

Spiritual Warfare: Freedom from Demonic Influence

Part 7 Our Authority through Christ

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I. Introduction:

Authority: Right to do something – name of Jesus/ Yeshua is our authority
Power: Strength – Holy Spirit –
Faith – Knowledge – knowing who we are and what we have been called to do.

Satan gained authority in the garden when Adam and Eve sinned. They choose Satan as the supreme ruler over mankind rather than God. They choose Satan as their god by obeying him.

That is why sin and death are at work in the earth.

But Jesus came to undo what happened in the garden

1Jn 3:8 ESV Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

Joh 14:12-13 ESV "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. (13) Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Jesus is our example.

The works of darkness is sin, sickness, untimely death, pain, mental torment, mental illness, addictions, depression, loneliness, poverty, etc...

II. Jesus stripped Satan of his power

Col 2:15 MKJV Having stripped rulers and authorities, He made a show of them publicly, triumphing over them in it.

Rev 1:17-18 MKJV And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying to me, Do not fear, I am the First and the Last,

(18) and the Living One, and I became dead, and behold, I am alive for ever and ever, Amen. And I have the keys of hell and of death.

III. Jesus was given all Authority

Eph 1:20-21 MKJV ...which He worked in Christ in raising Him from the dead, and He seated Him at His right hand in the heavenlies, (21) far above all principality and authority and power and dominion, and every name being named, not only in this world, but also in the coming age.

Mat 28:18-20 MKJV And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority is given to Me in Heaven and in earth.

Mar 1:27 MKJV They all were amazed, so as to question among themselves, saying, What is this? What new doctrine is this? For He even commands the unclean spirits with authority, and they obey Him.

IV. He gave authority to the 12 Disciples

Mat 10:1 MKJV And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.

Joh 20:20-23 ESV When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. (21) Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." (22) And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. (23) If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Mat 9:1-8 ESV And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. (2) And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." (3) And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." (4) But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? (5) For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? (6) But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"--he then said to the paralytic--"Rise, pick up your bed and go home." (7) And he rose and went home. (8) When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

V. Seventy others:

Luk 10:1-3, 9 and 17-21 MKJV And after these things the Lord appointed seventy others, And He sent them two and two before His face into every city and place where He was about to come. (2) Then He said to them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray to the Lord of the harvest that He may send forth laborers into His harvest. (3) Go! Behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

9) And heal the sick that are in it, and say to them, The kingdom of God has come near you!

17-21 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject to us through Your name. (18) And He said to them, I saw Satan fall from Heaven like lightning. (19) Behold, I give to you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the authority of the enemy. And nothing shall by any means hurt you. (20) Yet do not rejoice in this, that the evil spirits are subject to you, rather rejoice because your names are written in Heaven. (21) In that hour Jesus rejoiced in Spirit and said, I thank You, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the sophisticated and cunning, and have revealed them to babes. Yes, Father, for so it was pleasing before you.

VI. Example of authority in the New Testament church

Act 19:11-12 MKJV And God did works of power through the hands of Paul, (12) so that even handkerchiefs or aprons from his skin being brought onto the sick, the diseases were released, and the evil spirits went out of them.

VII. Authority given to ALL Gods people:

Mat 28:18-20 MKJV And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority is given to Me in Heaven and in earth. (19) Therefore go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all things, whatever I commanded you. And, behold, I am with you all the days until the end of the world. Amen.

*Mar 16:15-19 MKJV And He said to them, Go into all the world, proclaim the gospel to all the creation. (16) **He who believes** and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned. (17) And miraculous signs will follow to **those believing these things**: in My name they will cast out demons; they will speak new tongues; (18) they will take up serpents (demons); and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them. They will lay hands on the sick,*

and they will be well. (19) Then indeed, after speaking to them, the Lord was taken up into Heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

VIII. Successful Operation of our Authority

1. Knowledge and understanding of the basis of your authority
2. Knowledge of your enemy
3. Knowledge of your weaponry
4. Knowledge of how God feels about Satan's work
5. Faith to stand in in our authority
6. Stand fully surrendered to God authority.
7. Stay in communication with our Superior. All spiritual things are done through prayer.
8. Exercise your authority by commanding works of darkness to go
9. Know whose name and power you come in.
10. Be fearless

Do not do this!

Act 19:11-20 MKJV And God did works of power through the hands of Paul, (12) so that even handkerchiefs or aprons from his skin being brought onto the sick, the diseases were released, and the evil spirits went out of them. (13) And certain from the strolling Jews, exorcists, undertook to name the name of the Lord Jesus over those having evil spirits, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preaches. (14) And there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. (15) But answering the evil spirit said, Jesus I know, and I comprehend Paul, but who are you? (16) And the man in whom the evil spirit resided leaped on them, and overcoming them he was strong against them, so that they fled out of the house naked and wounded. (17) And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks who lived at Ephesus, and fear fell on all of them, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. (18) And many who believed came and confessed and showed their deeds. (19) Also many of those practicing the curious arts, bringing together the books, burned them before all. And they counted the prices of them and found it to be fifty thousand pieces of silver. (20) So the Word of God grew mightily and prevailed.