

Exercising Authority: Lord of All

As we recognize the supreme authority of God we're better equipped to manage the authority He's given us.

The L.I.F.E. & R.E.S.T. of "Exercising Authority"

Love

The Lord our God is the ruler of the Heavens and the Earth, and He is love. When men sinned and He commanded that they would die, He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus who is also God, the King of Kings. This King humbled Himself in obedience to His Father and died a sinner's death on a cross to purchase the lives of men.

To exchange their deaths for His life, men would have to submit to His rulership and confess and acknowledge Him as Lord for the forgiveness of their sins. Jesus told men that if they loved Him then they must also obey them, and become His servants, called disciples.

These disciples would lose rulership and ownership of their lives in order to become His.

Under His command they were told to be the salt and light of the world and take the good news to the whole world. That Jesus forgives sins and He was crucified and raised from the dead, and given all power and authority over Satan, all power on the earth, beneath the earth, and in the Heavens.

Identity

Because of His love for us He has identified those He leads by His spirit as spiritual children. He has transferred dominion of the earth back to His people, a new creation because of their faith in Christ.

Faith

It is by faith that the children of God co-labor with Him, and have been delegated authority over all things seen and unseen, principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Eternal Purpose

God's eternal purpose was to make the followers of Jesus Christ to become His bride. To make them a nation of kings and priest giving them their authority and dominion back over the earth, so they may occupy until His return.

Author of Authority

Proverbs 9:10

New Living Translation

10 Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom.

Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment.

- Jim Baker Testimony

Authority Definition:

1. Legal power, or a right to command or to act; Webster's Dictionary

- Jehovah is the only great God, full of all power and authority.

Isaiah 14:27

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27 The Lord of Heaven's Armies has spoken—

who can change his plans?

When his hand is raised,

who can stop him?"

Isaiah 43:13

New Living Translation

13 "From eternity to eternity I am God.

No one can snatch anyone out of my hand.
No one can undo what I have done.”

We find His authority at work from the beginning:

Genesis 1:1

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1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.[a]

- Who could stop His creation?
- Who did He consult?
- Who did He need a permit or permission from?

Who made Him God?

- As created beings we are limited in our understanding that everything needs a maker, except the Maker Himself.

Who gave God His authority?

- By name and definition He is the all sufficient one.

Exodus 3:10-15

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10 Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt.”

11 But Moses protested to God, “Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?”

12 God answered, “I will be with you. And this is your sign that I am the one who has sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God at this very mountain.”

13 But Moses protested, “If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ they will ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what should I tell them?”

14 God replied to Moses, “I am who I am.[a] Say this to the people of Israel: I am has sent me to you.” 15 God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel:

Yahweh,[b] the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.

This is my eternal name,
my name to remember for all generations.

Ownership

In order for there to be rulership there must first be ownership

Psalm 24

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Psalm 24

A psalm of David.

- 1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.
The world and all its people belong to him.
- 2 For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas
and built it on the ocean depths.

- 3 Who may climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?
- 4 Only those whose hands and hearts are pure,
who do not worship idols
and never tell lies.
- 5 They will receive the Lord's blessing
and have a right relationship with God their savior.
- 6 Such people may seek you
and worship in your presence, O God of Jacob.[a] Interlude

- 7 Open up, ancient gates!
Open up, ancient doors,
and let the King of glory enter.
- 8 Who is the King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty;
the Lord, invincible in battle.
- 9 Open up, ancient gates!
Open up, ancient doors,
and let the King of glory enter.
- 10 Who is the King of glory?

The Lord of Heaven's Armies—
he is the King of glory.

Rulership

In order to be an authority figure, you must have people, places, or things under your rule.

God's Rule Over People

Genesis 3:22-23

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22 Then the Lord God said, "Look, the human beings[a] have become like us, knowing both good and evil. What if they reach out, take fruit from the tree of life, and eat it? Then they will live forever!" 23 So the Lord God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made.

Matthew 25:31-34

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The Final Judgment

31 "But when the Son of Man[a] comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. 32 All the nations[b] will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.

34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world.

- Those who remained under His authority in the end will be called blessed.

Matthew 25:41

New Living Translation

41 "Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.[a]

- Those who rebelled against His authority in the end will be called cursed.
- God's enemies/rebels don't survive

God's Rule Over Satan

Revelation 12:7-12

New Living Translation

7 Then there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels. 8 And the dragon lost the battle, and he and his angels were forced out of heaven. 9 This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels.

10 Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens,

“It has come at last—

salvation and power

and the Kingdom of our God,

and the authority of his Christ.[a]

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters[b]

has been thrown down to earth—

the one who accuses them

before our God day and night.

11 And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb

and by their testimony.

And they did not love their lives so much

that they were afraid to die.

12 Therefore, rejoice, O heavens!

And you who live in the heavens, rejoice!

But terror will come on the earth and the sea,

for the devil has come down to you in great anger,

knowing that he has little time.”