

First Baptist Poinciana
Spiritual Warfare Series
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SESSION THREE | DEMONIC STRATEGIES 1
“CONFUSION”

Confusion is not when every one is not on the same page. Confusion occurs when individuals either by choice or by lack of training choose to operate outside of their calling, ministry, role, or team. Confusion occurs when the wrong person attempts to give the “right” information. It is like asking the milkman when the mail will arrive. Satan thrives in confusion. Often it’s the very confusion that we have caused that works demonic influence over our lives. So, let’s learn to defeat it. - and yes, we are calling these what they are: Demonic influences, caused by and brought to us by demons.

We have a promise that church (gatherings) is where we experience the flow of God’s presence. This flow is pictured as a river or streams.

The Flow of God’s Presence:

John 7:37-39 (Jesus declares He fulfills our thirst)
Psalm 46:4 (river & streams make glad)

Worship & Unity Wrecker:

When we gather in unity and worship:

Streams flow together from our hearts and ministry power flows
There should be a flow in your spirit - an expectancy for God.
The flow is often _____ by hidden spirits.

The spirit (demon) of Leviathan is the spirit of confusion and we must learn how to avoid his snare.

Leviathan is first mentioned in the book of Job. (Job 3:8)

To defeat demonic forces - we must learn about them, identify them, and through the power of the name and the blood of Christ - claim victory over them.

Gain Insight:

Job 41:1-6

We also see this demonic being in the book of Isaiah

Isaiah 27:1

Again, in the book of Psalms

Psalms 104:26

1. This animal represents _____.
2. Leviathan is a giant spirit that _____ the flow of God's purpose, power, and prosperity in our lives, and when used through people, it blocks the unity and worship within a church body and gathering.
3. Leviathan literally means - "to twist" - it is the monster demonic force that twists everything to hinder the flow of God.
4. The Hebrew Lexicon says "the beast is not unlike a dragon or dinosaur, a beast that is hostile to God's people."

The Enemy from Inside:

1. Leviathan and his characteristics are a picture of a large but hidden _____ in the church that works to choke out the flow of God.
2. Job 41:1-9 gives us the image of this hidden demonic force.
 1. Formidable
 2. Frightening Spirit
 3. Not easily detected
 4. Not caught by normal means
 5. In the flesh, no human can do battle with him.

YOUR NOTES:

THE NUMBER ONE ENEMY OF THE CHURCH:

Why would Pastor Wayne go ahead and say that this particular demonic entanglement is the #1 enemy of the church. Let's look even closer:

1. He is _____. (...can you draw out...with a hook, or snare... with line"?)
2. He hides under the _____. Water in the Bible represents several things:
 1. The Word
 2. The Flow of God's Will
 3. The Mass of Humanity

- Leviathan tries to hide where the Word and the flow of God's Spirit are moving among people. We often don't see his work until many are hurt.
- He is hidden until God ultimately exposes the demonic work happening.

The other reason I (PW), say that Leviathan is the number one enemy of the church is because this is a demonic spirit that refuses to live in covenant.

When Someone is Affected by This Spirit, it destroys covenant relationships.

1. Breaks up Marriages
2. Turns friend against friend
3. Twists business ventures
4. Breaks up (or attempts to) churches

If you can't get along with others, especially those in leadership over you - you may be under attack from this particular demonic being. (Leviathan) Because Leviathan attaches to the pride, malice, bitterness, and mouth of the ones it attacks, it translates to an issue with those whom are over the one being attacked. **(Hebrews 13:17)**

MORE ON THE TROUBLE THIS DEMON CAUSES:

1. He is the “twister of truth” - Isaiah 27:1
2. Here is how this deceiving spirit operates:
 1. Something is said from the Word, and before you hear it, he twists it. You hear it wrong.
 2. Maybe you say something to your spouse about an issue meaning good, but before you know it all hell has literally broken out in the living room - Leviathan has twisted this in mid-air to cause conflict.
 3. A decision is made at church, and the leadership feels; after much prayer that this is the correct direction for the church, yet you find a certain person or persons with plenty more to say - this demonic force is at work. (Leviathan loves the gossiper as it creates division)
 4. Someone infected with Leviathan may simply twist what was said to cast doubt and cause division. (Adam & Eve)

He loves to do the TWIST -

Getting between people and twisting ideas, words, and feelings

He gets in the church and continues to TWIST.

Satan knows exactly who to send this demon too, we must be ready.

The Demonic Spirit of Leviathan Twists:

Marriage

Family Roles

God's Word

Reality - to - Confusion

If the confusion of Leviathan is allowed to continue it will utterly destroy the move of God, and obliterate everything it touches. It creates the perfect environment for satan and other demons to move, function, and destroy lives, homes, reputations, and churches.

Leviathan also instills a spirit of “**fleeing**” in those he infects. Those that would say - “If it's not like this or that - I'll just quit” - If “I'm not in charge or in control, I am not interested” (Isaiah 27:1)

Like All Demonic Forces - We Have Victory!

In that day the Lord with His severe sword, great and strong, will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, leviathan that twisted serpent; and He (God) will slay the reptile that is in the sea. - Isaiah 27:1

Ephesians 6:10 - we find our strength to fight against this demon and claim victory - in the Lord -

Leviathan is _____ by the _____ _____ and the Spirit. Additionally, and in many cases - this demon lurking in the depths must be called out personally and/or publicly. The exposure is death to the demon.

We can also find insight in **Hebrews 4:12-13**. The Word (sword) is our ultimate weapon.

Notes:

- You cannot recognize this beast (demon) without the Spirit and Word
- When the church is committed (by all means) to let the Spirit flow, Let Jesus speak, and allow the Spirit to operate - Leviathan will flee.

WHAT WE MUST DO:

1. Realize our pride is from the enemy.
2. Look at this passage: *"He beholds every high thing; he is king over all the children of pride"* (Job 41:34)
3. He is king of all pride - he keeps people away from God.
4. Pride causes us to become offended easily. Pride causes us to fall, Pride keeps us from God's plan.

Final Scripture: 2 Peter 3:16-18

We defeat this beast through intimacy with Jesus, love and forgiveness.