

PYTHON SPIRIT

- I. In the book of Genesis we discover Satan manifesting through a serpent when he tempted Eve:
- A. Gen 3:1 Now the **serpent** was more cunning than any beast of the field which The Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You Shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"
1. Apostle Paul warns the Corinthian believers of the devil manifesting himself To them as a crafty snake:
 - a. 2 Cor 11:3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the **serpent** deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.
 2. We also find the devil described as a serpent in the book of Revelation
 - a. Rev 12:9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, **called the Devil and Satan**, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
- B. I want to speak to you today about a demonic spirit described in the bible as the **spirit of python**
1. Youngs translation & the Darby bible states it this way in:

Acts 16:16 And it came to pass in our going on to prayer, a certain maid, having a **spirit of Python**, did meet us, who brought much employment to her masters by soothsaying,

 - a. most translations of the bible say a "spirit of divination":
 - b. but the **Def** of the word **divination** means: a python
- C. I am not going to deal with the divination manifestation of this spirit: Rather I want to give you a comparison of how a python snake attacks & kills it's prey, which also is a description of how the "spirit of python" attacks believers:
1. a python snake patiently waits for it's prey and at the opportune moment strikes.
 - a. it sinks it's teeth deep into it's victim, but it's bite is not deadly
 2. a python is after one thing: **BREATH**:
 - a. the python snake coils its self around its victim and begins to squeeze the life out, little by little, as it grips tighter and tighter
 - b. it chokes and suffocates its prey until all the air is expunged from the prey's lungs
- D. **BREATH AIR, WIND** are symbols of the Holy Spirit
1. Gen 2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the **breath of life**; and man became a living being.
 2. Acts 2:1-4

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a **rushing mighty wind**, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and

3. The goal of the “spirit of python” is to squeeze the breath of God out from your life

- a. the spirit of python desires to squeeze the **anointing of the Holy Spirit** out from your life
- b. the spirit of python desires to squeeze the **life of the Holy Spirit** out from our personal lives & our church

E. there are four distinct times that the bible says “**GOD BREATHED**”

1. Gen 2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the **breath of life**; and man became a living being.

a. **Def Breath:** neshamah / air inhaled and exhaled

(1) God inhaled & exhaled in the garden and He created man

2. 2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is given by **inspiration** of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

a. **Def Inspiration:** theopneustos

(1) **theo:** God

(2) **pneo:** breath out

(a) Scriptures were divinely inspired / breathed out by God thru Holy Spirit

3. John 20:22 He **breathed** on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit"

a. Just as God breathed life into Adam in the garden, Jesus breathed on His disciples

(1) Only when you are Born Again & receive the breath of life from The Lord Through the Holy Spirit ... that the breath of eternal life comes into us

4. 2. Ezek 37:4 Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!

5 Thus says the Lord God to these bones: "Surely I will cause **breath** to enter Into you, and you shall live.

6 I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put Breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the Lord."""

9 Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, "Thus says the Lord God: "Come from the **four winds**, O **breath**, and **breathe** on these slain, that they may live."""

10 So I prophesied as He

commanded me, and **breath** came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

- a. The dry bones came a mighty army full of the breath of God which brings out life and hope out of hopelessness

II. Are you under attack by the spirit of python... that is trying to squeeze the breath Of God out of you? Do you Recognize the signs of being under attack from a “python spirit”? Here are some of it’s manifestations:

A. **LOSS OF SPIRITUAL DESIRE:**

1. It does not take place all at once, happens slowly
 - a. just as a python slowly, methodically, begins to tighten his hold on its prey to choke the spiritual breadth out from you
 - b. the python spirit slowly squeezes the breath of God out from you
2. Ps 63:1 O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.
2 So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.
 - a. Have you lost your desire for the things of God?
 - b. No longer faithful to the House of God. Sanctuary, local church...
 - (1) and now any little excuse stops you from attending the House of God
 - (2) or the cares of this world come before the House of God
 - (3) and you find yourself living in the midst of the warning found in that Describes the spiritually cold in heart before the coning of Jesus:
Heb 10: 25 “not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”
 - c. lost your hunger for seeing the power of God manifest in the church and in your life:
 - (1) attending church but just going thru the motions ... doing your duty... not Seeking God, not expecting his presence or a move of Holy Spirit..
 - (a) Ps 63:2 “So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and
 - (b) the python spirit wants to isolate you:
 - (1) get you inconsistent in attending church ... or out of church altogether
 - (2) out from Christian fellowship
 - (3) out from the spiritual covering of a pastor
 - (c) The python spirit gets you to believe the lie:
 - (1) you don’t need a pastor to watch over your soul (Heb 13:17)
 - (2) you do not need to submit to anyone (1 Pet 5:5)
 - (3) you do not need to have you life & ministry under spiritual, authority

(Matt 8:9)

(4) you do not need to attend church (Heb 10:25)

(a) All you need is your bible & praise & worship CD's

(1) as you believe that lie Your heart changes ... attitude changes

(a) Prov 18:1 "A man who isolates himself **seeks his own desire;**"

(1) "seeks his own desire"

(a) not seeking the will of God

(b) not seeking first the kingdom of God

© not love, nor compassion towards others

(1) seek his own desires Me, me, me Self, self, self

d. Are you no longer seeking God & according to 2 Tim 1:6 "**stir up the gift of God** which is in you"

(1) so the power of God & gifts of the Holy Spirit can manifest thru your life
In the sanctuary & out in everyday life

e. have you lost your hunger for the power of God and you:

(1) do not seek the **baptism of The Holy Spirit**

(2) or you are baptized in the Holy Spirit but no longer "pray in the Spirit"

Pray in tongues according to Jude 20 "building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,"

B. Are you facing constant: **EMOTIONAL FATIGUE:**

1. 1 Kings 19:1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.

3 And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, "It is enough! Now, Lord, **take my life**, for I am no better than my fathers!"

a. The prophet Elijah just wanted to die and go to heaven Emotionally tired from the battles of spiritual warfare he was facing....

(1) "**take my life**"

(a) lost his desire to live

(b) lost his desire for ministry

© lost his desire to flow in his anointing

b. does that describe you, feeling like you cannot go on ... cannot face another thing ... feeling hopeless & overwhelmed: & "take my life" has become your

confession

(1) now: you love God but the joy of living life is gone & no joy in your walk
With God, your marriage, your ministry

(a) that python spirit will try to squeeze “**Fruit of joy**” out from your life because
Joy is our source of supernatural strength:

(1) Neh 8:10 “**for the joy of the Lord is your strength.**”

c. **Learn to laugh at the devil:** & watch that python spirit begin to loosen it’s
grip on your life & see the strength of God return:

1. Prov 15:13 “A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance”

Prv 17:22 “A merry heart does good, like medicine,”

2. As Jesus hung on Calvary’s Cross....joy gave Him the strength He needed:

a. Heb 12:2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the
joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has
sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

(1) look toward the joy set before you, that is found in the promises of God’s
Word & tap into the Joy of The Lord & take your seat, as Jesus did:

(a) Eph 2:6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly
places in Christ Jesus

(1) the seat of joy, victory, healing, deliverance, etc.....

C. **HAVE YOU LOST YOUR PRAISE? NO DESIRE TO GET INTO GOD’S PRESENCE & JUST WORSHIP:**

1. Come to church and make no effort to enter in praise & worship

a. or maybe just go thru the motions of singing words ... but not with all of
your heart

b. hoping each song is the last song

2. It is a trap from the python spirit because “**NO WORSHIP MEANS NONRAIN**”

a. Zech 14:17 “And it shall be that whicheckver of the families of the earth do not
come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, on them there will
be **no rain**.”

(1) this passage of scripture is speaking of the people & nations who will not
Come to Jerusalem & offer their praise & worship unto Jesus as He rules
from His throne in Jerusalem for one thousand years

(2) but there is also a spiritual principle in this verse that apples to our life today:

(a) **Rain is a type and shadow** of the out pouring of the Holy Spirit & manifest
Presence of God:

(b) when a person ... especially a believer does not praise & worship The Lord

(1) there will be no spiritual rain, no out pouring of the Holy Spirit & presence
Of God upon their life, home & ministry

(2) with out rain: there will be **no harvest / blessings** ... There will be no fruit / Fruit of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer / eventually their will be No life / no life of God in the church or life of the believer

3. You must learn how to become a **RAIN MAKER**:

a. Our life needs rain, our families need rain, our cities need rain, our nation needs rain.....

b. & we create the rain thru our praise & worship unto Jesus

(1) Ps 150:6 “ Let everything that has **breath** praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!”

(a) Note the word **BREATH**:

(b) if you have the breath of God in you You are to praise The Lord

c. Don't let that python spirit squeeze the breath of praise unto God out from you

(1) open you mouth & sing unto The Lord

(2) lift you hands unto the Lord

(3) wave your hands as a wave offering unto the Lord

(4) clap you hands for Jesus

(5) dance before The Lord ... move those feet

(6) give the Lord a Shout ... and **become a Rain Maker!!!!!!!**

(a) make some spiritual rain clouds filled with the glory so He may send the rain of the Holy Spirit upon your life

4. **Worship changes the very atmosphere: USHERS IN CLOUDS OF GLORY!!**

a. because God inhabits / enthrones Himself in the midst of Praise & worship:

5. When it seems like you have nothing to praise about Break the hold of That python spirit by doing what the Prophet

a. Hab 3:17 Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines;
Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food;
Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls

18 **Yet I will rejoice in the Lord**, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

(1) **Def rejoice**: jump for joy

(1) Your praise will bring forth an **increase of harvest**:

(a) and put figs on your fig tree

(b) fruit on your barren vine

© replenish fresh anointing oil of the Holy Spirit in your life

(d) your fields will bring forth a harvest

(e) and fill your empty stalls with God's blessings & provision

(2) Praise will break the drought ... praise will bring forth the harvest &

Loose the hold of the python spirit in our life:

(a) Ps 67:5 Let the **peoples praise You**, O God; Let all the peoples praise

You.

6 Then the **earth shall yield her increase**; God, our own God, shall bless us.

D. Another sign of the python spirit is It causes you **to LOOSE YOUR HUNGER FOR THE WORD OF GOD:**

1. If the python spirit can squeeze out from you the hunger for the word of God:

a. he will also **drain you of your faith for believing God:**

(1) Rom 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

2. If the python spirit can squeeze out from you the hunger for the word of God:

He will rob you of revelation knowledge ... as well as the breath of God in you:

a. 2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is given by **inspiration** of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

(1) **Def inspiration:** Two Greek words:

(a) **Theos:** which means God

(b) **pneo:** which breathe out

(1) the word of God is divinely inspired, breathed out by God through the Holy Spirit

b. If you have lost your hunger for listening to, reading, studying the word of God

(1) the python spirit is squeezing out the inspiration of God, breathe of God from your life:

(2) at the same time reading your bible is like breathing in / inhaling God's breath into your spirit.

(3) have you lost your breath?

(a) look at your word life !!!!!!!

E. Which bring us to our next sign of being under the attack of the python spirit:

1. **HAVE YOU LOST YOUR PRAYER LIFE?**

a. **Reading** the word is like breathing in / inhaling the breath of God

b. **Praying** is like exhaling the breath of God

2. The goal of the python spirit is to squeeze the breath of God out from you:

a. if you have no breath You have no voice As well as no voice to pray

3. When the python spirit squeezes out & weakens our prayer life:

a. we become more vulnerable to temptations:

(1) Matt 26:40-41 "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, **lest you enter into temptation.** The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

(a) "...spirit willing, but the flesh is weak"

- (1) prayer is not a gift ... it is a discipline
- (2) it takes action, faith & persistence on our part
- (b) **“...lest you enter into temptation”**
 - (2) or making bad decisions that costs us in life & ministry
 - (a) we give into those things when our prayer life is weak or non-existent
- 4. Remember: **faith** comes from the word of God & **grace** comes thru prayer:
 - a. Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need
 - (1) be it obtaining mercy, forgiveness
 - (2) or grace to help in the time of need:
 - (a) grace to resist temptation
 - (b) grace to keep on going on
 - (1) “Come boldly to the throne of grace” Prayer

II. The python spirit will tempt you to compromise, just so you can survive:

A. How can we tell if a believer is in survival mode & has yielded to compromise, instead of living a life totally dedicated to Our Lord Jesus Christ:

1. You begin to speak another language:

- 2. Neh 13:23 In those days I also saw Jews who had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab.
 - 24 And half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and could not speak the language of Judah, but spoke according to the language of one or the other people.
- a. When Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls & gates of the city he discovered that many of the Jewish men had compromised the word of God
- b. They had married pagan women Violating the commandments God’s word to the children of Israel
- c. These individuals were in survival mode many of the Jews had been carried away into Babylonian captivity ... so they compromised the word of God by marrying pagan women
- d. The compromise in our life today may not be marrying an unbeliever
 - (1) But when the python spirit is squeezing the life & breath of God out from You You will be tempted to make choices of compromising the word Of God while in your survival mode

3. Here is how you can tell you have yielded to compromise:

- a. Just as they pagan women were unable to speak the Jewish language
- b. A compromised believer will also speak another language
 - (1) they will no longer speak the language of God
 - (2) no longer speak the word of God
 - (3) no longer speak the promises of God's word
 - (4) no longer sing His praises ... no longer sing a new song
 - (5) no longer speak the language of the Holy Spirit / pray in tongues
 - (6) no longer speak a word of their testimony of what Jesus has done for them
 - (7) they no longer speak by faith to the mountains they face in life & ministry
 - (a) because the breath of God has been squeezed out from their life by a spirit of python

III. The python spirit will cause you to **waste your time & life chasing the trivial** things in life:

A. Do you remember the story of Saul searching for his father's lost donkeys?
During his search he comes across the Prophet Samuel:

1. 1 Sam 9:17 So when Samuel saw Saul, the Lord said to him, "There he is, the man of whom I spoke to you. This one shall reign over My people."
18 Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, "Please tell me, where is the seer's house?"
19 Samuel answered Saul and said, "I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for you shall eat with me today; and tomorrow I will let you go and will tell you all that is in your heart.
20 But as for your donkeys that were lost three days ago, do not be anxious about them, for they have been found. And on whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not on you and on all your father's house?"
 - a. Saul was out bust chasing donkeys while at the same time God desired to make him the first king of Israel
 - b. Samuel Saul in vs. 20 **“do not be anxious about them”**
 - (1) Saul was chasing donkeys that were already found, instead of chasing his destiny
 - (2) What distraction may you be chasing, instead of pursuing the call of God That rests upon your life

B. Also the python spirit will cause you to not respond to the call of God once it has Been revealed to you:

1. 1 Sam 10:17-20

17 Then Samuel called the people together to the Lord at Mizpah,

18 and said to the children of Israel, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all kingdoms and from those who oppressed you.'

19 But you have today rejected your God, who Himself saved you from all your adversities and your tribulations; and you have said to Him, 'No, set a king over us!' Now therefore, present yourselves before the Lord by your tribes and by your clans."

20 And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was chosen.

21 When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was chosen. And Saul the son of Kish was chosen. But when they sought him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore they inquired of the Lord further, "Has the man come here yet?"

And the Lord answered, "There he is, **hidden among the equipment. / baggage**

- a. Samuel gathered the children of Israel together to place their king into office
 - b. Saul had already been prophesied over in regards to becoming the desire / king of Israel
 - c. and Saul is nowhere to be found !!!!!
 - d. then it is discovered that their next King ... Saul is hiding among the baggage
 - (1) When the big day arrived Saul was so weighed down & distracted by the Baggage ... that he could not step into his destiny ... he was hiding from The call of God
2. The python spirit will attempt to do the same thing in the life of the believer
- a. As it is squeezing the breath of God out from you:
 - (1) you then find yourself chasing donkey's trivial things ... wasting your life ... Wasting your time
 - b. as well as hiding from the call of God amongst your baggage you have accumulated in life
 - (1) Be it baggage from your past
 - (2) or the baggage of what you may e facing today
3. Refuse to e a donkey chaser ... and become a God chaser
- a. refuse to hide from the call of God in your life by using your baggage as an excuse
 - (1) you are called to e a king & priest (1 Pet 2:9 & Rev 1:6)
 - (a) don't be distracted
 - (b) don't hide from your calling
 - © focus on Jesus & answer the call of God upon your life