



Kingdom Authority In These Last Days

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Kingdom Authority was

- 1) Divinely Given to man from God in Gen. 1:6
- 2) Legal given away when man fell
- 3) Righteously Recovered with Christ Died on the Cross and Rose Again..
 - i. *Rom. 5:19 - **For** as by **one man's** disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of **one** shall many be made righteous.*
- 4) There are only two places a man can be found in..
 - a. Found in ADAM
 - i. Born in a garden yet failed.
 - ii. Crafted by God's own hand, yet disobeyed.
 - iii. Had the privilege of walking with God, yet bowed to temptation.
 - iv. Had a choice.. and chose wrongly.. and was found impotent to resist the devil.
 - v. Became a slave to sin, therefore all who are son's of Adam are slaves to sin.
 - vi. Became subject to death, therefore, all who are son's of Adam are slaves to death.
 - b. Found in CHRIST
 - i. Born NOT of ADAM but of woman and Holy Spirit.
 1. A son of a slave is a slave..
 2. A slave cannot redeem a slave..
 3. Christ had to be a man, but could not be born a slave to the penalty incurred by Adam.
 4. This is the reason for the virgin birth..
 - a. Christ had to be man, so He was born of a woman.
 - b. Christ could not be slave to sin, so he father could NOT be ADAM..
 - ii. Had a choice and chose correctly,
 - iii. Was Tempted and did not fail..

We are not BORN son's and daughter's of God..

- o We are given the power to BECOME son's of God.
 - o *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the **sons** of **God**, [even] to them **that believe** on his name: John 1:12*
 - o *And because ye are **sons**, **God** hath sent forth the Spirit of his **Son into your hearts**, crying, Abba, Father. Gal 4:6*
 - o *For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of **adoption**, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. Rom. 8:15*
 - o *For as many as are led by the Spirit of **God**, **they are the sons of God**. Rom. 8:14*

When Christ died he paid in full the entire penalty of all sin for all time..

He was born a MAN, He lived as a MAN, he was tempted as a MAN, he overcame as a MAN, he died as a MAN, and he was raised up in the same body, and as a MAN he was given a RESSURECTION Body..

- Christ has a KINGDOM,
- Christ is a KING,
- Christ is a PRIEST,
- Christ is THE Son of God.. (The Only Preeminent – first in authority and privilege)

*** EITHER YOU ARE A SON OF ADAM OR AN ADOPTED SON OF GOD THROUGH / IN CHRIST.

If you are IN CHRIST, then the same weapons that Christ yielded in the wilderness are ours to wield as well.

- He relied on the HOLY SPIRIT.
- He fought with the WORD OF GOD.

- Christ exercised HIS authority OVER the Devil, by the WORD of GOD under the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT.

Authority- The official legal right to act.

1) Source of Kingdom Authority- GOD

- a. Authority comes down
- b. We must be under Authority in order to HAVE Authority
 - *5 Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, 6 saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." 7 And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." 8 The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." 10 When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! 11 And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour. Matt. 8:8-13*
- c. Just like this centurion, the authority you have is only as good as the authority of the one over you..
 - When the police come knocking at your door and you ask who is it, they say open the door in the name of the LAW..
 - The old song appeals for us to, "STOP – In the name of LOVE"...
 - We pray, "in the NAME of Jesus"....
 - We are appealing to the source of our authority.. To THE HIGHEST Authority..

The Reason the Children of God has Authority is not a case of "by what Authority", but by "WHOSE Authority"..

When we act according to the Word of God and To the Will of God we are backed by the POWER of GOD..

1 John 4:17 – "as He is so are we in this world.."

- You see we are IN HIM and HE is IN US through the Holy Spirit..
- This is the doctrine of IDENTIFICATION.

JESUS IDENTIFIED HIMSELF WITH MAN SO THAT WE COULD IDENTIFY OURSELVES WITH HIM.

- When Christ died for us – We died with HIM..
- When HE rose for us – WE Rose with HIM and in Him we have resurrection life.
- When Jesus ascended – We ascended with Him.. "we are seated with him..." Jesus' victory is our VICTORY..
- We are united with Jesus in his death, burial, resurrection and enthronement thus we can claim VICTORY...

QUESTION:

- DOES JESUS HAVE AUTHORITY OVER SATAN?
- DOES JESUS HAVE AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS?
- ARE YOU IN JESUS?

If they are subject to Jesus – They are subject to YOU..

There's a story about a man that tells of his encounter with a lion in the wilderness and he said, yes, I came upon that lion and cut his tail off... The listeners all gasp and said why didn't you go ahead and cut his head off while you were at it... The man replied.... "Oh, someone had already done that...." ...

Satan is a TOOTHLESS WONDER....

WE USED TO CALL SOMETHING ELSE TOOTHLESS WONDERS>>

You see.... Jesus has already cut the head off the Satan..

- *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his **heel**. Gen. 3:15*
- *death, where [is] thy **sting**? O grave, where [is] thy victory? The **sting** of death [is] sin; and the strength of sin [is] the law. 1 Cor. 15:55-56*
- *1 Peter 5:8 - Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a **roaring lion**, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

The Devil is a defeated foe and his only weapon against us is DECEPTION..

- *"For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will **deceive** many. Matt. 25:4*
- *"For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to **deceive**, if possible, even the elect. Matt. 24:24*
- *Let no one **deceive** you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Eph. 5:6.*
- *and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should **deceive** the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. Rev. 20:3*

You know, we give Satan more credit than sometimes is due...

We Can Deceive OURSELVES: Sinful nature..

- If we say that we have no sin, we **deceive** ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1John 1:8
- Let no one **deceive** himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. 1 Cor. 3:18

We can be deceived by Others Around Us.

- *Let no one **deceive** you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Eph. 5:6*
- *Now this I say lest anyone should **deceive** you with persuasive words. Col. 2:4*

My friend this no more evident that OPRAH's new age mentality that say, "There is no power in a slain Jesus.."

Luke 9:1, 2 says, *Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and **authority** over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to **preach the kingdom of God**, and to heal the sick.*

Mark 13:34 tells us, *for the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.*

Just like the police officer...

1. The police officer must be under authority himself, obedient to his superiors. He goes where he has been assigned, not outside his jurisdiction. We believers must be doing what Jesus has said, according to the Bible and His personal word to us as well. We cannot be out doing our own thing for our own pleasure. **A clean, submitted heart is imperative.**
2. The police officer must continue to stay in contact with his superiors, and must get their direction as needed in difficult situations. **We need to be in constant communication with our superior officer--Jesus.**
3. The police officer must **know how to use his weapons**, or his opponent will run roughshod over him, and maybe kill him. We must be skillful in the use of our weapons—
 - The Word: The Word of God through the Spirit of God. – Appropriate The Word.
 - Prayer: In EVERYTHING pray...
4. The police officer must understand the law and not step outside its boundaries. He can't arrest people if they haven't broken the law. **We must understand what Jesus has given us and what He has not.** If it's in the Book it's ours to use. If it's not clearly in the Book, we're on shaky ground. We need to research from Genesis to Revelation to make sure we're getting it right. **Know the Word.**

*Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, **All authority** hath been given unto me in **heaven and on earth**. Go ye therefore and **make** disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; **teaching** them to observe **all things whatsoever I commanded you**: and lo, **I am with you always**, even unto the end of the world. **Matthew 28:18-20.***

- You will carry my authority as you GO MAKE DISCIPLES
 - You will baptize them by the AUTHORITY OF the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost...
- You will carry my authority as you TEACH THEM MY COMMANDMENTS

What is the ENTERPRISE OF GOD?

- The Authority of God is Given TO US to do the WORK OF GOD... What is that?
- Henry Blackaby wrote a popular study that had as a catch phrase, “find where God is working and join him”...
- What should we expect to see when we see God working? The answer:
 - *Jesus answered and said unto them, **This is the work of God**, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. **JOHN 6:29***

Again it is the duty of the Christian today to accept his position as a —“a Priest in the Church of God,” and to live, move, breathe as one commissioned by CHRIST for the whole Church “a Bishop in the Church of God.” **He cannot be anything less or look upon himself as anything else.**

The Secret of Kingdom Authority: You Can't be Over UNTIL you are UNDER

9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." Matt. 8:9

- You cannot have authority until you get under the authority over you..
- All authority is linked to obedience..

Why would anyone give you any authority to act on their behalf if you are disobedient?

- That is why Satan tried to get Adam to disobey, because when Adam disobeyed he forfeited his AUTHORITY..
- That is why Satan tried to get Christ to sin... if he had, Christ would have forfeited his Authority as Adam did.
- We don't like to be under anyone.. We don't like to be under authority of ANYONE OR ANYTHING..
- Frank Sinatra said, "I did it... my way"...

When we say we are under no authority, we are saying that we are our own authority and in essence we are claiming to be our own GOD..

GOD DOES NOT GIVE KINGDOM AUTHORITY TO REBELS

What is the first thing you show someone when you teach them to drive>?

- Is it the ignition... NO
- Is it the gears.. NO
- Is it the accessories.. NO

IT'S THE BREAK !!!! -- Here is how to make this thing STOP

Suppose the child don't want to know what the break does, they just want to know how to make it go...

What will you do? Take the KEYS and put them back in your pocket.. You know if that person is not interested in how to make it stop, you are not going to show them how to make it go..

IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE RESTRAINT OF THE SPIRIT, YOU WILL NOT KNOW THE RELEASE OF THE SPIRIT..

The reason that many people do not operate IN KINGDOM AUTHORITY is because they have not submitted themselves, TO AUTHORITY..

God / Christ has authority over all..

- There is the Authority of the Word of God.. Do you know it?
- There is the Lordship of Jesus Christ.. Do you submit to it?
- There is the authority of the direction of Holy Spirit... Do you heed it?
- There is authority in the home, in the church..
- There is authority in the government.. there is authority everywhere..

IF YOU CANNOT BE UNDER – YOU WILL NEVER BE OVER...

The Lord Jesus is also under AUTHORITY...

- *9 For I **also** am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."*
- *Luke 4:1- And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,*
- He was subject to the Word of God – Scripture cannot be broken..
- He was subject to his earthly father...
- He was subject to government -- Jesus paid his taxes from money from a fishes mouth..

If Jesus was SUBJECT to authority – Who are we to say we shouldn't be under authority..

SCOPE OF KINGDOM AUTHORITY-

- *Luke 10:19 -- Behold, I give unto you power [authority] to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.*
 - The authority does not need to be refused,
 - The authority does not need to be confused,
 - The authority does not need to be abused,

When God gave Adam authority over fowls of the air, beast of the field, fish of the sea, that authority has not yet been given to us.. We do not live in the garden of Eden.. Our full inheritance has not yet been realized..

Adam was given authority over the living of nature, we are given authority over the spiritual forces of the enemy. The dominion over nature will come in Millennium.

- *Heb. 2:8 – Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.*
- *Rom. 8:22- the whole creation groans...*

We are not isolated nor insulated from the effects of sin..

What I'm trying to say is you may be spirit filled but don't throw a rock at a hornets nest..

When God gives you authority, he is giving you spiritual authority...
Microbes, mosquitoes, mildew, or mudslides..

You see, if Satan can't keep you from learning about spiritual authority, he will try to distort it..

- He will try to make you believe that you can walk into a hospital and empty it..
- He will try to get you to believe that you can walk outside and make it rain..

We have joy boys on TV that would have you believe that KINGDOM AUTHORITY is the key to
FORT KNOX AND THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH ALL ROLLED INTO ONE..

2 Peter 1:3 -- According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

We are not slaves of sin.. Satan has no power that the child of God cannot overcome with Kingdom Authority..

STRENGTH OF KINGDOM AUTHORITY

But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.....

- If you need spiritual servants and soldiers, you will have to enter into surrender..
- The strength of the Christian life comes through SURRENDER..

Remember the WORK of God.. That we would believe in Him whom He sent..

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God..

Jesus defeats the Devil by the Word of God coming from the Mouth of Christ as a sword..

The Word is the Bread of LIFE..

We must be a people who says I am HIS ... I am Christ's to Command..

Professional football players are monsters...

They are over 300 pounds, with tons of protective gear on, and can rip you apart..

Also on the field is a man weighing probably 170 pounds, no protective gear.. only a stripped shirt.

All he has is a whistle..

This 170 pound man can look the giant in the eye and say, "you get off the field and go to the showers.."

Power vs Authority..

Jesus says to us, you are the little guy and I give you authority over all that the devil would through at you and tell him, get off my field"...

It is time we understood the strength of this authority...

It is time we pray with the authority as Christ prayed..

It is time we told the devil to take a hike..

As this relates to end times..

There is nothing that I should be able to say that would make you think anything but CHRIST IS COMING SOON..

There is nothing that is keeping Christ from returning.. He could come at anytime..

Look for our REDEPTION is near..

Christ is coming to take that which has been SEALED by the SPIRIT OF GOD..

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