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GIG96 – The Spirit World And Anti-Semitism

I have done several podcasts about anti-Semitism, and I was burdened to do at least one more at this time, because of the issue of the spirit world and anti-Semitism – how the spirit world affects what really transpires around us relative to anti-Semitism. I think one of the problems that we find in the Church, the body of Christ, is that there is not a lot of understanding about spiritual warfare. I believe it is one of the areas that really lacks in some of the teaching; and it is very difficult for people to teach what they do not understand. But spiritual warfare is a reality, and our need as Christians to grow up in God and to mature in God is part of what is required for us to understand the world of spirit.

We know the Scripture says that they who are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God. But you have to be aware of the Spirit, if you are going to be led by the Spirit. There has to be an awareness of the spirit world, if you are going to be led and taught by the Holy Spirit. What Christ left for us, what God the Father provided for us, is the Holy Spirit – to be our teacher, to be the one who leads us and guides us. Yet it is very difficult, because the spirit world for us on a human level is invisible. It is something that seems to be very intangible, very difficult for many people to relate to, to understand; and it is easy to get deceived by things of the spirit world, because you must be able to know and understand and discern the spirit of error from the Spirit of truth.

We know the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. He comes as the Spirit of truth. He comes to lead us into all truth. But we must understand also that there is the spirit of error, and the error is what leads us into deception, leads us away from the things of God. If you are not able to know the difference between the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error, then you are very much in spiritual jeopardy in your walk with God. And the more we get into the time of the end, the more I think we are going to face the reality of spiritual influence that is coming upon the world, and coming upon the things that are happening within the world. We see this during certain times. We have talked about the crucifixion of Christ, the events that transpired around the cross. When we look at those events, we see that there was a great deal of spiritual influence, and this is the way things happen; whenever you are in very key time or a key moment, you will find that the spirit world ramps up, satan ramps up his influence upon the earth, upon the world, because there is an understanding on his part that something dramatic or dynamic is going to take place. That is the way it was surrounding the cross of Christ, around the crucifixion. Obviously, there is no greater time in the history of all mankind than the cross of Jesus Christ, of Yeshua, which brings salvation to the world; and everything satan could do to try to thwart that reality from transpiring, he sought to do. Therefore, we see that during the time of the cross, there was a great deal happening from the spirit world, and the influence of satan and the spirit world trying to drive what would take place.

Obviously, we see this in several Scriptures. In Luke 22, at verses 1-2, it says. “Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. The chief priests and the scribes were seeking how they might put Him to death; for they were afraid of the people.” Verse 3, “And Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, belonging to the number of the twelve.” So, very clear here, satan entered into the heart of Judas. We see this reality, that satan can enter into people. We read in

the Scripture about demon possession; and there are very clear Scriptures about it, such as the young man who was tormented by demons that would throw him into the fire and make him go into convulsions. It is all through the Gospels that there is a reality of the spirit world influencing human behavior, entering into human beings. We see this with the man called Legion, where he was filled with a legion of demons that gave him super powers and super strength. Everyone was afraid of him; he was not in his natural mind any longer. And we see that Yeshua delivers him from the legion of demons and casts them into the swine, which then run over the precipice and drown themselves, and the man comes back to his normal state. He wanted to walk with the Lord from that point on, and the Lord sends him out to be an evangelist. And we know that it was very effective, because in the ten cities on the other side of the sea of Galilee was tremendous evangelistic work, and many, many people believed. This was one of the first places where we see Yeshua moving in a way that brought evangelism of the Good News to the Gentile world, because those cities and those people on that side of the Sea of Galilee were, in fact, Gentiles. But the point is that this man Legion was influenced, he was filled with demons. So it is not unusual in the Gospels, it is not unusual in the Scripture, that we see spirits influencing.

We see it in the book of Job. We see satan himself appearing before God, saying, "Hey, look at this guy Job." And this whole interchange happens between satan and God surrounding Job; satan is allowed to go and destroy his family, destroy his wealth, destroy his goods. This is something that is very real. Now, either you don't believe in the Scriptures in a way where things like this actually transpired, and you think that it is, you know, fairy tales, or you think that it is stories that are just giving allusions or parables about something. If that is the way you believe about the Bible, then this podcast is not really what you need. You need something about the truth of the Scriptures being the absolute Word of God, and I pray for you over that reality. I personally believe that the Scriptures are speaking the truth, and I believe these events happen.

We see, surrounding Saul, when Saul was disobedient, that there was a spirit; evil spirits would come and fill him, or surround him, and torment him. Maybe we will read a few of those verses before this podcast is done. But I want us to be aware of the reality that the spirit world exists. I know it is very difficult for us as humans to work with the spirit world, but one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is the discerning of spirits; it is working with spirits. We should be aware of the Holy Spirit Himself, His voice to us; and we should be able to distinguish His voice and His Word from spirits that are spirits of deception, or spirits of error. So we must learn as we mature in God. As we grow in God, we must learn this world of spirit to the best of our ability, and we must not be influenced by evil spirits, by satan himself.

As we see here surrounding the cross, satan literally entered the heart of Judas, more than one time. He entered here in Luke 22, when he appears before the chief priests and the scribes. They were looking for a way to take Christ and put Him on the cross, or to kill Him; then we see satan entering the heart of Judas here, entering his heart, going into him, motivating him, driving him, giving him probably wisdom or understanding from a demonic realm. So this type of thing happens. And we see that when we go to the gospel of John, in chapter 13:2, it says, "During supper," speaking of the Last Supper, "the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him." So this had already happened; the effect of it had taken place in working with the chief priests. But when we go further into John the thirteenth chapter, we see that as Jesus leans back at the table, He is asked the question, "Who is it that betrays you?" In verses 26-27 of chapter 13, "Jesus then answered, 'That is the one for whom I shall dip the morsel and give it to him.'" So when He had dipped the morsel, He took and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. After the morsel, Satan then entered into him. Therefore Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly.'" Jesus realized, Yeshua realized, that now his actions were being motivated

and driven by satan, who was in Judas to accomplish these things. So listen, if satan himself felt like these actions surrounding this Passover were so important to history and to himself – because included, we know, in the cross is the judgment that comes upon satan – then how many demons were turned loose during this time? How many spirits, how much of the spirit world, the demonic forces, were called into play at this time of the crucifixion?

So, yes, we see and we read about all that was transpiring surrounding the cross, what people were doing, and being motivated in their actions. We know the high priest was being motivated in his actions. We know the elders were; we know that the children of Israel themselves were; we know the Romans were; everybody that was involved here was in one way or another, I believe, influenced by this demonic input into these events, and into this moment. And I think that when we lose that idea, number one, we misinterpret what was going on. This is where we hear a lot of the blame that says, “The Jews, they are the ones that put Jesus to death. They crucified Yeshua.” Well, it is not that cut and dried. It is not that clear. When you have something of this level of demonic input into a situation, it is like with Judas himself: satan entered his heart; he was motivating him. And at the same time, we know when satan left him, Judas was left with such deep remorse that he went and committed suicide. So he got his own mind back, you could say, like the man Legion; when the demons were cast out, he came back into his right mind. Judas at some point came back into his right mind. The problem with Judas was that he was not able to receive or find the grace of God.

Peter also violated, and was taken up in the moment, I am sure, very influenced by the spirits that were happening surrounding the events. That was part of his denial; he was motivated. I think everyone, all of these events, were motivated in some way or another. Now again, when that happens, it does not totally absolve the human instrument; it does not absolve the person from their actions. But you also cannot take away from the reality that their actions were being influenced and possibly even driven, like Judas was. I believe that Judas could have turned, when satan left him; he could have turned and found the grace of God. That was what the cross was all about – forgiveness of sin. We know that Christ Himself said, “Woe to the one who betrays Me.” But I think that is because Yeshua knew that Judas was not going to be able to find this place of grace; he was under such self-condemnation for what he had done that he went and hung himself. And we must be careful about this idea of condemnation and what it can make us do. We must be driven not to condemnation; we must be driven to the grace of God. It is there for us. It was there for Peter, no matter how horrible his denial was at that moment – to think about the fact that he left Christ at the hour of need, and left Him there under this influence. We know that he was able to come and find the grace of the cross ministered to him. We know there was the meeting between himself and Yeshua after the resurrection. And we see how God used Peter, as once he turned, as Yeshua said to him, “Once you have turned, strengthen your brethren also”; and so he was one who ministered the grace of God to those who had failed miserably during this time.

Now, again, like I am saying, we have to be very careful here, because I do not believe that the fact that we are motivated by spirits, or motivated even by satan himself, absolves us from our actions. We can see this in the book of Genesis. When Adam and Eve were disobedient, the curse and consequences still came upon them for their actions – even though it was very clear, and Eve herself said to the Father, “Hey, I was deceived. I was influenced by satan in what I did.” And God did turn and bring the judgment upon satan, the curse upon satan. But, it did not mean that Adam and Eve were just absolved, or freed from what they had done. They were not. They suffered the consequences of what they did. They were taken out of the Garden; they were blocked from the tree of life; they were under the curse, now a futility was upon the earth where they had to labor. So you see, there is a consequence of sin, whether

that sin is something that just is born out of your own personal disobedience, or whether it is something even that was motivated or tempted of you by satan. It does not matter, the consequence is there; but we have to realize that that consequence and that influence is still something very heavy.

Christ realized this at the time of the cross. This is why, after seeing satan enter the heart of Judas and Judas be driven out of the Last Supper, He then goes on to Gethsemane, where He warns the disciples; and we will read this out of Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter. Starting at verses 38-41, it says, "Then He said to them, 'My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me.' And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.' And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, 'So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour? Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.'" See, Yeshua recognized this reality, that when it comes to humans pitted against the spirit world, the flesh is weak. There is an advantage that the spirit world has over the human flesh, and over our minds and how we function. Part of that is because it is an invisible world, and many times it is difficult to think that you are really being possessed or driven by a spirit. But Jesus knew, Yeshua knew, and realized that this spirit was there. If you remember before this time, He said, "The wicked one comes, but he finds nothing in Me." See, Yeshua was the only one during this time who was free from any manipulation or temptation that was coming from satan himself, or from the demonic world; but the rest of the humans surrounding Him were very influenced by this. And Yeshua tells them, "Pray, that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing." Our spirits are willing, but our flesh is weak, and it is subject many times to the influence of these spirits. And that is what concerns me, because as we get more and more into the events of end time Scripture, we are going to see more and more of the influence of the spirit world coming to maneuver and manipulate.

We are in a situation such as that right now, as this podcast is being spoken, during the time of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. One of the comments I keep hearing over and over by intelligence agents, who have worked for years in a relationship with Putin, is, "This is not the same man. We do not know what he is going to do. We could have told you weeks ago what he would do, but now we cannot tell you." Listen, if you think this is not being manipulated, if you think events in the world now are not being manipulated by satanic forces, by the devil himself, you are deceived. You need to get out of that. What do you do? Do what Christ said, pray. Pray that you enter not into temptation. You need to take this and close yourself into your private place with God, and you need to really begin to seek Him about your lack of understanding of the spirit world, and your lack of realization of how it may be influencing you – certainly of how it is influencing the things of the world around us.

We have been talking about the Holocaust. Certainly, we understand that the Holocaust was something that was manipulated a great deal. Hitler himself was manipulated by these things of the spirit world. Now, again, it does not absolve the German people; it does not absolve Hitler of his actions. But for us, as saints of God, not to be aware of how these things happen – how you take a population like that and turn it into a killing machine – this is not something that takes place and transpires just from a natural realm of circumstances. There are forces behind that; and we are at a place of seeing those forces begin again to move in this age, to move in this world, and to begin to influence and manipulate the circumstances and the unfolding of history around us. Because the Scriptures are clear that these things will happen in the end time, that there is a time of great tribulation that comes; and during this time of tribulation, there are events that transpire, tremendous events against Israel, against the Jewish people. My heart cry is that you be free from every root of anti-Semitism, and every openness in the weakness

of your flesh to anti-Semitism; because if you are not, you are going to be driven by the spirit world to participate in events that are going to be very destructive. We are going to see an attempt of more Holocaust-type events that come against the children of Israel.

Read the Scriptures. Look at what is prophesied. Look at the book of Revelation, look at Ezekiel, look at some of these other Scriptures that talk about the things that happen. These will be driven and motivated by spirits that are going to be turned loose as the army of satan against God's plan to bring forth His Kingdom in this hour. And we know that as the cross was the time, and the crucifixion was the time, in which God was moving to save all mankind, so satan was moving to try to destroy the Christ before He could be the Lamb of God that was able to give His life and be the sacrifice necessary for salvation to come for all of humankind. So these are things of reality. I wish we could wake up in the body of Christ. I wish we could enter into this prayer. This was Christ's answer. He says it again in Luke 22:46. He goes, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not enter into temptation." This is a time when the body of Christ needs to get up, get out of your sleepiness, start praying to God that you not enter into temptation, that we not be subject to deception of the spirits that will move and try to manipulate the events that transpire during this time.

We know that not just out of Old Testament prophecies, but Scriptures in the New Testament talk about the influence that the spirits are going to have during the time that we live in. Second Thessalonians 2 – I am going to read several verses here, but it is very important that you get this. Starting at verses 1-2, it says, "Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come." So Paul at this time was very concerned about the people of Thessalonica being shaken by a spirit that was coming to manipulate them, to bring deception about the coming of the Lord and what would transpire at the coming of the Lord. Verses 3-4, "Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God." So again, we see, these things of the end are going to play out on the Temple Mount, in the temple of God. There is going to be a great deal of deception that is surrounding it all, because this man, the son of destruction, is going to hold himself up in the temple to be God.

Verses 5-10, "Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things? And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved." So we see that this is going to take place and transpire with a great deal of deception, the deception of wickedness, the activity of satan that is coming surrounding the time of the end. Lord, help us to be aware. Give Your people the discerning of spirits. Give us the perception to understand the truth from the lie, the Spirit of truth from the spirit of error.

In Verse 11, he says, "For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false." We are going to see that; well, we are already seeing it. You do not know what to

believe in this day and age. We talk about false news; there are so many lies, so much false information that exists in the world today, and it comes for one thing – it comes to manipulate you. It comes to drive you into certain actions or responses because of those deluding influences that are in your mind of what you begin to believe; and you begin to believe what is false. God is going to have to deliver us. But I am telling you, we as the body of Christ must grow up. We must become adept at spiritual warfare. We must know the influence and the power of spirits to influence us, just as they have always influenced people throughout the Scriptures, and in the Gospels. Lord, give us wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You to be able to face these days.

In Second Timothy 4:2-4, it says, “Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.” We are going to live in an age of deception. We are going to live in an age of myths, in an age of falsehood. And who is the lie? Satan is the lie, and he is the father of the lies. Everywhere the lie exists, it is him and his presence. Lord, give us the discerning of truth. Let us know the truth. It is the truth that will set us free in this age.

In First Timothy 4:1-2, it says, “But the Spirit explicitly says that in latter times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron.” This is going to get more and more difficult as we move ahead. We are in a time now, I believe, of preparation, where we still can reach into God. We can still seek God with all of our heart. We can do as it talked about in Second Chronicles 7, we can repent of our wicked ways. We can humble ourselves. We can seek His face. We can go after Him, and believe for Him to equip us for these days. As Christ said, “At that time, the wicked one comes, but he finds nothing in Me.” Let us, as the body of Christ, come to the point of that same experience of maturity of sonship in this hour, where when he comes, when this demonic world is unleashed against us in these times, we will be able to say, as Christ said, “The wicked one comes, but he finds nothing in me.”

One of the reasons I am concerned about this and its influence upon us relative to Israel, the Jewish people, and anti-Semitism, is the Scriptures that are in Revelation the twelfth chapter. I encourage you to read it. Revelation 12, start at verse 1, go at least through verse 13, and read the things that come upon this earth. And we see that what happens, it is the story of the birth and the ascension of Yeshua and what transpires after that. I will read some of these verses. 1-4: “A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth. Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.”

Now tell me this is not the story of the coming forth of Christ. We see the woman, Israel, giving birth to Yeshua, the son of God; and the dragon was there from the very beginning. From the moment He was born, there was the drive of satan to destroy Him and to kill Him before He could go to the cross as the Lamb of God, which was made perfect before God in His obedience and therefore was able to become the source of salvation for all humanity. And so he stands even at the very moment of birth, waiting to

devour the Child. Verses 5-6, "And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne. Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days."

So then we go into this war of the heavens; because we know that when Christ ascended into heaven, we know the heavens must retain Him until the restoration of all things, and that every enemy must be made the footstool of Christ's feet. Therefore, satan and all of his hoards had to be cast out of the heavens. You say, "That sounds strange to me. What are you talking about?" Well, go back to the book of Job and the story of Job, where satan was in heaven, speaking with God, challenging God. And God let him go to challenge Job. So we see that satan, at a point up until the ascension of Christ, had access into the heavens. But once He ascended, and the process began of every enemy being made the footstool of Christ's feet, then we see that satan, the old serpent, was cast down. It says in verses 9-11, "And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony.'" So this is what happens; he is cast down. The devil is cast down.

In verses 12-13, it says, "For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them." However, "Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time.' And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child." And the story goes on. But we see this play out; ever since the time of Yeshua's Ascension to the right hand of the Father and the casting out of satan, he has had a target, and that target is Israel, the Jewish people, seeking to destroy them. You say, "Well, they have already brought forth Yeshua, why would the devil care about them? Is he just mad that they did that?" No. It is because of the part that they still play in the end time and the bringing forth of the Kingdom. They are a key. Read the prophecies. It is very clear, according to Scripture, what the Jewish people accomplish, what God does in them and through them in the last days. And so satan, knowing and understanding that, comes down to earth, seeking to destroy them; he has been seeking to destroy them ever since the ascension of Christ into the heavens. And it is very, very important that we, as the body of Christ, not be sucked into his deception and be assisting him in the destruction of Israel and the Jewish people.

We have already seen a time like this, during World War II, when out of the doctrines of the Church came what was necessary, or used by Hitler, to destroy the Jewish people in the Holocaust; and there are the same spirits at work in this day and age. We need to be aware. We need to have the discernment, the revelation, to know and understand that this deception will come against the world to have them rise up against Israel and against the Jewish people, to be a destruction of their very existence. This will be something prevalent in the end time. It is becoming more and more prevalent now, as we speak; and God has to help us. He has to give us, as the body of Christ, as the Church, the ability to cast out every root of anti-Semitism in our hearts, and to have the discernment and the revelation of the truth not to be caught up in the lies and the deception of satan – which will be surrounding the atmosphere, and invading the atmosphere, as it did during the time of the crucifixion of the Lord, seeking to drive and manipulate humanity into doing the will of satan in the end time.

Lord, help us with this. I pray that your hearts will be enlightened; that the revelation of the Lord will come with these words; that you will find your ability to go into your closet and close the door behind you, and as Yeshua talked to the disciples, begged the disciples, pray that you not enter into temptation.

Lord, deliver us from this temptation; but deliver us by giving us the wisdom and the knowledge and the understanding of Your truth. We pray this, in the name of Yehoshua HaMashiach. Amen.