

Lesson 14

The Authority of the Believer

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VIDEO OUTLINE

Note: All scriptures used in this lesson are quoted from the *New King James Version*.

- I. It's really hard to operate in authority as a believer if you don't know who your God is. If God can do whatever He wants with no accountability, then there's no authority that you can actually use as His child.
 - A. God is God, but because He is so good, He says, "I'm going to show you who I am and make it clear so you won't be confused, and you can walk with confidence."
 - B. If you don't know who God is, then you won't know how to discern when the devil is trying to tell you, "That must be God," when it's really him.
 - C. If you don't know who God is, then you won't know your authority over the enemy.
 - D. If the enemy can confuse you on who God really is and what He does, then you will never step into your real authority.
- II. God gave authority to mankind; He gave authority to Adam.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Genesis 1:26 and 28

- A. Adam and Eve surrendered their authority to the enemy on the earth. The enemy gained power to rule, reign, and deceive, and people believe his lies.

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Genesis 3:1-6

- B. Even in the midst of Adam and Eve making a mistake, God already began to prophesy of the coming of Jesus, what Jesus was going to do, and how He was going to crush the head of the enemy through the power of the cross.

Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." So the Lord God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

Genesis 3:9-15

- III. The redemption story is so beautiful. We were saved from our sins, from the power of sin and death, and from the ability of the enemy to do whatever, whenever. Now we have the authority with which to respond to him.

- A. Jesus told His disciples, "Because of Me, because of My work, because of My sacrifice, and because of My resurrection, this is what I'm giving to you. This is now the commission that I'm putting upon you."

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 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, 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.

Matthew 28:18-20

- B. Jesus gave us the ability to go out with His authority and to destroy the works of the devil.
- C. Regarding all the rules, regulations, and laws, Jesus said, “I’ve taken and fulfilled all the requirements. My blood has cleansed all these requirements that you had to do to get right with God. I’m going to be the perfect sacrifice. I am taking it all.”

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Colossians 2:13-15

- D. Now, as a child of God, you have that authority in you and can change your world.
- E. The devil is actually a defeated foe, but he’s trying to tell you that he’s not. That’s why he will roar such crazy attacks at us.

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

- IV. The truth of who Jesus is and what Jesus did is greater than the things the enemy is trying to deceive you to live with. The enemy is trying to tell you that the doctor has the authority and education to proclaim a diagnosis over your life.
 - A. There should be an attitude of faith that starts to stir up inside of you. “I’m not going to believe what I see. I’m not going to believe what I feel. I’m just going to believe God’s Word!”
 - B. People who do not know their authority do not understand the covenant in which they live. They don’t realize they’re not of the Old Covenant, when the enemy had the authority.

- C. When you understand who you are in the Spirit, you will say, “I am a child of God. I’m of the kingdom of God. I have the righteousness of Christ Jesus. I have the victory of the cross in me, and that is my authority.”
- D. When a situation tries to come, you can start quoting the Word. “No, devil, you’re telling me this, but God promised me this, and all the promises of God are yes, and now I’m saying ‘Amen,’ because of what Jesus did for me.”

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

- V. You are a magnificent temple of the Holy Spirit.
 - A. We are the temple carrying the kingdom of God. We are the temple that gets to be used: our hands, our feet, and our words. It’s through this temple that the Spirit of God shines. The enemy tries to attack because he doesn’t want you to shine; he knows the power of what you can accomplish in this world.
- VI. Start speaking out the testimony of what God has done in your spirit and your soul. Declare that your temple is going to glorify God, and begin rebuking your symptoms and disease.
 - A. The enemy is like a roaring lion. It doesn’t say he is a roaring lion. When a lion roars, it is supposed to paralyze the prey. This is exactly what the enemy’s tactic is today in the spirit. He will roar cancer, a diagnosis, or pain at you, and he looks to see how you respond.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

1 Peter 5:8-9

- B. Your ability to walk in your authority truly comes from understanding, “God loves me, I’m a new creation in the spirit, and as He is, so am I in this world. That means in this world I have the ability to walk in divine health, divine wisdom, and divine guidance because His Spirit lives within me. I can live in this world differently than those of the world.”

VII. I don't care what has been declared over your life. I don't care what sickness people say is impossible to heal. Nothing is impossible to God, because in His Word He gave us truth, promises, and His covenant. He said, "This is the authority that I won back for you, and now I give it to you. And no matter what the enemy tries to tell you, he does not have any authority."

A. Speak your authority over the enemy. This is your weapon to resist the devil, and the Word says that he will flee.

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