

Seven Letters To Seven Churches: What To Do About Spiritual Attacks (James 4:6-8)

I. Context

The believers in the churches of Pergamum & Thyatira were under severe spiritual attacks by the devil

We see 'Jezebel' attacking in the Old Testament and the New Testament

II. Spiritual Attacks

Oppression is different than possession

Christians believers cannot be possessed by a demon

We are indwelt by the Holy Spirit (*Romans 8:9-11, 1 Cor. 3:16, 6:19, 1 John 4:4*)

Christian believers can be oppressed or influenced by a demon

III. When does the devil spiritually attack believers?

The devil is sneaky & strategically waits for the most opportune time

1 Peter 5:8

IV. How does the devil spiritually attack believers?

1 Kings 19:1-18, Revelation 2:14,20

1:fear 2:depression 3:fatigue 4:insecurity 5:offense 6:negative thoughts

7:lack of spiritual passion/ferver 8:quitting your assignment

9:idolatry 10: temptation/addiction(immorality)

V. What do I do when I am under a spiritual attack?

James 4:6:8

Submit to God

...draw near to Him

...humble yourself

...repent

Resist the devil (1 Peter 5:9)

...hold fast

= the devil has to flee