



## **Commissioned With Indisputable Authority**

**Sunday Sermon – 4/28/2024**

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**Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV - 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**

**Matthew 28:18-20 ERV - 18 So he came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth is given to me. 19 So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach them to obey everything that I have told you to do. You can be sure that I will be with you always. I will continue with you until the end of time.”**

All power - Strong's Concordance (exousia) - the power of authority (influence) and of right (privilege)

Didn't Jesus already have all authority? Why is he announcing this to His disciples that He has all authority after He went and died on the cross and rose from the grave?

**Genesis 1:26-28 AMPCE - 26 God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the [tame] beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth. 27 So God created man in His own image, in the image and likeness of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 And God blessed them and said to them, Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it [using all its vast resources in the service of God and man]; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth.**

At the time God delegated authority to rule to earth to mankind, satan was on the earth. Anything or anyone that functioned in the earth, mankind had authority over - that included satan.

The blessing God conveyed to mankind gave them the authority to be fruitful in the earth, multiply in the earth, fill the earth, and subdue the earth.

But mankind's authority excluded God. Why? Because God was the one who had delegated the authority to mankind.

**Romans 13:1 AMPCE - Let every person be loyally subject to the governing (civil) authorities. For there is no authority except from God [by His permission, His sanction], and those that exist do so by God's appointment.**

**Psalms 115:15-16 MES - May you be blessed by God, by God, who made heaven and earth. The heaven of heavens is for God, but he put us in charge of the earth.**



**Psalm 24:1 AMPCE - 1 The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness of it, the world and they who dwell in it.**

Ownership of the earth has always belonged to God. He placed mankind in charge or in authority of the earth to act as His stewards over it. We, as believers, are here on the earth to operate as God's representatives.

What does it mean to be a steward of God? Being a steward of God means that we are to manage and utilize all resources God provides for His glory and for the betterment of His creation. Stewardship involves surrendering our own wants and ambitions and showing kindness and care for the well-being of those God has put under our authority. Adam and Eve were stewards over the earth that God had granted them authority.

Adam and Eve dropped the ball, so to speak, when they surrendered the authority God had delegated to them to satan.

**Luke 4:5-8 AMPCE - 5 Then the devil took Him up to a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the habitable world in a moment of time [in the twinkling of an eye]. 6 And he said to Him, To You I will give all this power and authority and their glory (all their magnificence, excellence, preeminence, dignity, and grace), for it has been turned over to me, and I give it to whomever I will. 7 Therefore if You will do homage to and worship me [just once], it shall all be Yours. 8 And Jesus replied to him, Get behind Me, Satan! It is written, You shall do homage to and worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.**

**II Corinthians 4:3-4 AMPCE - 3 But even if our Gospel (the glad tidings) also be hidden (obscured and covered up with a veil that hinders the knowledge of God), it is hidden [only] to those who are perishing and obscured [only] to those who are spiritually dying and veiled [only] to those who are lost. 4 For the god of this world (*age*) has blinded the unbelievers' minds [that they should not discern the truth], preventing them from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ (the Messiah), Who is the Image and Likeness of God.**

Satan is the god of this age. An age is an era, a long and distinct period of time. The age that Satan is now ruling in is the age originally given to Adam and Eve.

Jesus Himself declared that satan was the ruler of this world system.

**John 12:31 - 31 The time for judging this world has come, when Satan, the ruler of this world, will be cast out.**

Satan's influence encompasses the world's philosophies, education, and commerce. The thoughts, ideas, speculations, and false religions of the world are under his control and have sprung from his lies and deceptions. Satan's purpose is to dull the mental discernment and darken the minds of unbelievers.

Unbelieving believers live according to the way that *seems* right.

**Proverbs 14:12 - 12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.  
way - Strong's Concordance - direction, path, a road, a course of life - **that seems right.****

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These are deceptive paths that lead to negative outcomes, and it is the enemies desire to get you on these paths so he can implement his plan - to kill, steal, and destroy. The choice is yours. When God gave His laws, His Word to mankind, it was not to create limitations, but it was so that mankind would know and understand how to live life to its fullest. You can either live God's way which is right and produces abundant life or you can live according to the deception of the enemy and follow the way that seems right.

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Exousia is the authority granted to exercise power to establish jurisdiction or dominion over a certain realm, right, privilege, or ability.

After Jesus stated that all authority had been granted to Him, He then commissioned his disciples. What does it mean to be commissioned?

Commissioned is an adjective that means assigned or granted authority or responsibility to do a specific task, project, or role.

This commission did not stop with the 12 disciples Jesus choose, or did it stop with the additional 70 that were appointed, or did it stop with the 120 who were in the upper room on the day of Pentecost. This commission is to every believer. We are commissioned to walk in the same indisputable authority - authority that cannot be challenged or denied, and exercise power to establish jurisdiction and dominion in the earth.

**Luke 10:19 AMPCE - 19 Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and [physical and mental strength and ability] over all the power that the enemy [possesses]; and nothing shall in any way harm you.**

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