

The Authority of the Believer

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Luke 10:17~20(NLT)~ ¹⁷ When the seventy~two disciples returned, they joyfully reported to him, “Lord, even the demons obey us when we use your name!”

¹⁸ “Yes,” he told them, “I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning!
¹⁹ Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you. ²⁰ But don’t rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven.”

Hosea 4:6(NKJV)~ My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

The word “destroyed” in this passage is very alarming. It means to, “silent, to cause to cease, cut off, that which is laid waste.”

The word “lack” means “to be short of.”

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So many of God’s people are being cut off and laid waste because they are short of knowledge.

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Many believers have a general knowledge that Jesus died on the cross for their sins, but they are unaware of all the rich benefits of Christ's resurrection.

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Matt. 28:16-20(NKJV)~ Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them.  
<sup>17</sup> When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.  
<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

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Matt. 28:18(KJV)~ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

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Dunamis~ power/ability/might

Exousia~ authority/the legal right to exercise  
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Acts 1:8(KJV)~ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

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The size of the lady does not determine her ability to stop or direct the vehicles; she does not stop or direct the vehicles with her ability or might. The vehicles obey her commands because of her authority.

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- The value of authority rests on the power/ability/might that is behind that authority.

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As a child of God; God himself is the power behind our authority. The devil and his forces recognize that authority.

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Eph. 6:10(NLT)~ ¹⁰ A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

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Luke 10:19(NKJV)~ <sup>19</sup> Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Our interaction with the devil always should be with the consciousness that we have authority over him because he is a defeated enemy.

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Luke 10:17(NKJV)~ ¹⁷ Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”

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Jesus is the one who kicked Satan out of heaven

Luke 10:18(NKJV)~ <sup>18</sup> And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

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Isaiah 14:12-15(NKJV)~ How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!
How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! ¹³ For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ ¹⁵ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

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Rev. 12:7-9(NKJV)~ And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, <sup>8</sup>but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven

any longer. <sup>9</sup> So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

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Jesus dethroned Satan in the heavenly realm and then came to earth and exercised authority over Satan on earth and gave us his authority to do the same. Satan is two-time loser! Satan is a shameful vanquished enemy who has been embarrassed in the heavenlies and on earth.

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Eph. 1:16-23(NIV)~ <sup>16</sup> I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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- Hope of his calling
- Riches (full supply) of the benefits of being in Christ

- His great power available to believers

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As believers the source of our authority is found in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and His exaltation to the right hand of God the Father.

When God raised Jesus from the dead, it was the mightiest act ever recorded. Mankind can take life, but mankind cannot give life.

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When God raised Jesus from the dead; it exhibited the greatest might and power which cannot be equaled.

- When God raised Jesus from the dead; He raised his body

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Eph. 2:4-7(NKJV)~ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus

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Gen. 41:37-44(NKJV)~ ³⁷ So the advice was good in the eyes of

Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants. ³⁸ And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?”

³⁹ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. ⁴⁰ You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you.” ⁴¹ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.”

⁴² Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph’s hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. ⁴³ And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, “Bow the knee!” So, he set him over all the land of Egypt. ⁴⁴ Pharaoh also said to Joseph, “I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.”