



## PRAYING WITH AUTHORITY

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**When Jesus appeared to His disciples after His resurrection He said to them, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20.)

This is a clear statement from the Lord Himself giving us tremendous authority to operate in His name. For example when we are proclaiming the Kingdom of God and praying for the sick we have the authority to bind the sicknesses afflicting them as well as to cast out the demonic spirits.

**Jesus received His authority from God the Father. (John 14:10.) He has delegated this authority to those who believe in Him.**

A person who recognised the authority of Jesus was a Roman centurion who himself was under authority and recognised the power of delegated authority. He pleaded with Jesus to heal his servant who was at home paralysed and tormented. He told Jesus that he himself was not worthy that Jesus should come under his roof but to speak a word and his servant would be healed.

Jesus answered him by saying, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel.... Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that same hour. (Matthew 8:5-13.)

**When Jesus taught in the synagogue, they were astonished at his teaching for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. (Mark 1:21-22).**

**The demonic powers recognised His authority** and cried out, “What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God!” Jesus rebuked him and commanded the demons to flee. They did so with a loud voice. (Mark 1:23-27).

When Jesus was in a boat with His disciples, a windstorm came down the on lake, and the boat began to fill with water. The disciples thought they would die. They awoke Jesus who rebuked the storm and there was calm. (Luke 8:22-25).

Jesus promised to make His home in us (John 14:23) and also to send the Holy Spirit to help us and guide us into all truth. Whatever the Holy Spirit hears from Jesus He will tell us. (John 16:7-15.)

**On the day of Pentecost, which occurred after the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit fell upon the disciples and they immediately received power to witness in His name.**

**Shortly afterwards, in that same power, Peter looked at a crippled man on the ground and commanded him to rise and walk in the name of Jesus Christ. He did so immediately. (Acts 3:6-9).**

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow to Him in heaven, on the earth and under the earth. (Philippians 2:5-11.)

We need to understand that Jesus Christ lives in us by the Holy Spirit. This is a great mystery which was revealed when Jesus Christ was resurrected from the dead and He sent His Holy Spirit to live in the believer. Christ in us, the hope of glory. (Colossians 1:26-27.)

**We need to know the extent of this authority that Jesus Christ has given us. It is exceedingly great towards us who believe and is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead and seated Him at the right hand of God in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 1:18-20.)**

As we meditate on the above scriptures we realise the awesome trust that God has placed in the believer. He has given us amazing power. We need to exercise it as we proclaim the Gospel, pray for the sick and cast out demons.

For myself, as I have believed for the same power to flow through me for the past 40 years, I have seen the Spirit of God do outstanding miracles in the lives of many thousands of people.

You can do the same. All that is required is absolute belief on our part in the Word of God which promises that you will have the same power that raised Jesus from the dead and operate in obedience to God and under His authority. Jesus did this and tells us that He has given us that same authority.

**I encourage you to operate in that authority now. You will be astounded as the Holy Spirit moves in miraculous power through you.**

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