



Understanding Our Authority as Chosen Ones! – Pt. 4

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2024 is the Year of the Open Door:

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

To use authority properly, we must understand how to receive supernatural revelation so we can do supernatural things and live the abundant life Jesus died for.

All Positions of Authority are from God

Romans 13:1 (NLT) "Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God".

When Paul wrote these words, he was living under Roman jurisdiction. Rome was running the known world for the most part, and Caesar Nero was in charge. Nero hunted down Christians. He executed them. He tortured them. He fed them to animals to entertain people in the Coliseum.

There are only two main sources of authority: the authority of men and the authority that comes from God.

Psalms 115:16 **The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.**

What God is saying is that the heavens (the unseen realm) are designed for Him to govern, to be under His control.

The earth (the seen realm) is designed for humanity to govern and control.

Even though humanity was created to govern the earth, Mankind was never given ownership of the earth.

Psalms 24:1 **The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.**

But God did give humanity the authority to govern it and the instruction on what he should do with it.



Genesis 1:26-28 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." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 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."

When humanity sinned in the garden by allowing satan to persuade Eve to doubt God and Adam to disobey God, the position and the authority willfully were passed from humanity (Male and Female) to satan.

Once satan had the position and authority to govern, he could usher in the curse that comes from sin upon the earth.

Satan now has the authority to establish another way of life. A way of darkness, and evil. A way that opposes what God had originally designed.

Under the authority of satan, humanity has the power to mimic a lot of the things that God's people have the power to do under the authority of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Exodus 7:10-13 So Moses and Aaron went into 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.

Pharaoh's wise men and sorcerers were able to do wonders by their enchantments, the use of their mouths.

The authority of satan will be in full effect under the rule of the antichrist.

2 Thessalonians 2:9 The coming of the lawless one (*The anti-christ*) is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

This verse does not say they not only committed unrighteous acts, but they willfully take pleasure in doing so.

The only thing that is keeping satan's authority and power at bay is us, the saints, the chosen ones.

2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.

Outside the will of God, humanity can only operate under the limited authority of satan.

But satan's authority and power can't compare to the miraculous thing that we can do under the authority and power of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



But I thank God that Jesus Christ came, and He took back all the authority that satan had stolen from mankind and made it available to us where it belongs.

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. After his resurrection, Jesus gained authority over the Heavens, (the unseen realm), and on the earth, (the seen realm)!

We can walk in the same authority that Jesus was rewarded after His resurrection. **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.**

When we walk by faith in this authority, there is no seen or unseen force that can stop us from doing the will of God.

With this authority comes great responsibility.

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The Father revealed to Peter that Jesus is Christ, the Son of God.

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

Jesus can only be to us what we believe and accept Him to be for us.

The greatest revelation we can get of God is that He is the great I AM. He is one in three and three in one—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—a God who doesn't have to stop being one to be the other.

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).

Indisputable authority is different than undisputable authority.

'Undisputable' suggests that no one has bothered to question the subject yet, but it does not mean that it should not be questioned.

Indisputable' signifies that the subject is not questionable at all; it is a fact.

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When we use our Indisputable Authority by faith to speak and walk in accordance with the Word of God, God won't dispute it, and satan can't dispute it.

Even if God wants to, He won't dispute it because God said. **Psalms 138:2...For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.**

“And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.” the keys are the revelation that flows from the kingdom of God to His chosen ones.

With the keys (revelation knowledge of the Kingdom), we will know how to implement Indisputable Authority.

This authority grants us the ability to use the keys to God's kingdom to establish His kingdom here on the earth.