God's Word, especially His intended structure for the family. And it's all come upon us like the proverbial frog in the pot of water going from comfy to boiled! Some questions to answer honestly and then discuss with the young women you hope to help in their own relationships:

- In your younger years, did you rely on sensuality or sexuality to feel good about yourself?
- If you were sexually active as a younger woman, how did it later affect you in your marriage?
- Would you currently describe yourself as modest or sensual in your attire and behavior?

### **Are children born with a sin nature, or are they basically good?**

In the past 70 years or so, the feminized soft side view of God has become entrenched in Christianity through teachings on being **psychologically sensitive**. This focus has produced a proliferation of Christian counselors who have transformed sin (which requires repentance) into a problem that was caused by bad parenting, unhappy marriage, poverty—but can be cured by self-acceptance. Most of these counselors don't even address sin and the need to repent. This means something or someone else is to blame for the current distress. And with "sensitivity" such a common theme, all too many parents and grandparents have increasingly resisted disciplining and correcting children to the extent that NO no longer means NO! Instead, NO now means, "Let's negotiate." The loss of God-given parental authority has taken place in our lifetime and may be influencing you now in relationship to your own children and grandchildren.

The Jezebel spirit's stooge in spreading unbiblical ways of parenting was Dr. Benjamin Spock, who first published "*Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care*" in 1946. His unbiblical premise is that a child is born basically good; it is poor parenting that robs children of self-esteem. Now, several generations of parents (and grandparents) have been heavily influenced by Spock and the humanism which dominates public education. So, no one gives any thought to resisting sinful drives. Everything and everyone exists to make a child happy and build his or her self-esteem. Spock stressed that the parent's primary role is to accommodate a child's feelings and cater to his or her preferences. At the same time, correction and discipline are strongly discouraged because these "rob a child of self-esteem."

What has been the outcome of these SELF-pandering practices by people who should be training a child to resist their sin nature instead of catering to their SELF-gratification? Pleading with and cajoling a child, as well as constant wheedling. These have trained the child to see him/herself on par with the parents and grandparents. The very ones to whom God has given a position of trust now have to purchase obedience from the children with promises of video games or fast food or whatever. But by not enforcing biblical boundaries out of love for their offspring, parents have shown themselves to be UNtrustworthy in their child's eyes.

Can you see how this has played out? Instead of trusting Dad and Mom, a child learns to manipulate them and wear them down until they get what they want. And tragically, that framework will become a source of far greater grief as childhood merges into adolescence and adulthood. Having learned to distrust their parents and to put themselves in charge, these children will find it nearly impossible to trust their unseen heavenly Father. Only if He meets their perceived needs and desires will they offer even token allegiance. I hope you can realize what a crucial role you can play here as a grandmother figure!

What else is working against you bringing up and influencing (grand)children in a way that honors and pleases God? Studies by the military have shown that males and females are 97% different in their mental processing and hormonal influence. But public education has pushed a **unisex agenda**. After several decades of this, in the 1990s sociologists deemed public education as **“a totally effeminized institution.”** The agenda of public education today produces “feminized” boys, and the Jezebel spirit blinds parents to what's happening—or passes this unbiblical situation off as good!

The Jezebel spirit has also caused motherhood to lose respect as a cherished, God-given role. The 2020 census exposed how dramatically the birth rate has plunged in the past decade. And how many moms do you know who contentedly stay home to raise their children and train them to volunteer and help others? Certainly today's social environment mocks this loving role! But from our Father's perspective, raising children as a godly follower of Jesus is a virtuous endeavor: *“She will be saved through childbearing if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety”* (1Timothy 2:15). If you'd like a clear biblical understanding of raising children, see videos 73 thru 87 in our training series, [Jesus In Your Home](#). Discuss these questions with other women, and come up with ways to help moms live biblically.

- How were you raised as a child? Was discipline administered justly as part of your upbringing?
- In raising your own family, were you as strict as your parents, or far less? What would you change?
- How can you help younger mothers countermand the SELF-obsessed, insolent attitudes which surround today's children?

We older women do have a distinct role to play in the lives of our younger generations! We have a God-given role to help them find security in Jesus as their Lord and learn about the sanctity of a marriage covenant before they commit to a life partner themselves! Let's be sure we never let ourselves be oblivious to how and with whom our Lord Jesus can use us. It may not always be our family members we can help. And having freed ourselves, we need to help the younger generations of women walk free with us. We can't remain oblivious to the needs of others and just grow older and die! Sue (With Mike's loving support!)

