

THE AUTHORITY OF THE BELIEVER

Numbers 6:24-26 "The Lord bless you and keep you! May the LORD make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! May the Lord turn his face upon you and give you peace!"

God is the sole Creator and Ruler of all creation.

Job 25:2 "Dominion and terror belong to God: he makes peace reign in his highest.

Ps 103:19 The LORD hath established his throne in heaven, and his dominion is over all.

1 Chr 29:11-12 "To you, O LORD, the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, the majesty, for all that is in heaven and on earth is yours! To thee, O LORD, be the kingdom; to you, who exalt yourself as sovereign above all things! From you come wealth and glory; You lord over all; in your hand are strength and power, and it is in your power to make great and to make all things strong.

Da 4:2-3,25 "It seemed good to me to make known the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done for me. How great are his signs! How powerful are his wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom and his dominion endures from generation to generation. The Most High rules over the kingdom of men and gives it to whomever he wills.

Man had received from God on earth dominion over creation, the animal kingdom and the vegetable kingdom, over Satan, the rebellious angels and the demons, but not over man. Satan presented himself using the body of the serpent belonging to the animal kingdom subject to Adam. But with the entry of sin, precisely because satan wanted to dominate man, God decided to give His dominion over man only to those He chose in the world to fulfill His Plan. From the book of Job but also from what Jesus said to Peter, satan always asks God's permission to sift some of His children to see if they really remain firm in the faith or if they fall into temptation, but God always limits satan's action.

Ge 1:26 "Then God said, Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let him have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all the creeping things that creep upon the sea land".

From 4:22 O King! (Nebuchadnezzar) You have become great and powerful: yours greatness reaches to heaven and your dominion extends to the ends of the earth.

Jn 19:10-11 "Then Pilate said to him, 'Are you not speaking to me? Don't you know that I have the power to deliver you and the power to crucify you?' Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me if it had not been given to you from above.

Job 1:12 And the LORD said unto Satan, All that thou hast (Job) is in thy power; only, do not stretch out your hand on his person".

Lk 22:31-32 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has asked to sift you as one sifts wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when you are converted, strengthen your brothers."

Satan has power only over men who live in sin and those who do not know God, but he also tries to deceive Christians into believing that they do not have the authority that Jesus Christ has restored.

But what exactly is this power? Lies and disbelief!

2 Corinthians 4:4 For the unbelievers, whose eyes the god of this world has blinded, so that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, may not shine for them.

1 Jn 5:19 "We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies under the power of the evil one."

Acts 10:38 that is to say, the story of Jesus of Nazareth; how God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and power; and how he went everywhere doing good and healing all those who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

Ac 26:18 "To open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness into light, and from the power of satan to God, and receive forgiveness of sins through faith in me, and their share of inheritance among the sanctified."

Cl 1:13 "God has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has carried us into the kingdom of his beloved Son."

Heb 2:14 "Since, therefore, the children share blood and flesh, he also likewise partook of them, that by his death he might destroy him who had power over death, namely, the devil."

Aware that we are at war!

God gave His law to mankind in order to grant them forgiveness of their sins and walk in fellowship with Him. For many years, satan has lived in authority on earth because of human disobedience. As Christians we must be aware of the fact that we are involved in a fight, one of the main strategies used by satan is to blind us to the conflict in which we find ourselves and consequently we are defenseless in the face of his attacks. But the Lord has given us all the weapons necessary to make us victorious against the enemy! We are under attack by the enemy in every area of our daily lives in our minds, our bodies, our finances, our work, our families, our homes, our neighbors, our cities, our nations, and the world. One of the most important things to learn is that our fight is not with physical people, coming into conflict with people only involves frustration and defeat, but the fight is in the spiritual world, against satan and demonic spirits. On this earth Jesus walked in authority as the Son of Man and not as the Son of God, which is why he said that we would do the same works that he did and even more. He did all that man was meant to do here on earth, he moved in the power of the Holy Spirit and not in the power of the Son of God, this is very important to us! We have the same power, authority, and right to do the same things that Jesus did when He was here on earth as a human, Jesus is our example. Just as Jesus did by responding to Satan with the Word of God, so we must do. Jesus did not argue with satan, he did not reason with satan, he did not consider doing according to the will of satan, but he declared the written Word of God, this is the way satan is pushed away, the Word of God must flow from our mouths, when diseases try to enter our bodies we can say: "It is written that by His stripes I am healed." When poverty tries to eat into our finances, we can say, "It is written that my God will provide for my every need." If satan tries to mislead our children, we can say, "It is written that all my children will receive

teachings from the Lord." Declare the solution, not the problem, declare the answer, not the need, declare and believe in the Word of God and satan who is already totally defeated by our Lord Jesus, will flee! And we will be victorious! Wherever Jesus went, he ministered with boldness and authority, the crowds were aware of the authority he had as the Son of man, when he released authority under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, healed the sick, cast out demons, and raised the dead. Jesus set an example for believers then and today and told his disciples to minister with the same authority and to do exactly as He did.

Mt 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons; freely you have received, freely give.

The disciples could do the same things as Jesus, because he invested them with the same authority with which he lived and ministered, we must work with the same power that raised Jesus from the dead! Through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and his resurrection, satan is a defeated enemy! Jesus defeated him along with all his demons, he completely defeated them unarmed. Why do we allow satan to submit to us? Why do we allow them to devastate our families, our homes, our cities and our towns? Why do we allow him to afflict us with his diseases? Why do we accept his poverty? The answer is that we need to know all that God has provided for us in Christ Jesus, when Jesus ascended to heaven and returned to the Father, gave all His rights as the Son of man to His children here on earth, and resumed His position as the Son of God in heaven, until He returns again and hands over His kingdom to the Father.

1 Corinthians 15:24-25 "Then the end will come, when he will deliver the kingdom into the hands of God the Father, after he has reduced to nothing every principality, every power and every power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

After two thousand years we still see people living without the Name of Jesus, living in poverty, sin, defeat, divorce, living with drug-addicted children, practicing the occult. Why does Satan still act as if he were the prince of this world? He was defeated by Jesus and rendered harmless, Jesus did His part to deliver us! Have we done our part with the power, domination, and authority that has already been given to us? The devil hates us so much that he orders his army of demons to steal, kill and

destroy our lives! These subjects of his are tasked with robbing us of all necessities for life and ministries, he has been ordered to kill us through the spirits of infirmity, murder and suicide. Between the attacks, tragic incidents carried out to end our lives prematurely, the devil has decreed that: "At any cost, especially Christians must go to perdition!" If the demons are unable to kill us, they may try to limit, hinder, or stop us completely from carrying out God's mandate for our life and ministry. It is encouraging to learn how satan failed in all his attempts to stop Paul's ministry to the Lord.

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 "We are afflicted in every way, but not reduced to extremes; perplexed, but not desperate; persecuted, but not abandoned; Knocked down, but not destroyed.

Satan attacks all that is good in our lives, marriage, children, families, friends, ministries, health, joy, and peace. Men and women perish for lack of knowledge, if we do not have faith in Jesus Christ and the Word of God in our minds, hearts and spirits we will not be able to drive away Satan and cast out his followers.

Have victory over the enemy

When satan attacks us with tribulation or persecution with the intent of stealing God's Word from us, we have a choice. We can **thank the Lord for having warned us and then, knowing the strategies of the demon, we rebuke him**. We could also be scandalized, lose our joy and thus allow satan to steal the revelation of the Word of God sown in our hearts. How many times, when tribulation or persecution came, weeping, have we blamed God? "Master, don't you care that we are going to die?" "God, don't you care that my children are getting lost?" "Don't you care that my life is attacked by diseases?" "Can't you see that I can't pay my bills?" When we become scandalized and blame God for the trials in our lives, we allow satan to steal the precious seed of God's Word from our hearts.

Speaking by faith

If we want to protect the seed of God's Word in our hearts to receive a harvest of thirty, sixty or a hundred more than what has been sown, it is necessary to act in faith.

Mr 4:40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? Why do you lack faith?

Speaking with authority

When the storm comes against our boat, instead of being scandalized, we must stand up against the devil and frankly declare the Word of God in faith.

Mr 4:39 And he awoke, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Be still and the wind stopped and it became very calm.

Remaining vigilant

Even though Satan is a defeated enemy, he does everything he can to prevent us from walking in the authority that God has entrusted to us. We must be vigilant, awake, ready to overcome any attack of the enemy against our lives.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be watchful, for your adversary the devil is going to be around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Wearing the armor of God

By faith, we must put on the armor of God, so that we can remain strong against the snares of the devil.

Eph 6:10-13 "For the rest, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his power. Put on the whole armor of God so that you can stand firm against the snares of the devil. For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the world of darkness of this age, against evil spirits in heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand in the evil day and stand when you have done all things.

The devil's deceptions are schemes, strategies, and illusionistic plans that he uses against us, but as soon as we become aware of his plan, we must be even more aware of the weapons and armor that God has given us to fight them. Armor is for our defense, weapons are for our victorious offensive, we must know them and know how to use them.

Recognizing Our Authority

Jesus' work is complete! He has already defeated Satan and his demons on earth, He has generated children of God to walk in authority. He has restored our authority and now, we must stand up and prove that the devil is a defeated enemy, we must vigorously advance into the Kingdom of God on this earth. Jesus, the King of kings, reigns with the Father over the whole universe. In fact, it is on planet earth that His Kingdom must be completely determined when He will return, as it is written:

Zech 14:9 "The Lord will be king over all the earth; on that day the Lord will be the only one, and his name will be one."

We have the authority to resist Satan and make him flee, bind the prince of demons Beelzebub and cast out his demons. When we have won the battle in the realm of the spirit, the fruit of victory will also manifest itself in the visible natural. Jesus said that He would give us the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever we bound on earth would be bound in heaven, and whatever we loosed on earth would be loosed in heaven. What does all this mean? Jesus spoke about binding the strong man.

Mt 12:28,29 "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come among you. That is, how can someone enter the house of the strong man and steal his goods, if he does not first bind the strong man? Then only will he succeed in plundering his house."

Who is the strong man?

The strong man is Beelzebub, prince of demons, and then there is the demon dominator assigned to influence a government, an organization or the life of a person. Jesus entered the house of the strong man and bound the strong man (Beelzebub and his ruling demons). First we bind Beelzebub by saying with authority: "Beelzebub, I bind you in the name of Jesus!" Then we bind his demons, saying with authority: "demonian spirit, I bind you in the name of Jesus!"

What is Tie?

To bind means to limit Satan or one of his demons who dominates a particular situation, where God has led us in spiritual battle. For example, when we tie a dog with a chain anchored to a peg, the dog can go up to a certain distance because it is limited and is not allowed to go beyond the length of

the chain, depriving it of entering the area of our choice, we have thus limited its scope of influence, this is the meaning of the word "tie".

Stripping his house

Immediately afterward, we must despoil his house, we do this by commanding the demons who are under the authority of the strong man to go out in the name of Jesus. We can know the identity of these spirits through the gift of discernment of spirits and the word of knowledge, we can also know their identity by how they function. Some of these spirits are spirits of the occult, spirits of hindrance, unclean spirits, spirits of lust and perversion, spirits of infirmity, spirits of torment, spirits of suicide. Chasing the spirits! By driving out these spirits we are stripping the house of the strong man, when his house is stripped, he loses his defenses and we can force him to leave in the name of Jesus. Through the blood of Jesus we have the victory! Walking in forgiveness, in obedience to God and by faith, we can frankly say: "Satan, I am covered with the blood of Jesus!" "My family and possessions are covered with the blood of Jesus!" "Satan, you have been overcome by the blood of Jesus!" "By the blood of Jesus, you cannot touch me!" Just as Jesus conquered Satan by His blood, we too can be overcomers by the blood of Jesus! For the protection of His blood, no weapon formed against us can prosper, Satan on earth can only accomplish what through our ignorance, we allow him to do.

Rev 12:11 "But they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony."

The Word of God, when it is declared by our mouth with authority, becomes a powerful weapon against which Satan cannot defend himself. The "Word of their testimony" can be accurately translated as "the Word in their testimony", our testimony is what we say, when we stop saying the problem, our thoughts, our fears and begin to frankly declare the Word in our circumstances, then we also become overcomers. To declare the Word of God it is necessary to read, study and meditate on it, then it will become a faith that dwells and is well rooted in our lives. Jesus said that the greatest example of faith is that of a man who understands authority and also knows how to exercise it in the fulfillment of the Word.

Mt 8:8-10: The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof; but just say a word, and my servant will

be healed. For I am a man under the authority of others, and I have soldiers under me; and if I say to one, "Go, he goes; and if I say to the other, "Come," he comes; and if I say to my servant, "Do this," he does it. When Jesus heard this, he was amazed, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found so great faith.

The Word Must Be Confirmed

Mr 16:20 And they went forth to preach everywhere, and the Lord worked with them, confirming the word with the signs that accompanied it.

The faith that comes from God believes the Word, declares the Word, and sees the Word "perform" miracles. Jesus has given us His Church the authority to win all spiritual battles in His Name, the name of Jesus is above every other name. Every demon has a name, every person has a name, every infirmity and disease has a name, every strategy of the devil has a name, when the name of Jesus is declared, demons will flee, diseases will disappear, the dead will be resurrected. The key to a victorious Christian life is to be in continual communion with the Holy Spirit and to work in the mighty name of Jesus. We can walk with the same power as described in the book of Acts, when we unite as the early Christians using the authority of Jesus' name. If we want to be victorious in our spiritual battle, we must first repent by confessing our sins to God and receive His forgiveness, we must dedicate our lives, one hundred percent to Jesus as Lord of our lives, we must separate ourselves from the cares of this world, put aside the things we want and allow the Spirit of God to guide us, we, like Jesus, must say "I only do the things I see the Father doing." God has given every believer certain spheres of authority in the family, neighborhood, city, and nation where he lives or where he is sent by God to minister. God assigns us an area, so that we can learn to use our authority to destroy the strongholds there, as soldiers, men and women of faith in God's army, we must be careful not to become arrogant and behave harshly or harshly toward others. We must be violent against the devil and his demons, but in every situation we must walk showing love for other people. We hate the devil, but we love our neighbor. We must also remember that our authority as believers is not to have dominion over people, but over the devil and his demons, if we walk with love towards God and neighbor, it is not the case to think constantly about the battle and the devil. When we walk in a close relationship with God without compromise with sin or the world, He reveals to us the

strategies that satan has programmed for our defeat through the operation of the spiritual gift of discernment of spirits, the closer we are to God, the more aware we will be of the presence of evil, deception, compromise, or the mixture of truth and error. If satan or his demons try to hinder us, let's resist them, scold them, chase them away, destroy any thought or prophecy that is not from God, we must not take our eyes off Jesus.

Eph 6:18: ... praying at all times with every kind of prayer and supplication in the Spirit, watching for this purpose with all perseverance and prayer for all the saints.

Jesus' work is complete! Now it's up to us! We are the ones who must bring the message of salvation to the whole world, who must insistently advance the Kingdom of God and He will make His enemies the footstool of his feet.

1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, as weapons of our offensive, we have the Word of God that released with faith and with the Power of the Holy Spirit and with the Authority that our Lord Jesus Christ has given us through His Blood and in His Name, we can free the prisoners who are in the kingdom of satan and bring them into the kingdom of God and free them from any demonic influence, from diseases and infirmities. On the other hand, for our defensive, by wearing full armor we can defend ourselves and resist all the attacks of the enemy and remain firm in faith in Christ.

Jesus' Authority

Mt 28:18 "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given me in heaven and on earth.

The Authority of God's Children

Lk 10:19 Behold, I have given you power to walk on serpents, and Nothing can harm you.

2 Corinthians 13:13 "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." Amen.