



Understanding Our Authority as Chosen Ones! – Pt. 3

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Many doors of opportunity are opening in this season, but we must understand how to utilize our authority to take advantage of many of them.

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Jesus tells Peter that he knows who he is because the Father revealed to him that Jesus is the Christ, the one whom the prophets spoke about long ago.

The Father revealed it, but Peter had to believe it and accept it.

Because Peter had that revelation of who Jesus is, by faith, Jesus could be that for Peter.

What is the multifaceted nature of God?

He is self-existent, eternal, holy, merciful, full of grace, immutable, just, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, and so much more.

Because God is immutable, He always acts as God, and because He is a whole and perfect personality, He never suspends one component of His perfection to exercise another.

Exodus 3:13-15 But Moses protested, "If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they will ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what should I tell them?" 14 God replied to Moses, "I Am Who I Am. Say this to the people of Israel: I Am has sent me to you." 15 God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: Yahweh, the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my eternal name, my name to remember for all generations.



As the Israelites were told to receive God as the Great I AM, we must also have faith in Him as the Great I AM for us here—the God who provides what we need, when we need it, how we need it, and where we need it.

It is the revelation of who we receive God to be that will make a difference in our lives.

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Jesus is telling Peter that he's going to unlock the revelation of the Kingdom of Heaven to him.

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In this passage of scripture, to bind simply means to forbid by indisputable authority what God forbids, and to loose is to permit by indisputable authority what God permits.

We have the indisputable authority to bind what God forbids (doesn't want) and to loose what He permits (what He desires).

The Word of God reveals what to bind (forbid what God doesn't want) and what to loose (permit what God desires).

For example, **3 John 2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.**

With this revelation of the Kingdom, Peter will know what to forbid and what to permit.

With the keys (revelation knowledge of the Kingdom), the disciples would know how to implement indisputable Authority.

Indisputable authority is authority so obviously true that there is no room for questions or debates from any other authority.

This verse says we have indisputable authority to bind and loose.

This is the type of authority that we have in Christ Jesus as we operate according to His word.

This Indisputable Authority is given by God and is backed up by God.

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.**

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. In Heaven the unseen realm and on the earth the seen realm!"



Luke 9:1 Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.

We can look at it this way: demons are the cause that comes from the ungodly spiritual world.

Ephesians 6:10-12 A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. 12 For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

Diseases represent the natural manifestation of these ungodly causes that come from these wicked beings in the unseen realm.

Elijah the prophet shows us an example of how to bind and loose using our Indisputable Authority.

James 5:17-18 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. 18 He prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.