

KINGDOM AUTHORITY – Pt. 2

“Satan will fight us more on this subject than anything else. Learn the truth about authority and dominate in the earth.” —

When we understand faith, the impossible becomes possible. Why? **Faith has dominion over the laws of time, space, and matter.**

The value of our authority rests on the power that is behind that authority. Police who stop traffic are backed by the city government they serve. As a Believer our authority is backed by God Himself and Heaven’s Government...

“Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might” (Ephesians 6:10)

I. Adam Receives Authority from GOD (Genesis 1:26)

- **The delegated power of God given to Adam to dominate this earth.**

Authority is delegated Power

- Luke 10:19 — **“Behold, I give unto you power... and over all the power of the enemy”**
 - “Power” is used twice – But they are TWO different words
 - Interpreted ... “I have given you **authority** to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the **power** of the enemy.”
- He’s not talking about snakes –spiders ...
- Jesus is talking about the power of ... demons, evil spirits, etc. and how to face the enemy fearlessly.
- You have authority over them, every devil and every disease and disaster satan brings.
- God Himself is the power behind our authority
(Read: I Samuel 17:45-46; Acts 16:25-26)

Col. 7:12-13 Satan had the right to rule over us until we became new creatures — came into the body of Christ...

Satan has no right to dominate or rule us — yet the average Christian has had more faith in satan’s authority and power than God’s, thinking we will have spiritual authority sometime in the future...as the song goes, “When we all get to heaven.”

Mk. 4:35-41 Jesus took authority over the storm...spoke to the Wind (unseen) first, taking authority over the spirit behind that was driving this deadly storm...

II. Acts 16:16-19 Paul took authority over the spirit of divination (Python spirit)

- Slave girl that had a spirit in her that gave her the power to tell the future. By doing this she made a lot of money for her owners (*CEV, Contemporary English Version*)
- Today we call these people fortunetellers or sorcerers which God absolutely forbids His people to be involved in.
- She was crying saying, "These men are the servants of the Most-high God, which show unto us the way of salvation" (Acts 16:17). Deceptively, trying to legitimize her demon driven occupation and lure people away from the faith (See Acts 13:8).

Matt. 28:18 Means that all the authority that can be exercised upon the earth has to be exercised through the Church — Christ's body. How many problems exist because we permit them? God doesn't move out of turn. He waits on us to move first.

- Demon spirits were enabling her to tell the future – make money in the market place
- She had brought her owners much gain by this fortunetelling
- She was shouting loudly, SEEMINGLY witnessing for Jesus, confirming Paul's ministry
- Paul discerned that demon spirit

I Cor. 12:10 Discernment is one of the nine gifts God has given to us to operate supernaturally

Discern:

- To separate by the eye or by the understanding
- To Distinguish
- To Discern "Good and Evil"–`
- To have judicial cognizance
- To make distinction

Notice: Evil spirits telling the truth when it is to their advantage to gain credibility through Paul's ministry.

- Paul – being grieved, turned and said to the spirit...“I command (you) thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her, And he came out the same hour (Mark 11:23-24)
 - He did something similar in Acts 19:11-12
 - Acts 19:13-16... kids trying to duplicate the power without the authority (Faith in His Name— Acts 3:16)
 - He exercised authority – Matt. 13:6-12
 - o Stopped Elymas the sorcerer
 - o What was the result? (Acts 19:20)
- “So mighty grew the Word of God and prevailed”**

III. To have authority in the Kingdom of God you must be under authority

- Phil. 2:8-9 Jesus was under the Father’s authority
- Matt. 8:5-10 Soldier under authority
- I Sam. 30:8 David under God’s authority
- James 4:7 To resist the devil supernaturally you must be under authority

IV. Value of Our Authority

- Rests on the “Power” that is behind that authority
 - o Police stops traffic
 - o Moses to Pharaoh
- God Himself is the power behind our authority — I Sam. 17

V. Devils Recognize Authority – Acts 19:15-17

- “Jesus I Know... Paul I know..., but who are you”
- Satan rebelled – Isa. 14
- Angels will not rebel – Ps. 103:19-20

Mark 11:23-24 Rules:

1. God does nothing apart from Faith
2. Don’t ask the Father to move the mountain
3. Our words carry much more authority than we realize (talk directly to the hindrance)
4. Speak with command in your voice— Knowing what you say is correct and you believe your words are powerful
5. Believe you will have whatever you say and God’s power moves by grace, not by our own worth (Zech. 4:7; *Amplified*)