



# I GIVE YOU AUTHORITY

Chapter 9 – Authority Relationships

Chapter 10 - Authority in Our Personal Lives

## How We Regained Our Place of Authority

Remember that we regained our place of authority through Christ!

Psalm 8:5 – Created in God's image and have authority over the angels – both good and evil.

We are His masterpiece, meant to steward His creation.

# Other Authority Relationship Principles

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Husbands over  
wives;

Parents over  
children;

Pastors and  
other leaders  
over their  
churches;

Rulers over their  
people;

Masters over  
slaves;

Leaders over  
followers;

Older over  
younger;

**JESUS OVER HIS  
CHURCH!**



# Greater Authority = Greater Value?

**NO! Greater authority does not mean greater value!**

- ▶ Authority of humans over one another is, in fact, a spiritual authority. It is the task of *protecting* those who are more vulnerable.
  - Those of greater authority are to serve.
  - Authority should be considered a matter of organization, not value.
- ▶ A proper relationship with God means the restoration of the authority we were intended to have over creation and over evil spirits.

# How Spiritual Authority is Granted

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God requires  
satan to obey  
the rules of  
the universe.  
Satan is a  
literalist/a  
legalist.

There are conditions under which humans can give authority in their lives to either God or satan. Disobedience to God (sin), which is automatically obedience to satan, opens the person to satanic interference.

Dedicating a person to God or satan gives one or the other authority over him or her.

- Includes non-Christian religions, occult organizations.
- Dedication gives the enemy authority to work in and through a child's life.

The spirit world honors human authority patterns, both natural and delegated.

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What leaders do with their authority affects those under them:

Achan -  
Joshua

Blackaby -  
pastors and  
pornography;  
sin and his  
children.

Division -  
divorce.

New Age.

Freemasonry.

Commitment, dedication, curse or blessing entered into by a person may give authority to either master over that person's descendants.

Satanic power commitments must be cancelled!

Blessings extend to a thousand generations.

When God curses, effects go on from generation to generation.

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Spiritual empowerment in the human world can be granted by either God or Satan. With Holy Spirit inside of us, Christians carry the authority and power of God Himself.

Satan can give people authority to work in his power to do miraculous things - even signs and wonders.

# Authority Through Cultural Forms

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Words used on the authority of God or satan are empowered. We get to BLESS!

- a. Words can bring curses into a person's life - our own words are powerful.
- b. Proverbs 26:2 - A curse cannot land without a reason. Sin can be the reason.
- c. Negative words spoken against God's people, even on the part of Christians, can be empowered by satan, since they are in obedience to his temptations and are invested, therefore, with his authority.
- d. Negative words, lies we believe, can cause self-cursing.
- e. Opens the door to satanic influence, effects.

Watch out for vows and oaths not made in God's will, or vows made and broken.

# Authority Through Cultural Forms

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Blessings and curses are the property of those who utter them.

- Jesus in Luke 9 and 10 gave disciples power to bless a home and retract the blessing if they were not welcomed there.
- If we curse ourselves, we can renounce the curse and be free from the power the curse unleashed.

The dedication of objects to spirit beings enables spiritual power to flow through those objects. All of these conveyed blessings.

- Ark of the Covenant
- Jesus' cloak
- Paul's handkerchiefs

**Be careful what you bring home with you!**

# Authority Through Cultural Forms

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As with the Ark (1 Samuel 5) and cursed items retained by the Israelites in Joshua's day (Joshua 7), empowered items in the hands of the other side can cause great disruption.

Authority can empower non-material cultural forms as well – i.e., music. The enemy hates worship!

# Authority Over Places and Organizations

1. Spiritual authority can be used to invest buildings, land or other places with spiritual power.
  - a) Dedication of buildings and land to God.
  - b) Dedication of buildings to satan - or curses that come through consistent use for sinful practices.
  - c) Cleansing of land - repentance, communion with land, dedication to the Father.
2. Cosmic or higher level spirits wield authority over territory.
3. Human boundaries seem to be honored in the spirit world such as Daniel with Persia and Greece.



# Authority Over Places and Organizations

4. There seem to be cosmic-level spirits with authority over organizations, institutions and activities.
5. In order for spirit beings to have authority over territories and organizations, they must have legal rights.
  - a) This is given to them overtly or below consciousness level through allegiances, dedications and behaviors of humans who now use or have used the territories/organizations in the past.
  - b) They continue generation to generation until broken!
  - c) Someone must take action to break this authority.



# Authority Over Places and Organizations

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When one with authority confronts another with authority, the one with the greater backing has the better possibility of winning!

By working in authority and with the power of God, we can free people who are in satanic bondage. We have the authority to:

- Break curses
- Cast out demons
- Eliminate legal rights of the enemy

# Authority Over Places and Organizations

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To break authority over territories, buildings and organizations, we:

Break Dedications

Repent

Claim the authority God has given us to cancel dedications

Command demons to leave

- Freemasonry, bloodshed, violence, perversion
- Identificational repentance - Those who now possess a building or territory can repent and dedicate it to God. (Nehemiah 1:5- 11 and Daniel 9:4-19)

# Authority Over Places and Organizations

- Prayer is our most powerful weapon to attack spiritual beings or spirits assigned to territories or organizations. It is an act of war! Those praying must rid themselves of their own "garbage". Prayer, worship, fasting, repentance - individual and corporate - are weapons of warfare.
  - Break all historical and contemporary commitments, curses and dedications holding a territory in satan's grip.
  - Repent of sins committed in that territory
  - Speak the power of God over "these spiritual powers in space" (Ephesians 2:2), laying claim to the territory in the name of Jesus
- Fill Jesus' Shoes - "As the Father sent me, so I send you." (John 20:31)

# God's Truth is God's Truth

He assigned His followers to do His works throughout Palestine.

He gave them 2 tasks:

Tell them that the Kingdom  
had arrived.

Heal and cast out demons.

Jesus said, "I have given you authority, so that you can walk on snakes and scorpions and overcome all the power of the Enemy, and nothing will hurt you." (Luke 10:19)

Jesus' worldview!

# To Walk it Out

Be filled and empowered  
by Holy Spirit.

Be present and engaged.  
Be a person with a mission.  
Be a threat to the enemy's  
reign on earth.

Suit up and war "against  
the wicked spiritual forces  
in the heavenly world, the  
rulers, authorities and  
cosmic powers of this dark  
age." (Ephesians 6)

Consider protection. Jesus  
had attacks - Pharisees,  
government officials,  
humans.

We need more protection  
when we challenge the  
enemy and enter territory  
dedicated to his use!

Wrap the authority in love.  
Be a gentle protector!

# Relationship of Giftings to Authority

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Ephesians 4:11 - Apostle, Prophet,  
Evangelist, Shepherd, Teacher

Romans 12: 6 - 8

Gifts are irrevocable, but they may fade  
with lack of use.

We have greater authority in the area  
where God has given us a gifting. Have  
confidence in results!



## 3 Kinds of Gifting

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- ▶ Roles - happens occasionally; get the gift when needed
- ▶ Ministry - regularly operates in the gifting
- ▶ Office - Person appointed to it, regularly functions in that office and gifting. Often a paid position.



## IS THERE A CONNECTION BETWEEN AUTHORITY AND STATUS?

- ▶ YES - leaders in human affairs carry great authority in the spiritual realm.
- ▶ Israel's fortunes tied to the faithfulness or unfaithfulness of their leaders.
- ▶ Those in authority are directly responsible to God for how they use that authority.
- ▶ What does that look like for a husband? A judge? A business owner? A teacher?
- ▶ Authority given by God gives us the opportunity to bless and treat people lovingly. We offend God when we use authority to oppress.



# Questions to Ask:

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- ▶ Where is my sphere of authority?
- ▶ Am I using my authority to influence and change the spiritual climate? Am I entitled to do use my authority to do that?
- ▶ What does that look like today in my life? In the life of my church?
- ▶ What could change if I walk in my power and authority?
- ▶ What would change if the Body of Christ used our Master's credit card?