

# TAKE YOUR AUTHORITY

## Part 2 – The Transfer of Authority

### **RECAP Lesson 1: WE’RE IN A SPIRITUAL BATTLE**

**Ephesians 6:12 (KJV)** – *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

**Our battle is not with flesh and blood.** Our fight isn’t against people, but the spiritual forces that are influencing them.

**Jesus gave us authority to use his name & cast out devils**

**Mark 16:17 (KJV)** – ***In my name** shall they cast out devils...*

**Matthew 17 The boy the disciples could not heal:**

- Father brings his son to Jesus and tells him his disciples could not cure him
- Jesus rebuked the spirit, it departed and the boy was cured
- Peter asked why they couldn’t cast the spirit out
  - What did Jesus say? *Because of your unbelief*
  - What did Jesus mean when he said, “This kind goes out by prayer and fasting”? *This kind of unbelief (not demon)*

**We must stand firm in our authority and RESIST the enemy**

**James 4:7 (AMP)** – *So submit to [**the** authority of] God. **Resist the devil** [stand firm against him] and he will flee from you.*

**Don’t give the devil access into your life through STRIFE**

**James 3:16 (KJV)** – *Where envying and strife is, there is confusion & every evil work.*

**Strife:** trouble, conflict, discord, contention, fighting, friction  
**Opens the door for EVERY EVIL WORK!**

**1 Corinthians 14:33 (KJV)** – *God is not the author of confusion but of peace*

***We should make every effort to walk in peace and keep strife out!***

## **LESSON 2: “THE TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY”**

### **I. MAN IS GIVEN POWER, AUTHORITY AND DOMINION**

**Genesis 1:26-28 (KJV)** – *<sup>26</sup>And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and **let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, **and over all the earth**, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. <sup>27</sup> **So God created man in his own image**, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. <sup>28</sup> And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and **subdue** it: and have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

**Genesis 1:26 (AMPC)** – *God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, **and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the [tame] beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth.***

#### **A. God’s Integrity**

**Psalms 89:34 (KJV)** – *My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.*

**Hebrews 6:18 (KJV)** – *...It is impossible for God to lie*

**Numbers 23:19 (NLT) – God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?**

**1. It’s the INTEGRITY of God’s Word that upholds the universe and everything in it.**

Hebrews 1:3 says that God upholds all things by the word of His power.

**2. God will not violate or break HIS WORD**

When He told Adam & Eve, “You have dominion, power and complete authority over this earth”, he meant it.

**Psalm 115:16 (NKJV) – The heaven, even the heavens are the Lord’s; but the earth hath he given to the children of men**

**II. THE PLOT TO STEAL MAN’S AUTHORITY**

The devil knew that if he could trick Adam and Eve into yielding to and obeying him, he could become their master.

- Through their cooperation he was able to take the power and authority that had been given to mankind
- The devil can do nothing without our consent and cooperation

1. Satan knew he couldn’t overpower God
2. He wanted the authority that God had given man
3. If he could get them of their own free will to yield to him, it would transfer their authority over to him

## **A. WHY DIDN'T GOD STOP HIM?**

If he had intervened in this matter he would have broken or violated His own word.

1. He gave dominion over the earth to Adam & Eve
  - a. They had power and authority to rule over this world as physical beings
2. For God to maintain His integrity and stand by what he had said, “You have dominion” He had to allow Adam & Eve their freedom – even if they wanted to yield their authority over to Satan.
3. They had the freedom of CHOICE.

## **III. SATAN NEEDS SUBMISSION**

Satan blamed Adam & Eve saying, “God, they gave me this authority, it was their choice, I didn't force them.”

- He didn't come and overpower them
- He came with deception
- They willingly yielded to him

### **A. Where did Satan get his power?**

Most people believe that Satan is using a superior power and authority to oppress mankind.

#### **1. Lucifer lost his God given power when he rebelled against God.**

**Isaiah 14:12-14 (KJV)** – *O Lucifer, son of the morning thou has said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds: I will be like the most High.*

**Luke 10:18 (AMPC)** – *And He said to them, I saw Satan falling like a lightning [flash] from heaven*

## **2. On his own Satan is powerless.**

He can't do anything unless we submit to him.

### **B. A demon needs a body to work through**

Demons are spirits – they can do nothing without a body that will allow them to work.

- This is why He seeks WHOM He may devour – he doesn't have the power to devour you unless you quit obeying God and yield to sin

**Romans 6:16 (KJV)** – *Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?*

- When you yield yourself to sin you're yielding yourself to the author of that sin.

## **IV. EARTHSUITS – OUR BODIES**

God gave the authority over this earth and everything going on it to physical human beings. The devil – who is without a physical body is powerless unless we empower him by yielding to him.

### **A. Your physical body is what gives you power on the earth.**

## **B. Satan can't do anything without someone in an earthsuit/body yielding to him**

### **We yield to him through:**

Anger – Fear – Hurt – Pain – Depression – Negativity

1. Every time you move away from what God's word says and act in union with what the devil is trying to do, you yield authority to him.
2. Every time you willfully sin, you empower the enemy.
3. Satan functions by keeping people submitted to him through lies & deception.
  - His only power is DECEPTION
4. Satan can't do anything without my consent and cooperation.
  - He's a master liar
  - He's a deceiver
  - He's an Intimidator
5. If we don't know who we are in Christ and the power that we've been given, then in a sense we are given the devil power to rule and dominate us.