The Power of the Seductress

Let's face it. This earth is full of beautiful women and when a man has not been delivered from the lust of his flesh (sexual perversion) or the lust of his eyes (greed), he will want to sample as many of these women as possible. After all, the sight of beautiful women caused the sons of God (angels) to leave their heavenly abodes and take fleshly wives for themselves. This is to help you to understand the power of beauty. Now imagine this: The Bible never said that the women who caused the sons of God to fall had seduced them, meaning, their fall had everything to do with themselves and not so much the women. With that being said, if the sight of a woman is powerful enough to cause an angel to fall, how much more powerful is a woman who intentionally seduces a mere man? Beauty can be deceitful and it can be, has been and still is used by the enemy to snare any man who does not possess wisdom or any man of God who is not clothed in the whole armor of God.

Beauty in itself is powerful, especially when a woman is clothed with it and Satan knows this. He realized that he could use the very help meet that God created for mankind to seduce men into sin. Powerful men can overcome other men of noble strength, but when the blessing or crown that God calls a woman steps on the scene, she has the power to bring down an entire family, army or nation of men. Even though she is physically weaker than a man, a woman possess a great power that can rob a man of his strength (authority), thus, rendering him powerless. For this reason, the enemy has created an army of women to carry out his purposes in the earth and they are called seductresses. At the same time, this is the very reason God tells wives to submit to their husbands, or in other words, reside under the authority of their husbands to ensure that they do not tap into the wrong authority. A sexually active woman with no covering (husband) will almost always recognize the power she has and will use it for her own gain. This power should not be tapped into and this is why God does not want us to enter sexual immorality. People can sin against Heaven in many ways, but fornication is the one sin that is not only against God, but it is a sin against one's self (see 1 Corinthians 6:18).

The Bible is full of warnings about the infamous seductress. In reading the Word, you come to understand how many powerful men of God were ensnared by the wiles of a seductress, with the first man being Adam. When Eve brought the forbidden fruit to Adam, she seduced him, but her seduction wasn't necessarily sexual. Instead, she used the power of familiarity and the power of her words. This is first to get you to understand that seduction isn't always sexual. To seduce means "to lead astray". Satan's goal is to lead the sheep astray so that he can devour them. You see, when you're in the will of God, you're under the care of the Shepherd, Jesus Christ, and the wolf (Satan) cannot attack or devour you because he would have to get past Christ to do so. We all know that this is impossible, so the enemy has to seduce the sheep away from the Shepherd. The enemy has to get the sheep to go into sin, and once a child of God has been ensnared by sin, the enemy can attack him at will. Of course, God decides how far the enemy can go in his attack. Oftentimes, if the ensnared believer has fallen into the pits because of their lack of knowledge, God will cover them with His mercy and allow that believer's fall to be the very catalyst that causes him to seek knowledge. Think of it this way. If you fell into a literal pit, you'd want to know how to get out of that pit and once you're free from it, you'll want to know how you fell into it. This is the pursuit of knowledge, although, this knowledge was pursued only after an experience. Every person who seeks knowledge isn't seeking the depths of knowledge to understand the spiritual nature of a thing, but oftentimes, people simply want to acquire surface knowledge, meaning, they want to know where they went wrong, who led them astray, what caused them to fall, how to get back up again and how to avoid that pit in the future.

If the believer has fallen into the pit of rebellion, the grace of God will cover him, but because he's knowledgeable, what he gains in that fall won't necessarily be knowledge. Instead, it will be confirmation, meaning, he obviously did not believe the Word of God, therefore, he decided to test God. Anytime we fall into rebellion, our punishment is far greater than that of a person who fell because of ignorance. At the same time, because rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft (see 1 Samuel 15:23), a person who falls into it will fall into a deeper pit than someone who's fallen because of lack of knowledge. This means that it will take far more effort and far more time for that person to be freed from the pit he is in. It took Israel forty years to come out of the wilderness because they knew better. They'd witnessed the power of God, yet and still, they'd risen up against God countless times by murmuring and complaining. The point is: when a man of God falls into the pit of a seductress, it is oftentimes hard for him to recover, albeit, not impossible. Understand that a seductress is a pit designed by the enemy to cause both simple and wise men to be ensnared by their own lusts. A seductress has two assignments and they are:

1. To lead men away from God so that the enemy can ensnare them.

2.To create a soul tie with these men, thus, allowing the enemy to bind them. This makes it hard for an ensnared man to get away from his captor and even worse, to even realize that he's been ensnared. Once a man finds himself in darkness, it is hard, if not impossible, for him to know what's causing his downfall (see Proverbs 4:19).

The seductress serves as a beautiful distraction, or better yet, she's spiritual anesthesia. In other words, a man who's been smitten by her will oftentimes not feel the sting of the enemy devouring him because he's distracted by the lust of his eyes and the lust of his flesh. The seductress herself is oftentimes distracted as well. Please understand that most women who the enemy uses to seduce men into sin do not realize that they are seductresses or that they are being used by the enemy. Satan ensnared them by showing them something they wanted as well. In other words, they too were ensnared by the lusts of their eyes or the lusts of their flesh.

With women, the enemy often uses an almost perfect system to ensnare them. He firsts launches an attack against their views of themselves. He does this through molestation, rape, parental rejection, fads, social pressures, ungodly religious views, ungodly associations, etc. His goal is to cause the woman to feel that she's not worthy of the things she desires, including the love of a good man (husband). This causes her to feel inferior to other women who she believes to have whatever it is that she so desires. When a woman feels inferior to other women, she becomes increasingly competitive towards other women. The enemy then convinces her that even though she's not deserving of the life she desires, she can still have it, but other women who aren't as deserving as she is has stolen her opportunity from her and she needs to do whatever she has to do to get it back. This ungodly lesson is oftentimes established or confirmed through a broken relationship of her own whereas another woman came along and seduced her boyfriend or husband out of the relationship with her. As you can see, the enemy first breaks her heart before he begins to use her. He then creates a domino effect of pain and pleasure that keeps the lost and the backslidden falling every time they attempt to get back up.

Next, he changes her perception of men. This ensures that she does not maintain any lifelong relationships, but instead, causes her to become even more manipulative when her heart is involved. Of course, this leads to broken relationships and broken hearts.

Once a woman's heart is broken and her perception of herself has been twisted, the enemy will then begin to show her ways that he says she can recover it all. He allows her to see the beautiful woman that she is and he helps her to understand the power of her body. This is the creating of the seductress. Once the woman considers the forbidden fruit that Satan is tempting her with, he begins to empower her to lead men astray. He places powers in certain parts of her body. That's why some women have powerful (seductive) eyes whereas others have powers in their breasts, hips, butts and legs. **Proverbs 6:25-26 (KJV):** Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids. For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

2 Peter 2:14 (ESV): They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls. They have hearts trained in greed. Accursed children!

The seductress, spiritually speaking, is a sorceress who uses her body or her words to ensnare others. Understand that manipulation is witchcraft just as the sin of rebellion is witchcraft, both of the which the seductress uses to gain ground on her prey. Again the seductress is being led astray by a desire she has, and oftentimes that desire is to have a husband and a family. More often than not, her desire is to have a certain type of husband. Maybe she wants a rich husband or she wants a particular man who is currently unavailable to her. Either way, her desires for the man or men in her view have nothing to do with God or building His kingdom. They are entirely self-centered. Satan uses her ungodly desires or lusts to ensnare her and then, he teaches her how to use her body and her words to ensnare men. Most seductresses don't know that they are being used by the enemy to ensnare men. Instead, they are simply pursuing the lusts of their ungodly hearts. The seductress is full of voids and she believes that whatever it is that she's pursuing is going to make her life better and easier. She does not consider the hurt that she causes because the enemy has clouded her thinking with thoughts of herself. Most seductresses don't even make good mothers because they will almost always put their desires over the needs of their children. Of course, this is the enemy's way of creating voids in her children to ensure that they don't break free of the generational curses that their mothers are either following through with or have established.

Seductresses are so powerful that they can entice powerful men of God and cause them to wander away from God. Delilah was one such woman. Her beauty distracted Samson, but her words ensnared him. A seductress's real power is in her words and not so much her body. Her body is the lure that the enemy uses to entice men, but her words are the weapons he uses to capture them. At the same time, her perceived weakness and reliance on a man causes men to put their guards down.

Proverbs 2:16-19 (ESV): So you will be delivered from the forbidden woman, from the adulteress <u>with her smooth words</u>, who forsakes the companion of her youth and forgets the covenant of her God; for her house sinks down to death, and her paths to the departed; none who go to her come back, nor do they regain the paths of life.

Proverbs 5:3-4 (ESV): For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil, but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.

Proverbs 6:23-24 (ESV): For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life, to preserve you from the evil woman, <u>from the</u> <u>smooth tongue of the adulteress</u>.

The seductress has destroyed many men, families, children and churches, but she's not fully at fault. Again, she has been led astray by her own lustful desires, but the men she ensnares are themselves led astray by the ungodly desires of their wicked hearts. The imaginations of a man will cause him to stumble, but once he has wandered away from God in his heart, the seductress is the lure that Satan uses to cause him to get out of God's will physically. That's why God tells us to cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God (see 2 Corinthians 10:5).

The enemy uses the seductress to reduce men to a loaf of bread, meaning, make them editable for him. Satan can only devour a person who is in sin; he cannot devour a submitted Christian. A man led astray by the seductress is not operating in a sober mind, but more so, he's under the influence of lies, or better yet, he is bewitched. When Paul asked the Galatians who had bewitched them so that would not obey the truth, he was asking them for the name of the person or people who'd seduced them. This means that he recognized that the Galatians were under the influence of some doctrine, and of course, any doctrine that is unsound or unbiblical is referred to as a doctrine of devils. Lies are demonic scriptures taken from such a doctrine. **Matthew 5:28 (ESV):** But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

1 Peter 5:8 (ESV): Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

James 4:7 (NIV): Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

As men of God, you have to be very careful that you do not fall into the temptations or lures of the seductress, otherwise, you may find yourself in a pit that you are unable to come out of. In order to be released from this pit, you will need to fully submit yourself to God until it becomes your character. The mercy and grace of God will free you, but understand this: if you fall back into that pit, it will be much harder to get out the second time because the spirits that have seduced you will bring back seven spirits more wicked than themselves.

Matthew 12:43-45 (KJV): When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter

in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

Satan wants to keep you away from your God-appointed wife because she is your "good thing" and the ticket to your "favor from the Lord". God will not grant this favor to a man who falls into the trap of a seductress, whether he marries her or not. God prefers obedience over sacrifice (see 1 Samuel 15:22). Understand that the wife God has for you has been transformed by the renewing of her mind, and then, she's been tried, tested and proven to assure that she's ready to be your help meet. If she is not ready, God will not reveal her location to you, but once He determines that you are ready to be her husband (not just a husband) and the wife assigned to you is ready to be your wife (not just a wife; there is a difference), He will arrange for the two of you to meet. That's why it's important for you to remain pure while you wait and you remain submitted to God. If you do not, it will be easy for you to fall into the pit that we so affectionately call a seductress and you can't just walk away from a seductress; you have to be delivered from her!

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Additionally, the seductress is one of the greatest expenses that a man can absorb. Anytime you sleep with a woman, you become financially responsible for her, because the two of you are now one person in the eyes of God.

Proverbs 29:3 (KJV): Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth his substance.

1 Corinthians 6:15-16 (KJV): Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? Know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? For two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

Proverbs 5:8-14 (ESV): Keep your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house, lest you give your honor to others and your years to the merciless, lest strangers take their fill of your strength, and your labors go to the house of a foreigner, and at the end of your life you groan, when your flesh and body are consumed, and you say, "How I hated discipline, and my heart despised reproof! I did not listen to the voice of my teachers or incline my ear to my instructors. I am at the brink of utter ruin in the assembled congregation." Don't allow your imaginations to lead you into a pit that you very well may not recover from. God has your wife hidden for a reason and for a season. If you want to find her, you need to seek the Kingdom of God all the more, and by doing so, God will reveal her to you. There are many, many seductresses in this world because there are many seducing spirits in this world. Understand that a seductress is a weapon formed against you; do not let her prosper. Instead, you have the power to cause many women who have been led astray by seducing spirits to be set free. Sometimes, it's not what you say that delivers people; it's what they see you do. When you find your wife and you refuse to be tempted into sexual immorality, many women who have allowed the enemy to use them to destroy marriages will realize that men like you do exist. Oftentimes, women stay bound because they think everyone else is bound, but when they see a man after God's own heart covering, protecting, providing for and being faithful to his God-appointed wife, many such women will want to seek the God you serve. In other words, the power of God is far more potent than the powers in a seductress. Be a demonstration of God's power and not just another man who Satan uses to empower his agenda in the earth. The power of the seductress is strong enough to cause angels to fall, but remember, the righteous will even judge angels (see 1 Corinthians 6:3).