

Reigning With Jesus | CL Talks Episode 43

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I. To pray with confidence and authority, you must know who you are in the Kingdom of God.

1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV): 9 But you are a *chosen generation* (Ephesians 1:4) a royal (*kingly*: 1 Timothy 6:15) priesthood, a holy nation, *His own special people*, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

* Holy nation: chaste, pure. Its fundamental idea is separation, consecration, devotion to the service of God, sharing in God's purity and abstaining from earth's defilement.

* His own special people: purchased possession.

* Reigning with Jesus: **Romans 5:17 (NKJV):** 17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

* Reign: to be king, to exercise kingly power, to reign; to exercise the highest influence, to control. Not control over God but under submission to God thereby exercising authority and control over the kingdom of darkness.

II. God is sovereign but God made a sovereign choice when He gave His sons and daughters authority in this earth.

Genesis 1:26-28 (NKJV): 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion (to reign, to rule, to tread now; Psalm 91:13) over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Psalms 8:4-6 (NKJV): 4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? 5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet...

A. This is the Law of the human being and was instituted by God Himself. He chose to carry out His plans through the human race.

The first man Adam began to write history, through his choices. As long as those choices were made in agreement and submission to God's will, his authority was empowered and backed by God and his prayers were answered.

1. This concept in real time.

1 Corinthians 3:6-9 (AMP): 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God [all the while] was making it grow and [He] gave the increase. 7 So neither he who plants is anything nor he who waters, but [only] God Who makes it grow and become greater. 8 He who plants and he who waters are equal (one in aim, of the same importance and esteem), yet each shall receive his own reward (wages), according to his own labor. 9 For we are fellow workmen (joint promoters, laborers together) with and for God; you are God's garden and vineyard and field under cultivation, [you are] God's building.

III. The fall of man. Adam came out from under his submission to God and surrendered his God-given authority to Satan through his disobedience to God's Word. He committed high treason. (*Genesis 3*)

Luke 4:5-8 (AMP): 5 Then the devil took Him up to a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the habitable world in a moment of time [in the twinkling of an eye]. 6 And he said to Him, To You I will give all this power and authority and their glory (all their magnificence, excellence, preeminence, dignity, and grace), for it has been turned over to me, and I give it to whomever I will. 7 Therefore if You will do homage to and worship me [just once], it shall all be Yours. 8 And Jesus replied to him, Get behind Me, Satan! It is written, You shall do homage to and worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (AMP): 4 For the god of this world has blinded the unbelievers' minds [that they should not discern the truth], preventing them from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ (the Messiah), Who is the Image and Likeness of God.

A. Humanity is still making history today by either choosing to obey God or disobey God. Why do bad things happen? It is humanity, in their fallen state, making wrong choices in direct defiance to God, His Word, His plans and purposes.

IV. The Incarnation, God coming to earth as a man, Jesus Christ to redeem the human race and restore our relationship with God and restore our authority. Remember the Law of the human being. Everything Jesus did, it was Father God doing through Him and His prayers. God's will was being established on earth by His man Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 2:5 (AMP): 5 For there [is only] one God, and [only] one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus...

John 14:10 (AMP): 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? What I am telling you I do not say on My own authority and of My own accord; but the Father Who lives continually in Me does the (His) works (His own miracles, deeds of power).

A. Jesus will raise up a new species of human beings to once again establish and do the will of God and carry out His work and victory advancing the Kingdom of God in the earth.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (AMP): 17 Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come! 18 But all things are from God, Who through Jesus Christ reconciled us to Himself [received us into favor, brought us into harmony with Himself] and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation [that by word and deed we might aim to bring others into harmony with Him]. 19 It was God [personally present] in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding against [men] their trespasses [but cancelling them], and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor). 20 So we are Christ's ambassadors, God making His appeal as it were through us. We [as Christ's personal representatives] beg you for His sake to lay hold of the divine favor [now offered you] and be reconciled to God.

B. Jesus showed us the process of reigning with God through submission to God, prayer, action, and prayer.

1. Submission: **John 5:30 (AMP):** 30 I am able to do nothing from Myself [independently, of My own accord—but only as I am taught by God and as I get His orders]. Even as I hear, I judge [I decide as I am bidden to decide. As the voice comes to Me, so I give a decision], and My judgment is right (just, righteous), because I do not seek or consult My own will [I have no desire to do what is pleasing to Myself, My own aim, My own purpose] but only the will and pleasure of the Father Who sent Me.

John 6:38 (AMP): 38 For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will and purpose but to do the will and purpose of Him Who sent Me.

2. His Prayer: Matthew 6:9-13

3. Out of prayer action, after the action, prayer.

Mark 1:34-35 (AMP): 34 And He cured many who were afflicted with various diseases; and He drove out many demons, but would not allow the demons to talk because they knew Him [intuitively]. 35 And in the morning, long before daylight, He got up and went out to a deserted place, and there He prayed.

How do we pray like that to see the same results?? That's next week!!