HELEN SANDERS 6-4-2025 SPIRIT OF DECEPTION

I have heard people say, "How can people be so blind to be so easily led astray"? That certainly is a question that many are asking with Covid19, masks, vaccinations, shutdowns, quarantines, deaths, war, hatred, political unrest and so much more that has happened in the last five years.

Could there be a spirit behind this? The answer is yes. The spirit behind deception is the spirit of python. Perhaps you have heard of it and perhaps you have not.

It comes from the scriptures in Acts chapter 16 where Paul is followed about by a "soothsayer" or fortune teller. This woman was possessed with a spirit of divination. It troubled Paul constantly and finally he commanded it to come out of the woman.

Divination comes from the Greek Word <u>Puthon</u> which means "python." This snake is very subtle. It does not bite its victims; it wraps itself around them and then squeezes them to death. This spirit is prevalent throughout the world at this time deceiving people. It collaborates with other spirits also, like the spirit of Jezebel. Jezebel is a negative spirit that wants to take control. It is not limited to just women; men can be controlled by this spirit also. Just speaking negative words over yourself and others opens the gate for python and Jezebel to enter into your lives. It blinds the eyes to those it attacks and has one purpose and that is to destroy and kill its victim.

Here are some of the symptoms of this spirit:

Money dried up
Depression
Fatigue
Spiritual Dullness
Ministry failure
Constant sickness
Cloudy in your thought life

If you are not getting the victory in any of these areas, then consider that the spirit of python is wrapped around you. You must take authority over it in the name of Jesus and cut it off with the sword of the spirit. If YOU have been speaking negative words, then you must repent, or these spirits will not leave. Ask the Lord to show you any areas in your life that need to be changed, then repent, and ask the Holy Spirit to fill you where the spirit left a void. Do not be deceived, you must purpose in your heart not to be negative anymore. Speak life over yourself and over others.