



Understanding Our Authority as Chosen Ones

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Matthew 18:18-20 "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

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We need to learn who the Jesus Christ of the Bible is,

There is a lot of false Christ in the world today, just as Jesus said there would be. **Matthew 24:24-25** **For false christ's and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you beforehand.**

The word Christ is not Jesus's last Name. In the bible, in Greek, it means the anointed one or chosen one. Translated in Hebrew, it means the messiah or savior. It can also mean to anoint with oil and abide in the anointing of the Spirit.

It's vital that we can discern and identify false christs so that we will know not to trust in them, the words they speak and not to marvel that the signs and wonders they are able to perform.

Exodus 7:10-13 **So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, just as the Lord commanded. And Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent. 11 But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. 12 For every man threw down his rod, and they became serpents. But Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.**

There are a lot of false christs (false prophets) in the world today. With these false anointings, false prophets are preaching a false gospel, a way that seems right that will ultimately lead to destruction.

False prophets who carry false anointings present themselves as the one and true anointing from God, but they are not. With these false anointings, they can perform great signs and wonders. They get their power from satan to do three primary things.

1. Perform signs!
2. Perform wonders!
3. To deceive many!



The only way you will be able to stay free of the false prophets, carrying a deceitful message under a false anointing, in these last days is to know the truth. **John 8:31-32 (NLT) Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. 32 And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**

We must be careful who we allow to make deposits into our hearts.

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This tells us that Heaven is the source of whatever we need or the action we need to take place here on earth.

Jesus is putting the responsibility on us, chosen ones, to make it happen.

What we do on the earth activates the spiritual resources in heaven for the manifestation to occur where needed.

We have the authority! **Luke 10:19 Behold, I give you the authority (Exousia) to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power (dunamis) of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**

We can get heavenly beings and resources assigned to create what is needed for us and on behalf of others by speaking the Truth (Word of God) by Faith.

2 Kings 6:14-18 Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. 15 And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" 16 So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, "Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 18 So when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, and said, "Strike this people, I pray, with blindness." And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

Notice the forces of heaven moved at Elisha's request.

Elisha not only asked the Lord to protect him and his servant but also said what should happen to those who came to get him.

If our words can create our victory, could words also create our defeat? **Genesis 3:2-6**

Spiritual warfare is a war of words and thoughts that forms opinions and ideologies that create our reality.

Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.

The enemy is defeated when they lose position, territory and what they have in their possession or influence.