

Authority of the Believer

One thing that is clearly laid out in scripture is the authority that has been given to the believer. A believer is one that has believed and accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, that He died for their sins and rose again from the dead (Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

Believers ought to quit begging and start exercising their God-given authority. After the death and resurrection of Jesus, He stripped Satan and took away the authority that man had relinquished to him in the garden through sin. Jesus took that authority and gave it back to **those who believe in Him**. We have been given authority and now it is time to exercise it. If we want Jesus' prayer results, we need to pray like Him. One way that was very unique about how Jesus prayed was that He did so with authority.

1. Authority at the beginning.

Genesis 1:26-28 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be **fruitful**, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

- a) Authority is not a new thing we have under the New Covenant. When God created man, He gave him dominion over all things on the earth. He gave him the right to subdue (conquer and subjugate or bring into subjection).
- b) When man sinned, he gave relinquished that dominion and authority over to the enemy. A man now became a slave to Satan having surrendered his authority over the earth to him.

- c) After the flood, God blessed man again. *Genesis 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.*

However, this time around, God did not add the words **“have dominion and subdue”** as He had done in *Genesis 1:28*, why? Because at this time man had already sinned and had surrendered his God-given authority to Satan. God was not just going to speak and take it back. He was going to become a man to do that which He did, hence defeating the enemy and restoring that dominion and authority back to mankind.

2. Kings

a) We are kings.

- i) *Rev 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*
- ii) *Rev 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*

There are certain truths about kings.

a) Rule

- i) *Rom 5:17 For if by one man's offense death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)*
 - We are called to reign in life, not just get by or barely make it. The word “reign” is speaking of ruling.

b) King exercise their authority

Kings do not beg, plead, but rather speak with power. They decree and have a no games attitude when exercising their authority.

- i) Isaiah 45:11 Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

3. Scriptures on authority

All these verses below show you that God has given you power and authority over all manner of sickness, diseases and over all the works of the devil—the enemy. We have been equipped to succeed in every encounter we have with the evil spirits. I have tested positive—of the healing power of God.

A few years ago, I prayed for a lady who was demon-possessed. I did not talk to the demon nor did I beg it. I command it in the name of Jesus to get out of that woman and this filthy, nasty evil spirit left. I commanded it. I exercised that authority. No one did it for me. I said something along these lines, “Satan and you foul and evil spirit, I command you now in the name of Jesus to come out of this woman. I command you to get out of her and return no more in Jesus’ name.”

Guess what happened? This evil spirit obeyed me. Why? Because I was exercising the authority and power the Lord Jesus gave me. By stepping forth and commanding, not begging this thing to get out of this child of God, it was like Jesus speaking. It was with the same authority that He had that I did what I did, and I got **Jesus results**. Hallelujah!!

Every knee, sickness, demon, or evil spirit **MUST** bow at the name of Jesus and shall flee at His name for it is name above all names.

- a) Matthew 10:1 “And when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.”
- b) Matthew 10:8 “Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.”
- c) Matthew 8:2-3 And, behold, there came a leper and worshiped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth *his* hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

- d) Mark 1:40-41 And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth *his* hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.
- e) Mark 3:14-15 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:
- f) Mark 6:7 And he called *unto him* the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;
- g) Mark 16:16-18 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; to shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
- h) Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.
- i) Luke 9:1-2 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.
- j) John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.
- k) Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.
- l) James 5:14-16 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

- m) Isaiah 45:11 Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.
- n) Mark 11:23-24 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.
- o) Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.
- p) Matthew 10:1,8 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. [8] Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.
 - i) Like a policeman has authority and must use it and not call the authorizing office, we have been given authority over all the works of the enemy.

One of the reasons we have not seen certain things manifest or certain circumstances change is because we have not or are not exercised our authority.

4. Samples of how the authority of the believer exercised by Jesus.

These verses show you how Jesus prayed. Jesus God results better than any of us. If we are to get the same results, we need to consider how He prayed and start praying the same way.

Even more, notice below that Jesus commanded sicknesses, diseases, evil spirits to depart and bodies to be healed and restored. He did not ask God to do it nor did He plead or beg Him. He—Jesus, just did it! He was God who had that authority and power to so. He has now given us (believer in Christ Jesus) the very authority and power He was exercising to do the same and get the same results He was getting and better. Jesus knew He had this authority and power and He exercised it effectively as He should have. What are you waiting for and how have you been praying?

- a) Matthew 8:1-3 When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; **be thou clean**. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.
- b) Matthew 12:13 Then saith he to the man, **Stretch forth thine hand**. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.
- c) Matthew 21:19 And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.
- d) Mark 5:8 For he said unto him, **Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit**.
- e) Matthew 16:23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.
- f) John 11:43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, **Lazarus, come forth**.

5. Rebuke

“Rebuke” simply means to hate, refuse, curse, defame the enemy, ridicule, blaspheme, speak evil of him as a loser he is. I say things such as you nasty, filthy, stinkin’ Satan or foul spirit, garbage, rotten piece of junk, defeated foe, loser, candidate of hell. I get ugly when rebuking sickness, disease, or Satan the author of it.

Jesus called the evil spirit a foul spirit that was dumb and deaf and, on another instance, called it the spirit of infirmity. This is a way of taking our God given authority. Very few people do this, but rather just use the words, “I rebuke you Satan” but this means very little. What I have described a few sentences above is truly rebuking. When we rebuke, we need to speak or say the rebuke. We rebuke by saying—not by saying, “I rebuke you.”

- a) Mark 4:39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, **Peace, be still**. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

- b) Mark 9:25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, **Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.**
- c) Mark 8:33 But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, **Get thee behind me, Satan:** for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

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