

How To Have Authority Over The Demons & the  
Devil  
Part #1  
“What Is Spiritual Authority?”

To understand authority we must also understand that the spiritual cosmos is structured around 2 (supernatural) Kingdoms.

Ephesians 1:17

<sup>17</sup>That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: <sup>18</sup>The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

Our riches and glory as children of God and saints is the **structure of the Kingdom of God.**

Our inheritance is knowing how God's Kingdom is organized.

Ephesians 1:21 –the structure

Colossians 2:8

<sup>8</sup>Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

There are differentiated aspects to the Kingdom of God.

## 2 Kingdoms

### GOD

Power  
Principalities  
Mights  
Dominions

### DEVIL

Powers  
Principalities  
Rulers of-  
-current age  
(realm we live in)  
-Higher Dimensions

The spirit realm operates in a militaristic fashion detailed as a system of levels of accountability

The Devils kingdom structure

Ephesians 6:10-12

<sup>10</sup>Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

Scriptures describe the spirit realm as a metaphysical reality.

\*\*\*CAUTION\*\*\*

You cannot take a metaphysical reality and expect it to follow the construct of language, human grammar or the tongue that you speak because each language has different words for different concepts.

Authority flows through a process

This process helps to more effectively combat the forces of darkness

Luke 10:17-20

<sup>17</sup>And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. <sup>18</sup>And he said unto them, **I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.** <sup>19</sup>**Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.** <sup>20</sup>**Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.**

The King James Version of Luke 10:19 says, “power”

The word should be translated “authority”

If you are going to do spiritual warfare you must think like a judge and act like a lawyer.

The spiritual cosmos operates on the basis of technicalities and legalities

Satan is a legal creature

For an example of this refer to Job chapter 1 – God gave Satan the “legal right”

There is not anything that Satan can do to you unless he has been granted the legal right to do so

A legal right has to come from you or someone who has the authority to speak on your behalf

Do you have the authority to defeat the enemy in your life?

Luke 10:19

<sup>19</sup>**Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy:**

Luke 10:19 is a divine mandate to do spiritual warfare

God has given us the right through authority to attack all the forces of darkness and defeat them in the name of Jesus

When we are born again as a Christian we immediately have all the authority we will ever need and ever have

You never get any more authority

Your authority as a Christian is absolute and total

The problem is that the enemy can operate in our lives if we fail to exercise our authority

We must possess the promise

Your authority cannot accomplish anything over the enemy unless you are proactive and you implement it

The “Salvation settles it all” syndrome

-get saved

-assume everything is now OK

You have authority and you need to exercise it, implement it, proactively apply it, declare it, and walk in faith

The difference between authority and power

Authority

Command – speak it and it is done  
(Matt 7:28)

If you are going to overcome the enemy that is attacking, you will have to command their attention

Authority means nothing without power

Power

Allows you to execute the command

Power is functional by faith

The Word

Matthew 8:5 is an example of proper authority

-understand authority

-flow in it

-do what Jesus did

It does not matter how much you believe or decree  
What matters is your measure of faith

Every child of God has the authority but not everyone has the power

Acts 1:8

**<sup>8</sup>But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

Power comes from what the Holy Spirit brings into our lives

How do you flow in that power?

To minister in the realm of spiritual freedom you must operate in authority and power  
-you must read the Word  
-you must know the Word  
-you need experience

Authority is absolute

Power is not absolute

Power is sufficient unto each day

Being able to execute your power depends on where your relationship with God is today

You cannot store up power and use it when you want it

The challenge to walking in freedom is to make sure you are filled with power daily

You must daily walk in the power of the Holy Spirit so that the enemy cannot return if you desire to get and remain free

Are you willing to pay the price to get the power?

The devil respects one thing only “power”

Authority is equal and a level playing field

Power is not

Authority without power means nothing

You cannot exercise authority unless you are under authority