

AUTHORITY AND POWER TO HEAL

1. UNDERSTANDING AUTHORITY

- A. God gave dominion (stewardship) to Adam and Eve.
- B. *“Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion (rule over) over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”* **Genesis 1:28 NKJV**
 - I. When Adam and Eve’s relationship with God became one of distance, they lost dominion.
 - II. They surrendered dominion through their disobedience.
- C. Dominion is closely connected to authority.
 - I. Dominion is governing authority.
 - II. It’s operating in the authority (given by God) to release the kingdom of God (the rule and reign of God).
 - III. It is intentional and deliberate.
 - IV. It includes exercising authority over darkness (demonic), but also multiplication and fruitfulness.
 - V. Every healing is about taking back from the enemy and seeing God’s original intention restored.
- D. When we understand and know the authority that is available to us, we will see an increase in healing.
- E. From the start of Jesus’ ministry, people were amazed at his authority.
 - I. *Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught. And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, saying, “Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet, and come out of him!” And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.”* **Mark 1:21-27 NKJV**
- F. Power and authority were evident throughout the ministry of Jesus.
 - I. *God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.* **Acts 10:38 NIV**
 - II. *Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.* **Matthew 9:35 NKJV**
- G. Jesus delegated his authority to the disciples to do the works of the kingdom.
 - I. *Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power (dynamis) and authority (exousia) over all demons, and to cure diseases.* **Luke 9:1 NKJV**
 - II. *Dynamis* is the ability, strength, or power to perform miracles.
 - III. *Exousia* is the right to exercise this power.
 - IV. Just as a policeman is given a gun and a badge, the disciples were given power and authority.
 - V. Not only did Jesus give power to his disciples but he also entitled them to use this power.
 - VI. The result - they went out and preached and healed people everywhere
 - VII. *So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.* **Luke 9:6 NIV**
- H. Jesus commissioned, *“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”* **Matt 28:18 NKJV**
 - I. The Father gave Jesus all authority and we must recognize that Jesus has all authority.
 - II. What he had been given, he passed (delegated) to his disciples. He delegated the same authority he received.
 - III. There was only one way for the disciples to know they had received it – they had to try it out.
- I. As believers we have access to Jesus; therefore we have access to all authority.
 - I. The authority we have as believer is imparted and delegated from Jesus.
- J. We access authority through submission to his reign.
 - I. Those who exercise authority are under authority.
 - II. Consider the centurion whose servant was healed by Jesus in Matthew 8.
 - III. *“For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”* **Matthew 8:9 NKJV**
 - IV. The centurion received delegated authority from Rome.
 - V. We are invited to reign (partner) with Jesus to see the kingdom of God (rule and reign of God) come on earth.
 - VI. We access authority by hearing God’s voice, believing his words, and stepping out in faith.

2. SONSHIP

- A. God gives authority to his sons and daughters.
 - i. *Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.* **Luke 12:32 NKJV**
 - ii. *But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.* **Luke 15:22 NKJV**
- B. We access authority by walking in our identity.
 - i. Sonship is a position of authority and privilege. It is not a title, but rather it's a relationship.
- C. We are coheirs with Christ.
 - i. *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.* **Romans 8:16-17 NKJV**
 - ii. *And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.* **Ephesians 2:6-7 NIV**
- D. We are accepted in the Beloved.
 - i. *Having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.* **Ephesians 1:5-6 NKJV**
 - ii. Belonging creates security and confidence.
 - iii. As we grow in intimacy with Christ, being loved becomes our greatest identity.
 - iv. Knowing that God delights in you produces deep confidence within you.
 - v. Moving into the confident expectation that God is going to heal through you is connected to the confidence that comes with knowing that you are accepted, chosen, pleasing to him, and loved.
- E. We see this in Jesus.
 - i. He was fully confident in his authority or right to release his kingdom.

3. THE NAME OF JESUS

- A. *Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.* **John 16:23-24 NKJV**
 - i. Praying in the name of Jesus is not a formula but means to pray in the person of Jesus (in his stead).
 - ii. Praying “in my name” means “with my authority.”
 - iii. It is about exercising the authority of Jesus.
- B. Praying and declaration in his name, is acting from a place of his authority.
 - i. Consider the following Scriptures in light of praying or asking in his name.
 - ii. *And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”* **Mark 16:17-18 NIV**
 - iii. *Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.* **Acts 3:6-7 NIV**
 - iv. *Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”* **Acts 4:29-30 NKJV**
 - v. *Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.* **James 5:14-15 NIV**
- C. Praying in the name of Jesus, demonstrates intimacy with him and that you are acting from his commission, obeying his commandment to heal the sick, and acting under his authority.
- D. One of the primary motivations for healing is to give honor to the name of Jesus.

4. GREATER WORKS

- A. Before Jesus ascended to heaven, he promised his disciples that they would receive power.
 - I. *You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. Acts 1:8a NKJV*
- B. Because we have the same Spirit inside us that anointed Jesus, we have the same mission.
 - I. *Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. John 16:7 NKJV*
- C. *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."* **John 14:12 NKJV**
 - I. Jesus promised even greater works. As such we should expect to heal the sick.
 - II. Why should we expect greater works? Jesus promised this would happen.
 - III. And he is with us, and the kingdom multiplies.
 - IV. *I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Matthew 28:20b NKJV*
- D. Jesus promised greater works than his own works. How could this be?
 - I. The greater speaks to quantity and scope.
 - II. The quality of Jesus' works was perfect.
- E. *"And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' " Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."* **Matthew 10:7-8 NKJV**

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