

I. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS SESSIONS

A. Points of Emphasis from Previous Sessions:

- We died with Christ.
- We are raised with Christ.
- We are seated with Christ. (**Ephesians 2:6**)
- The seat is our safe place—far above all of Satan’s operations.

B. Select Quotes from Previous Sessions:

- **Kenneth Hagin:** *“Before Jesus comes again there’s going to be a whole company of believers who will rise up with the authority that is theirs. They will now what is theirs, and they will do the work that God intended they should do.”*
- **John Macmillan:** *“The urgent call is for men and women, wholly yielded to the Lord, whose eyes have been enlightened to see the ministry in the heavenlies to which they have been called. Such believers may in union with the great HEAD of the BODY, exercise an authority to which the power of the air MUST give place wherever challenged.”*

II. INTRO POINTS FOR THIS SESSION

- We are not seated in heavenly places without purpose.
- Prophetic utterances pertaining to the Church prior to the rapture.
- The Church is given a purpose for being seated in the heavenly realm. We have ministry in the heavenly places.
- Christ desires for His Body to take their rightful position and fulfill everything as He intended for them to do.
- Our function includes the exercising of authority.
 - **Matthew 18:18-20**
NKJV “Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you lose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. **For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.**”

○ **Luke 10:19-24**

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. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, **but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.** In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, ‘I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*.’ Then He turned to *His* disciples and said privately, ‘Blessed *are* the eyes which see the things you see; for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen *it*, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard.’”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *There is a ministry that must take place in HEAVENLY PLACES (“the heavenlies”). Jesus demonstrated this to us by always giving His ministers authority over demonic forces. They were always commanded to cast out devils. They were to demonstrate the defeat of Satan everywhere they went. This was a type and shadow of the authority they would have IN the HEAVENLIES—once they were raised and seated with Christ—far above all of Satan’s power.*

III. THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH IN HEAVENLY PLACES

A. Introduction

1. Many in the Body of Christ have placed ALL emphasis on the ministry of the Church in the realm of earth. However, there is a ministry that needs to be conducted in the heavenly realms, primarily through prayer and the declaration of our authority in Christ.
 - This is the realm where the real battle takes place.
 - This is the realm where the real victory is achieved.

2. Fighting the good fight of faith on earth, while leaving matters unresolved in the heavenly realm, makes the battle ineffective.
 - Too many are attempting to resolve things on earth while leaving things unsettled in the heavenly realms.
 - We must use our seat—our authority—to deal with things in the heavenlies. Then we will see the results of heaven on earth.

B. The Place of the Real Battle

- **Ephesians 6:10-13**

NKJV “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”

ISV “For our struggle is not against human opponents, but against rulers, authorities, cosmic powers in the darkness around us, and evil spiritual forces in the heavenly realm.”

Literal Standard Version “Because our wrestling is not with flesh and blood, but with the principalities, with the authorities, with the world-rulers of the darkness of this age, with the spiritual [forces] of evil in the heavenly [places]...”

C. Daniel’s Warfare

- **Daniel 10:12-21**

NKJV “Then he said, ‘Don’t be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer. **But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way.** Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia. Now I am here to explain what will happen to your people in the future, for this vision concerns a time yet to

come.’ While he was speaking to me, I looked down at the ground, unable to say a word. Then the one who looked like a man touched my lips, and I opened my mouth and began to speak. I said to the one standing in front of me, ‘I am filled with anguish because of the vision I have seen, my lord, and I am very weak. How can someone like me, your servant, talk to you, my lord? My strength is gone, and I can hardly breathe.’ Then the one who looked like a man touched me again, and I felt my strength returning. ‘Don’t be afraid,’ he said, ‘for you are very precious to God. Peace! Be encouraged! Be strong!’ **As he spoke these words to me, I suddenly felt stronger** and said to him, ‘Please speak to me, my lord, for you have strengthened me.’ He replied, ‘Do you know why I have come? Soon I must return to fight against the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia, and after that the spirit prince of the kingdom of Greece will come. Meanwhile, I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one helps me against these spirit princes except Michael, your spirit prince...’)

PASTOR’S NOTE: *Notice that the issue with Daniel’s prayer being answered wasn’t an issue on earth. It was an issue in the heavenlies. The warfare against Daniel’s prayer was in **heavenly places**. Even in the Old Testament era there was a war being fought in the heavenlies.*

The Old Testament saints were not seated where we, as New Covenant people, are seated. Daniel was dependent entirely upon the angel’s assistance. We, too, have angelic assistance in heavenly realms. However, we are SEATED in heavenly realms FAR ABOVE these powers. We have an ability that supersedes what angels could do for Daniel.

*Notice where the REAL battle was fought: in **HEAVENLY realms**.*

D. Moses Leads Israel into Victory Over the Amalekites

1. Exodus 17:8-13

NKJV “Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim. And Moses said to Joshua, ‘Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand.’ So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And so it was, when Moses held up his hand,

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that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands *became* heavy; so they took a stone and put *it* under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *All will agree that Israel prevailed over this enemy because Moses lifted the staff and His hands toward the Lord throughout the entire battle. The staff represents the authority of God—the **authority of the throne!***

2. Exodus 17:14-16

NLT "After the victory, the Lord instructed Moses, 'Write this down on a scroll as a permanent reminder, and read it aloud to Joshua: I will erase the memory of Amalek from under heaven.' Moses built an altar there and named it Yahweh-Nissi (which means 'the Lord is my banner'). He said, 'They have raised their fist against the Lord's throne, so now the Lord will be at war with Amalek generation after generation'."

- "They have raised their fist against the Lord's throne" is the way most translations interpret the statement found in **Vs. 16** (although some do not even include it).
- However, notice some other translations:
 - **Berean Study Bible** "'Indeed', he said, 'a hand was lifted up toward the throne of the LORD. The LORD will war against Amalek from generation to generation'."
 - **CSB** "And Moses built an altar and named it, 'The Lord Is My Banner.' He said, 'Indeed, my hand is lifted up toward the Lord's throne. The Lord will be at war with Amalek from generation to generation'."
 - **GWT** "He said, 'Because a hand was lifted against the LORD's throne, he will be at war against the Amalekites from one generation to the next'."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *It is likely that the accurate interpretation is: Since someone lifted a HAND of authority toward the THRONE of God in faith, NOW the Lord will stand against the Amalekites FOREVER! God will always stand against them! Why? Because the authority of the throne was engaged by Moses lifting his hands and the rod toward heaven.*

3. In times of warfare, someone must engage the throne!

- The Church has been given access to the throne and the authority to exercise “Throne Power” in the earth!
- When the forces of the enemy and this world come against the Church, they are coming against the throne!
- Like Moses, when I STAND in the place of AUTHORITY, I engage the power that is FAR ABOVE!

IV. TAKE YOUR POSITION IN HEAVENLY PLACES

A. We Have Been Given Everything We Need to Stand in Heavenly Places Against the Powers of the Enemy.

1. The Name of Jesus.
2. The Blood of Jesus.
3. Angelic assistance if needed.

- **Hebrews 1:14**

KJV “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?”

NIV “Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?”

B. Keys to Exercising Authority in Heavenly Realms

1. Know **who (and **Whose**) you are!**

- A child of God.
- Forgiven.
- Cleansed.
- Made righteous.

2. Know your **position**.
 - Raised and seated with Him.
 - Far above—not below.
3. Know your **covenant promises**.
 - We are surrounded by covenant promises covering every situation in life.
 - These promises are His will for us.
4. Know your **dominion** is **in Christ**, not of yourself.
 - In Christ I can bind and loose.
 - In Christ I can speak to circumstances.
 - In Christ I have no condemnation.
 - In Christ I am well able to do all things.