



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Defeat the Devil's Plans (Activating Your Authority pt 2)

This guide offers a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print it to study on your own or use it in a group to experience transformation together.

Message Theme

Designed for Dominion: How to Defeat the Devil

Prayer Focus

Lord, thank You for entrusting me with Your authority and calling me to reflect Your Kingdom on Earth. Help me to walk boldly, rooted in truth, and sensitive to Your Spirit. Where the enemy seeks influence, let me stand firm and aligned with Heaven. Equip me to bring light where there's darkness, and peace where there's chaos. May my life reveal the reality of Your reign—here and now. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Key Truths

Jesus didn't come just to prepare us for heaven—He came to bring heaven to Earth through us. As believers, we carry the presence and authority of the Kingdom of Heaven, right here and right now.

In the beginning, God entrusted Adam and Eve with dominion over the earth. But when they sinned, they handed that authority over to the enemy. God didn't revoke the gift—He allowed humanity to choose, and in that choice, Satan gained influence. Since then, he's operated as "the god of this world," manipulating what was meant to be stewarded by us.

Here's the truth: *The only authority Satan has is what is surrendered to him.* He cannot move without human cooperation. That's why our alignment matters—who we agree with shapes whose power is at work in our lives.

But through Jesus, that lost authority has been reclaimed. He declared that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Him, and He shares it with us. As Kingdom ambassadors, we're called to walk boldly, resist the enemy, and reflect heaven's rule here on Earth.

Practical Application

How can you intentionally bring the reality of heaven into your home, work, or relationships this week?

Heaven isn't just a distant promise—it's a present reality we're invited to reflect daily. Whether it's choosing grace in conflict, extending peace in chaos, or simply showing up with love and purpose, every action can echo the Kingdom. This week, look for those holy moments in the ordinary—because when you choose to live like Jesus, heaven touches Earth through you.

Reference Verses

- Luke 10:19, 4:5-8, 8:30-33
- John 20:21
- James 4:7
- Genesis 1:26-28
- Psalms 8:4-5, 115:16, 89:34
- 2 Corinthians 4:4
- 1 John 5:19
- Matthew 12:43-45, 28:18-20
- Ephesians 2:2, 6:10-11
- Zechariah 12:2-3
- Philippians 2:9-11
- Mark 5:6

Declarations

- I declare that God is my provider. Every good and perfect gift flows from His hands, and I lack nothing in Him.
- I am equipped for every battle. The Spirit of God lives in me, and I walk clothed in His power and purpose.
- No weapon formed against me will prosper, because I am under the covering of the Most High.
- I carry Heaven's authority. I speak life, walk in victory, and bring light into every place I enter.

What's Next?

It's not about passively waiting for God to handle every attack, but understanding and actively wielding the dominion Jesus has given you. By engaging with these steps, you can start manifesting God's Kingdom in your life and circumstances today.

Step 1: Reject Passivity and Embrace Your Delegated Authority

First, radically shift your mindset from a passive recipient to an active agent of God's Kingdom. Understand that Jesus has already stripped the devil of his power and then delegated that authority to *you*, the believer. Stop asking God to do what He has already empowered you to do. Instead, recognize that God is actively *waiting on you* to use the authority He's given. This means believing and knowing in your heart that when you, as a believer, command the devil in Jesus' name, it's as effective as if Jesus Himself were speaking.

Step 2: Discern Satan's Tactics and Resist His Influence

Next, become highly discerning of Satan's trickery and deceptive wiles. Understand that many negative circumstances (like depression, addiction, sickness, or even broader societal issues) are spiritual attacks where the enemy is seeking cooperation, not that he has inherent authority over you. Resist the common misconception that all bad things are God's will; instead, identify the devil's attempts to hinder you. When you

encounter these manifestations, refuse to cooperate, and instead, verbally command those spiritual influences to go in Jesus' name, knowing they have no authority over you if you stand against them.

Step 3: Proclaim Dominion and Manifest Kingdom Reality

Finally, consistently proclaim and enforce the dominion Jesus regained and has now given to you. Just as God gave Adam dominion over the earth, and Jesus perfectly reclaimed it, you are now empowered to manifest God's Kingdom. Understand that the enemy's goal is to steal, kill, and destroy, often by using people or circumstances. Don't be afraid. Instead, use your God-given authority to counter these attacks. Speak life over death, rebuke sickness, and command peace where there is chaos, actively demonstrating that the whole world is *not* under the power of the evil one for those who choose to use their authority.

Embracing your authority as a believer is a pivotal step into a life marked by greater power and purpose. If you're seeking to walk in this powerful truth, or if you need specific prayer and support in resisting the enemy, our team is here to stand in agreement with you. Please feel free to reach out to us via **WhatsApp** at +1.616.371.2404

Scripture References

Defeat the Devil's Plans

Luke 10:19 (NKJV) Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

John 20:21 (NKJV) So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

2 Corinthians 5 (NKJV)

James 4:7 (NKJV) Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Genesis 1:26 (NKJV) Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion 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."

Genesis 1:28 (NKJV) Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion...

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

Psalms 115:16 (NKJV) The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.

Psalms 89:34 (NKJV) My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.

Hebrews 1:3 (NKJV) ...upholding all things by the word of His power

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NKJV) whose minds the god of this age has blinded...

1 John 5:19 (NKJV) ...the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

Luke 4:6 -7 (NKJV) And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."

Matthew 12:43-45 (NKJV) "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."

Luke 8:31 (NKJV) And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.

Luke 8:32-33 (NKJV) Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

John 10:10 (NKJV) The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy...

Zechariah 12:2-3 (NKJV) "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

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Matthew 28:18-19 (NKJV) "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..."

Luke 21:28 (DARBY) But when these things begin to come to pass, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws nigh.

Philippians 2:9-11 (NKJV) Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Ephesians 6:11 (NKJV) Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Romans 10:13 (NKJV) For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."