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Lesson 18 – Outline

I. We exercise authority when we take our responsibility and do what God has told us to do.

- A. However, this doesn't mean we can just "command" anything we want.
- B. All authority can do is enforce law.
- C. In the spiritual realm, there are demons who are constantly trying to oppose us, inflict their evil will upon us, and prevent us from experiencing the fullness of God's provision.
- D. We must enforce the spiritual laws of God's kingdom that have been given to us.

II. Most people don't see the kingdom of God as operating under law.

- A. Although many scriptures reveal the power of the name of Jesus (Phil. 2:9-11), God has magnified His Word even above His name.

Thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

Psalm 138:2

- B. The name of Jesus is powerful because He never breaks His Word.
- C. When God says something, it becomes a legal binding contract.

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

Psalm 89:34

- D. Our entire universe is held together by the integrity and power of God's Word (Heb. 1:3).
- E. So when God speaks something out of His mouth, it becomes a contract—a law.

III. In order to effectively use your authority, you must know what God's laws are.

- A. You must know what the laws are that govern the kingdom of God and then abide by them.
- B. If you try to enforce something outside of those laws, it won't work.

Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

Romans 3:27

- C. A law is something that is both constant and universal. It's consistent for everybody on the planet; it's the same for everyone, and it's always that way.
- D. God Himself is consistent and predictable because He operates by His own spiritual laws.
- E. You need to find out what His spiritual laws are and then take your authority as a believer and enforce them.

IV. If you're ignorant of God's Word, then you won't be very effective in exercising your authority, because Satan will just talk you out of it.

- A. Many Christians are ignorant of the abundant life God has given us.
- B. Therefore, they live without enjoying many of the salvation benefits Jesus died on the cross to provide.

This is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

1 John 5:14-15

- C. If you think that God just sometimes wills for a person to be saved, healed, or prospered and sometimes He doesn't, then you don't know what God's will is (1 Pet. 2:24).
- D. God's Word reveals His will.

Beloved, I wish [will, want, desire] above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

3 John 2, brackets mine

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

- E. The Lord has ordained laws for your good, so you can access the abundant life He's provided for you—however, you must learn what these laws are so you can cooperate with them and demand Satan to quit stealing, killing, and destroying the blessings that are rightfully yours.

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Lesson 18 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Philippians 2:9-11, what should every tongue confess?
2. To the glory of whom?
3. Psalm 89:34 says that God will not alter what?
4. According to Hebrews 1:3, where did Jesus sit down when He had purged our sins?
5. According to Romans 3:27, where is boasting, then?
6. What does Psalm 35:27 say that those who favor God's righteous cause should do?
7. How often should they say, "Let the LORD be magnified"?
8. The Lord takes pleasure in the prosperity of whom?
9. According to 1 John 5:14-15, what is the confidence that we have in Him?
10. What is it we know that we have?
11. In 3 John 2, God clearly wishes (wills) what?
12. According to 1 John 5:5, who is he that overcomes the world?
13. James 1:17 reveals that what kind of gift comes down from above?
14. From whom?
15. Is there any variableness or shadow of turning with Him?

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Lesson 18 – Scriptures

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

Psalms 138:2

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11

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Psalms 89:34

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Hebrews 1:3

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Romans 3:27

The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Deuteronomy 28:8

The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

Deuteronomy 28:12

Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

Psalms 35:27

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

1 Peter 2:24

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

1 John 5:14-15

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

3 John 2

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

1 John 5:5

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John 10:10

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

James 1:17