

Welcome to the 72!

- 1 **A Spiritual Battle in the Nation—Reflections on the Governor's recent announcements...**
- 2 **Who are we?**
 - The 72 is a chosen believer and follower of Jesus.
 - See **Luke 10:1-12, 17-20**.
 - The Call:
 - The 72 are sent.
 - The 72 are Kingdom motivated.
 - The 72 are supernaturally resourced.
 - Our power comes from a different source.
 - **1 Corinthians 4:20 (ESV) — 20** For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.
- 3 **Transitioning into Greater Things**
 - This is the time to embrace that God is moving, restoring, and adjusting.

Highlights from Part 1

- 1 **Galatians 2:20 (ESV) — 20** I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
- 2 **The unimaginable will never find a home in the constraints of our own human imagination.**
 - **Ephesians 3:20 (NIV) — 20** Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,
- 3 **The Supernatural Kingdom is a Call to Grow in Spiritual Maturity.**
 - **1 Corinthians 4:20**
 - **Hebrews 5:11-14**
 - **1 Corinthians 2:11-13**

Jesus On the Blockades to the Supernatural

- 1 Read **John 8:39-47**.
- 2 **(v.39-41) The Witchcraft Spirit – A Spirit of Rebellion**
 - This spirit rejects authority and establishes its own authority.
 - This spirit can also be referred to as a murderess spirit—it wants to silence the voice of God.

- 3 **(v.41-43) The Religious Spirit – A Spirit of Control**
 - This spirit rejects freedom by grace and controls others by fear and intimidation.
 - This spirit can also dominate and
- 4 **(v.44-47) The Secular Spirit – A Spirit of Deception**
 - This spirit rejects the Word of God (truth) and fuel its own desires.

The Problem of the Witchcraft Spirit

- 1 **The Witchcraft Spirit – A Spirit of Rebellion**
 - When God shows-up, there is no other opinion in His presence.
- 2 **Scriptures:**
 - **John 8:39-41**
 - **John 8:31-32 (ESV) — 31** So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, **32** and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
 - **Matthew 7:21 (ESV) — 21** "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
 - **John 14:15 (ESV) — 15** "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."
 - **1 Samuel 15:22-23 (NKJV) — 22** So Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. **23** For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."
- 3 **How does the witchcraft spirit keep us from maturing on the supernatural?**
 - The witchcraft spirit operates from a place of anxiety and impatience.
 - The witchcraft spirit is the manipulation of wisdom and spiritual practices so that I remain my own god.
 - The witchcraft spirit breeds rebellion and dislodging us from God's supernatural care.
 - The witchcraft spirit breeds idol worship—the worship of other Gods.
 - The witchcraft spirit ultimately undermines the plan of God and His supernatural works.
 - The witchcraft spirit is a murderess spirit—it deafens our ears to the voice of God and kills dreams.
- 4 **God's Call: Security through Obedience**
 - **Matthew 6:33 (ESV) — 33** But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

The Problem of the Religious Spirit

1 The Religious Spirit – A Spirit of Control

- The religious spirit ultimately stands against the truth of God for our personal benefit.
- Religion seeks to control/manipulate God or any spiritual power for favor and our personal gain.

2 Scriptures:

- **John 8:41-43**
- **Mark 7:6-8 (ESV) — 6** And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; **7** in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ **8** You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”
- **Matthew 23:13 (ESV) — 13** “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in.
- **2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (ESV) — 3** For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. **4** For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. **5** We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

3 How does the religious spirit keep us from maturing in the supernatural?

- The religious spirit sets itself up against the truth of the Gospel through its own opinions.
- The religious spirit naturally seduces us into controlling other people through shame, intimidation and manipulation.
 - The religious spirit is based in fear—“I’m not good enough; therefore no one else is either.”
- The religious spirit will always mute the supernatural...because the supernatural can’t be controlled.
- The religious spirit deceives itself into thinking that its “righteous anger” is justified because it’s holding others accountable for their “sinful hearts.”
- The religious spirit undermines the love of God by drawing attention to itself.

4 God’s Call: Love expressed through faith

- **Galatians 5:6 (ESV) — 6** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

The Problem of the Secular Spirit (Secular Christianity)

1 The Secular Spirit – A Spirit of Deception

- The secular spirit is so powerfully deceptive because it finds its meaning in self-fulfillment.

2 Scriptures:

- **John 8:44-47**
- **John 8:23 (ESV) — 23** He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.
- **John 18:36 (ESV) — 36** Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."
- **John 15:18–19 (ESV) — 18** "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. **19** If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.
- **1 John 2:15 (ESV) — 15** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

3 How does the secular spirit keep us from maturing in the supernatural?

- Secular spirit/Christianity creates a false sense of power through strategic success deceived by a self-centered love.
- Secular spirit/Christianity undermines the power of God because there is no true need for God.
- Secular spirit/Christianity naturally discriminates against other people groups because they don't live up to our perception of truth.
- Secular spirit/Christianity derives its power through accumulating as many personal experiences as possible, good and bad.

4 God's Response: Living by Spirit Rather Than Flesh

- **Galatians 5:16–17 (ESV) — 16** But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. **17** For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

Next Session: Moving-on Toward Maturity in the Supernatural