

Authority

Overview: Jesus took back all the power and authority Adam gave to satan and has delegated that authority to us, His church. We are now to use that authority with our words to destroy the works of satan and establish the Kingdom of God on the earth.

A. Flow of Authority

1. Flow of authority in the natural world from God.
 - a. No power (authority) but of God. Rom 13:1-2
 - b. Political authority. Rom 13:1
 - c. Disobedience is resisting God – judgment, rebellion as witchcraft. Rom 13:3-4; 1 Tim 2:2
2. Flow of authority in the spiritual/natural world.
 - a. Adam given all authority. Rom 13:2; 1 Sam 15:23
 - b. Adam gave the authority to satan. Gen 1:26,28
 - c. satan used the authority to kill, steal and destroy man. Gen 3:1-19; Luke 4:5-6; 2 Cor 4:4; John 12:31
 - d. Jesus took back the authority through the cross & resurrection. John 10:10
 - e. Jesus gave the authority to the Church. Matt 28:18; Col 2:15

B. Purpose of Authority

1. All power & authority given to Jesus. Matt 28:18
2. Jesus is the Name above every name:
 - Above satan. Phil 2:5-8, 9-11
 - Above demons. Eph 1:22; Rom 16:20
 - Above sickness, disease & pain. Mark 16:17; Luke 10:19
 - Above poverty & lack. Acts 10:38
3. Ask the Father in the Name of Jesus. 2 Cor 8:9
4. “In My Name”.... Go & Do! John 16:23-24
5. Greater works than Jesus. Mark 16:15-18
6. Command in My Name. John 14:12
7. Jesus gives us authority over all power of the enemy. John 14:13-14
8. Jesus gives us power to bind & loose. Luke 10:17-19

C. Authority is Released through our Words

1. Created in the image of God as a speaking being. Gen 1:3, 26,28
2. Frame our world with our words. Heb 11:3

D. Examples of Using Authority

1. Symptoms of sickness, animals.
2. Tormenting thoughts preventing sleep, demons, devils, evil spirits.
3. Disasters, weather.
4. Loosing guardian angels.

E. Dispelling Men’s Traditions

1. What the Bible says:
 - a. **You** cast out demons. Mark 16:17
 - b. **You** heal the sick. Matt 10:1,7-8
 - c. **You** command the mountains. Mark 11:23
 - d. His grace is sufficient; do it for yourself. 2 Cor 12:9
2. What the Bible does **NOT** say:
 - a. Ask God to cast out demons. Luke 10:17; Mark 3:14-15
 - b. Ask God to rebuke the devourer. Mal 3:10-11 (except in tithing)
 - c. Ask God to heal you. James 5:14-16; Mark 16:18