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PREFACE

In the years since I brought this teaching at Win Worley's church in the Chicago area, I have had numerous responses from people who either watched the video or listened to the audio recorded that day. Later, a lady took the time to transcribe the teaching since it had meant so much to her in her walk with the Lord.

Every time I would come upon the transcription while searching my files, I would think about publishing it, but I felt it would need too much editing to get it from the oral form to the written one. I finally decided to overcome my degree of perfectionism and make it available to the Body of Christ knowing full well the Holy Spirit inspired it.

Regardless of the spoken style, I believe the message is intact and clear enough to help bring understanding, edification and deliverance to any believer with an overcomer's attitude. The Lord has shown me much more about this spirit which I hope to also publish in the near future.

May the Lord use it for His glory and your blessing.

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Most people that have the Leviathan spirit never get the deliverance they need because that is what Leviathan does—keep one from getting delivered. Most ministers who won't open up to the ministry of deliverance have a Leviathan spirit as do most of the people who fight this ministry; as a consequence, they don't get delivered either. I think that is one of the reasons we don't know as much about this spirit as we could because we don't get to tackle him as much.

Let's start with a word study, beginning in Strong's Concordance: 3882 [livyathan /liv·yaw·thawn/] n m. From 3867; TWOT 1089b; GK 4293; Six occurrences; AV translates as "leviathan" six times. 1 leviathan, sea monster, dragon. 1A large aquatic animal. 1B perhaps the extinct dinosaur, plesiosaurus, exact meaning unknown.

A brother in our congregation received some revelation about this when he did a study of the constellation Orion. He found that in this constellation there are seven stars and each one of them has a name. There are times that God, even yet, will lead us to go to the stars as a strategy to blow Leviathan out. We will name the stars. Pleiades is one of them and Articus is another. There are seven demons sometimes tied in with Leviathan and when you cast these out, you can get him out of there.

Other words for leviathan are: to twine, to unite, to remain. This doesn't seem too helpful except for the fact that he is a serpentine-like demon—he is a strongman.

We find the word six times in the Old Testament from the root "lawa" which means to bend, to twist. It literally means to wreath, like a wreath, to be wreathed, gathering itself in folds and the context suggests some form of an aquatic monster that dwells in the sea. In Scripture when we talk of the "sea," we are talking about "people." The sea is people. "The voice of many waters" is the voice of many people in the Book of Revelation.

In Psalm 74:14 there is a reference to Pharaoh and to the Exodus paralleling with another Hebrew word "tannon," which means "see a river monster."

We find the word again in Ezekiel 29:3-5: The symbolism here is the Pharaoh and the Egyptian. So, there is an Egyptian spirit tied in with this, which is the spirit of the world—worldliness.

In Job 3:8 we find that the word for leviathan here is a dragon that, according to popular ancient mythology was supposed to have caused the eclipse of the sun by wrapping itself around the sun. The people of ancient mythology believed this is what caused eclipses of the sun. This is how big and powerful they thought this monster to be

As we dug into this some more, we saw that Leviathan was considered a mythical monster perhaps to be identified with the Babylonian mother goddess Timat whose father was Apsu who in the creation story (not God's creation story but the mythological story) had a battle against Marduk. The way it battled Marduk was by reciting charms and casting spells on Marduk. It's warfare was witchcraft.

A CONNECTION WITH THE STARS

We can find, with some more study in the Word, that leviathan was a seven-headed monster, referring back to the Orion constellation which had seven stars—seven-heads being the seven stars. Leviathan is described as a fleeing serpent and the torturous serpent smitten by Baal. This takes us back into the language of Isaiah 27:1.

"In that day The Lord with His sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan, the piercing serpent, even leviathan, that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea".

Now see this dragon in the sea, and the sea is people. God is going to slay that dragon and I believe he is starting now. I think we are going to have to realize that we are already there. We are in it now; we are in tribulation now. I began to think about all the suicides and all the things that are going on in the world that people are succumbing and falling victim to that God's people are not. We are already overcomers. There are things that do not bother me anymore. I have overcome them in the sexual area, in the drug area and so on. They are out there for the world and they are falling like flies. Some Christians are falling because they are not getting into deliverance. They are not getting free.

The noun leviathan might also designate the word "serpent" such as might be roused by snake charming magicians who are also reputed to impose curses. Snake charming curses are involved here.

There is another root "lawa" in the Hebrew and the Strong's word is 1087. It is used once in Ecclesiastes 8:15 and refers to the joining of an item or a person to someone or something else. It's a word that means to join together something to something else. It's a joining together word and it most significantly refers to foreigners who join God's people as converts. So, there is a joining here of an alien thing to God's people. In general, I think it refers to the way in which hedonistic pleasures can cling to a man.

Let's look at Ecclesiastes 8:15:

"Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry; for that shall abide with him of his labor the days of his life, which God giveth him under the sun".

This says that such vanity will cling to a man and will stay with him. So there is that clinging; that writhing; that twisting caught up with a man internally.

Now, let's go to Job 41. We don't have time to go into this whole chapter, but as we've meditated on this and dealt with this spirit, God has, I believe, shown us some things here. Job 41:1:

"Canst thou draw out leviathan with a hook, or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down?"

LEVIATHAN AND SCHIZOPHRENIA

A brother in our congregation came from a real hard background. He was a career army officer and was in Vietnam. He came out of Vietnam with his brain scrambled. The VA adjudged him to be 100% disabled as a schizophrenic. He showed up on our doorstep one day after hearing our radio program. I have never seen such a battle in all of my life and it is not over yet. One of the interesting things that happens is that he has to go back every month to see a psychiatrist to maintain his disability, which I think he deserves, at least for a while. He went through some horrible things in Vietnam. He came to me and he said, "I am so much better. I'm not schizophrenic anymore. What am I going to tell them when I go back for my interview?"

I said "What do they want to find out?"

He said, "They just want to know that I am still crazy."

I said, "Go back and tell them what happened to you.

It worked! Praise God, it worked. (They still think he is crazy because he told them demons were cast out of him.)

Now, that was a Word of wisdom from The Lord.

This brother has been digging into Job a lot and I believe he discovered something. He came in one day and it just slipped out of his mouth as I was ministering to him. He said: "You know behemoth (in Job 40) is the WILL of man. That is what God is talking about there. That big old sluggish animal that doesn't move too fast and is so strong and so brassy and so hard to budge. You know, that is our will, and I really believe that leviathan is the self, the self of man."

Something rang in my spirit and as I have been digging there I see that more and more. Job and his friends were in this debate with God. Have you noticed in the Book of Job, the whole context is this debate that has been going on and finally God comes down and says, "I have had enough of this," and begins to talk about what has been said in the preceding chapters. God says: "You had better gird yourself up now, Job, because I am going to demand an answer of you. In chapter 38 and verse 4 He says: "Where waste thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding." In verse 31 we see: "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of the Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?"

LEVIATHAN IS A SPIRIT

Finally, the whole culmination of the revelation that God gives this man of God—this righteous man of God—is about leviathan—a whole chapter about leviathan. Some people say it is a crocodile, or it is this and that. Well baloney! It is a spirit. God is saying something when He gives a whole chapter in His Word for one "crocodile," so to speak. It is a spirit and there is revelation here about such a spirit. There is something for us here, and we haven't even gotten all of it yet but let us take what we do have and go with it.

This is one of the types of studies I have gotten into because I love to see personalities become Jesus-like and, the only way that I have ever seen that happen is through deliverance.

I was in psychology for a few years and was assistant director of a treatment center for emotionally disturbed children in Tyler, Texas. My wife and I worked with the drug and psychological therapy. We used non-directive counseling, behavior modification, primal scream, hypnosis—the whole bit. I have been there. And let me tell you something. You can take all of that and throw it in Lake Michigan. I now know why God had me wade through that junk, because it makes me that much stronger as a deliverance minister. Deliverance is where it happens. Men hate this because it hits them right where they live and it hits their pride.

WHO AM 1?

"Me have a demon? Me have one of those things in me? Not me. "I am a Christian. I am holy. I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus." Sure you are, by faith, but there is a self in there. There is a real you in there somewhere, and I know a lot of you needing deliverance don't know who you are. That saddens me. That puts compassion in me more than anything because I used to be there. I didn't know who I was. "Who am I? Am I this person who gets angry and blows his top? Goes off and drinks and does this and does that? Can't get along with my wife and can't really love my children like I want to. Is that really Steve Bell?"

Somehow, I knew inside that was not really me. I knew there was something really wrong and I couldn't put my hand on it and that is one of the reasons I got into psychology, I was looking for answers for me. Praise God, when I began to get deliverance and found out that some of these things that I thought were Steve Bell weren't Steve Bell at all, but were demon spirits and that God had done something inside Steve Bell, that real self, that was beautiful and good.

SHYNESS IS DEMONIC

I always tell people that God never created a shy person. If you have a problem with shyness, that is demonic, He did not create you to be a wallflower. That is not the self that God created. There is a problem there and you need deliverance of rejection, fear of rejection, insecurity and inferiority. There are some things tied in there, see? I am showing you something here that is a false personality. There is not true delivered Christian that is shy. After genuine deliverance, you are going to be able to flow in love and others are going to be able to love you.

That self, where when you get down there to that true self and to what is going on down there, you will find that's where leviathan really gets hold. He is the writhing serpent and has those seven heads. I have never seen him in the spirit, but he must be ugly. There is a part down there where you deal with leviathan and get rid of him. There is still self and will down there that wants to say: "This is as far as I am willing to go." If this is the case, that is as far as you will go in the Lord.

THE OLD SELF

Let us get back into the Scriptures here, verse 8, Job 41: "Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more."

Leviathan will really give you a battle and what does that remind you of? That old self. That old self that doesn't want to reveal things—doesn't want anybody to know. Did you used to go to one of those churches where you didn't let anybody know what your problems were? I did. I Grew up in one. My mother used to say: "Don't you tell anybody anything about us. What if they found out at the church? What if the preacher found out about this?"

I have people come to me all the time asking me to minister to them. When they start to tell me their problems, I ask if they have talked to their pastor. "Oh I wouldn't want him to know about this." they say. (What kind of pastor is that?) And I say: "You know, you had better get you another pastor."

If we can't open up in the church, what are we going to do? "Well, I'll go to the prayer closet," some say. Listen, God has fixed it so you can't do all you need to get done in the prayer closet. Now there are some important things there, but He is forcing us to get out there and rub against each other. That old "rock" comes out to church and it is all jagged, has rough edges on it and is ugly so God says, Okay, I am going to have to smooth this thing up before I can put it up in the wall." Then He finds somebody that will come up and just rub you (usually wrong) real good.

RUBBING AGAINST OTHERS

Our church started with five people in our living room and the Lord brought me a faithful brother that I detested. He was just as opposite of me of anything you would want to know. But he wouldn't leave me. He came up to me and said, "Steve, here is my tithe check." And I said, "Tithe check? We don't have a church." And he said to me: "God said to me that you were my pastor, take it." (Praise God, we lived on that for a while, that is all we had.) He would follow me

around. Sometimes, I would slip-up and say that I was going to so-and-so and he would say, "Can I go with you?" The Lord just let him rub on old Steve Bell and rub on him. Now, every time I think about Fred I want to weep because he stuck with me. He had the revelation of deliverance. Lots of time he would say, "Let's do some deliverance, let's do some deliverance." And I'd say, "No." Actually, I tried to get out of this thing. I have a sermon I teach on TWELVE WAYS I TRIED TO GET OUT OF DELIVERANCE. I ought to teach it. It would save a lot of you a lot of trouble. Forget it! If demons are starting to manifest when you are trying to minister to people, don't try to get out of it, just accept it. Don't fight it like I did.

So, God is trying to do a work in us. He is going to cause us to rub against each other. If you are really sincere with The Lord, He is going to bring you out amongst people and rub you together. In Proverbs it says: "Iron sharpens iron."

SHUT OFF FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT

Job chapter 41:15-16:

"His scales are his pride, shut up together as with a close seal. One is so near to another, that no air can come between them."

Now what does air remind you of? What does breath remind you of? The spirit. People get so shut in because of the effects of this leviathan that coils around them that there is no way the Spirit can move. They can't hear the Holy Spirit, they can't discern Him. They say, "I never get a word from God. How come The Lord never speaks to me? How come I never move in the gifts like some people do?" There is no breath of the Spirit able to get in there because this thing has such a strangle hold. The root of this is pride. It is pride.

A TONGUE OF FIRE

Verses 17-25:

"They are joined to one another, they stick together, that they cannot be sundered. By this neezings a light doth shine, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning (or the rays of dawn). Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out."

What does this remind you of? What James says about the tongue. What does it do? It kindles the fire, so we see some more of the tongue problem that comes from leviathan. Let him get loose in the church and let some of that fire come out and he will set the whole world on fire if you don't watch him.