

# You Have Authority!

## Matthew 28:18-20 (NAS95)

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

19 "**Go therefore** and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

## Mark 13:32-37 (KJV)

32 But of that day and *that* hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

34 For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

Authority: Legal power, or a right to command or to act (*Webster's 1828*)

## 'Power' in the Bible:

- **Dunamis**: supernatural explosive force, strength, energy, ability
- **Exousia**: authority backed by dunamis

## Such Authority That Men Wanted to Buy It

### Acts 8:14-24 (NAS95)

14 Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John,

15 who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

16 For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

17 Then they *began* laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.

18 Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money,

19 saying, "Give this **authority** to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!

21 "You have no part or portion in this matter, for your heart is not right before God.

22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

23 "For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity."

24 But Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me yourselves, so that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."

## He Gives His Authority To Us

### John 1:10-13 (KJV)

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he **power** to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

## He Rescued Us OUT of the Wrong Authority!

### Colossians 1:13-14 (NAS95)

13 For He rescued us from the **domain** [**authority**] of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## We Carry Authority Now To Rescue Others

### Acts 26:15-18 (KJV)

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

17 Delivering thee from the people, and *from* the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

18 To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the **power** [**authority**] of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

## This Revelation & Application of Authority is the Battle Jesus Has Already Won For Us!

### Ephesians 6:10-12 (NAS95)

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the **powers** [**authority**], against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

### Ephesians 1:18-23 (NAS95)

18 *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His **power** [**dunamis**] toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might

20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*,

**21** far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.  
**22** And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church,  
**23** which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

**Colossians 2:15 (KJV)** *And* having spoiled principalities and powers [authorities], he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

#### **Luke 10:17-20 (NAS95)**

**17** The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

**18** And He said to them, "I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning.

**19** "Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.

**20** "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven."

In other words:

*Don't get a big head over your authority; Rejoice in your salvation, with revelation that your salvation includes your authority! You didn't earn it yourself. It wasn't your works, but the works of Jesus that you received by faith in Him!*

#### **Know Your Authority; Use Your Authority; Stay Humble in Your Authority**

##### **James 4:6-7 (NAS95)**

**6** But He gives a greater grace. Therefore *it* says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."

**7** Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

##### **1 Peter 5:5-10 (NAS95)**

**5** You younger men, likewise, be subject to *your* elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

**6** Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,

**7** casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

**8** Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

**9** But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

**10** After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen *and* establish you.

#### **Humility is the Key to Authority**

##### **Philippians 2:8-11 (NAS95)**

**8** Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**9** For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

**10** so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**11** and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

#### **Pride Loses the Use of Authority**

##### **Luke 4:5-8 (KJV)**

**5** And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

**6** And the devil said unto him, All this power [authority] will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

**7** If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

**8** And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

#### **But Humility Releases the Authority of Faith!**

##### **John 10:17-18 (NAS95)**

**17** "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again.

**18** "No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."