



# A Divine Restraining Order TALK IT OVER August 15-16, 2020

## THE GREAT RECOVERY



*“For the time [has arrived] for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will [be] the end of those who do not respect or believe or obey the Good News (the Gospel) of God?” - 1 Peter 4:17 (AMPC)*

*“And not a creature exists that is concealed from His sight, but all things are open and exposed, naked and defenseless to the eyes of Him with Whom we have to do.” - Hebrews 4:13 (AMPC)*

Truth has been proclaimed as the most powerful element of human relationships.

Truth is factual, actual, real, genuine, absolute, pure.

Without truth, no civilization can exist for long.

God's government, His Kingdom is based on truth. Jesus is the Truth; His Word is true.

You and I, as disciples of Christ, are called upon to live His truth in our everyday world.

Biblical truth is not just to be known – it is to be lived.

The purpose of understanding biblical truth is the wisdom for life it produces through us.

The truth is:

- Jesus gave us His power of attorney to conquer life.
- We transact Kingdom business – the building of that Kingdom – by living, speaking, and sharing the Gospel of His Kingdom.
- He judges us on the basis of our trust in Him that our victory is already won.

*“...He will convict and convince the world and bring demonstration to it about... judgment... because the ruler (evil genius, prince) of this world [Satan] is judged and condemned and sentence already is passed upon him.” John 16:8, 11 (AMPC)*

Your enemy is a judged, condemned, already defeated foe and already sentenced.

That truth should cause an attitude of gratitude and a confidence within us to withstand any attack that comes our way.

*“For the time [has arrived] for judgment to begin with the household of God...” - 1 Peter 4:17 (AMPC)*

God wants His Church cleansed, purged, on fire, speaking His Truth in love.

He wants us on offence, militant against the kingdom of darkness, taking territory from the enemy.

His desire is that we use the weapons of our warfare to pull down the strongholds of the enemy.

His court is ever in session. We are to boldly enter His throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace to help in every kind of need – well-timed, coming just when we need it.

At His throne, His court we are represented by Jesus Christ, our Advocate, our Defense Attorney.

*“But if anyone should sin, we have an Advocate (One Who will intercede for us) with the Father—[it is] Jesus Christ [the all] righteous...” - 1 John 2:1 (AMPC)*

The important thing to notice is the command to us to come to His throne.

We come to His court continually since we are constantly in need of His help.

You and I are assigned by God to wreak havoc, restrict, interfere with and to revoke the works of the enemy.

To do this, we must go into His court and obtain a D.R.O. – Divine Restraining Order.

A restraining order is a common legal writ issued by a judge in a court of law to protect a person, business, company, entity and the general public in a situation involving threats of violence, violent acts, harassment, stalking, etc.

God has judged Satan and his demons and commanded you and me to execute that judgment.

Your “throne rights” of being seated with Christ in the heavenly realm come with a responsibility to exercise your “authority” in His Kingdom.

*“I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on Earth must be what is already bound in Heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on Earth must be what is already loosed in Heaven.” - Matthew 16:19 (AMPC)*

“Keys” represent authority.

We are commanded to come into God’s courtroom and to obtain a D.R.O. against any attempt by Satan to thwart God’s will and purpose in our lives.

God issued a D.R.O. for Job against Satan’s attacks and gave Satan protection from them.

*“Then Satan answered the Lord, ‘Does Job [reverently] fear God for nothing? Have You not put a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have conferred prosperity and happiness upon him in the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.’” - Job 1:9-10 (AMPC)*

“Hedge,” in Hebrew, means “to shut in for protection or restraint.”

God had placed a D.R.O. to restrain Satan from moving against Job thus protecting him.

Job was a covenant servant of God, “a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil.” Job’s life was wholly devoted to God’s Kingdom.

There are other such stories throughout the Bible of God’s servants entering His courtroom and leaving with a D.R.O. to restrain the enemy and protect them as they establish God’s Kingdom.

You too, may go there and obtain this same protection.

### Discussion Questions:

- God’s government, His Kingdom is based on \_\_\_\_\_.
- Biblical truth is to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- God wants His Church cleansed, purged, on fire, speaking His \_\_\_\_\_ in love.
- We are commanded to boldly come to His \_\_\_\_\_.
- There we obtain a D. \_\_\_\_\_ R. \_\_\_\_\_ O. \_\_\_\_\_ against Satan which protects us.
- Your “throne rights” of being seated in Christ in the heavenly realm come with a responsibility to exercise your “authority” in His \_\_\_\_\_.
- “Keys” in Matthew 16:19 represent \_\_\_\_\_.

**Prayer:** Ask God to help you go into God’s courtroom and to obtain a D.R.O. against any attempt by Satan to thwart God’s will and purpose in our lives.

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