

# TAKE YOUR AUTHORITY

Table Talk Session 4 – May 20, 2020

## LESSON 4 – “WE’VE GOT THE POWER”

### 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 isn’t with flesh and blood**

#### **Lesson #2: DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

Genesis 1:26-28 KJV And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish, the birds, the cattle, and **over all the earth**, and every creeping thing that creeps ...

- **God’s Integrity**

Psalm 89:34 – My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

#### **1. God will not violate what He said.**

When He told Adam and Eve,  
“You have dominion; you have power and authority over this earth; you rule it and subdue it,” He meant it.

- **Satan Craved Man’s Authority**

So he crafted a plan to steal it and to get man to submit to him and the plan worked.

Man willfully submitted in obedience to the devil and a transfer of power and authority took place.

### **LESSON #3 – WHY JESUS CAME GOD BECAME A MAN**

God sent his son Jesus to this earth in a flesh and blood body. Physical human being.

1. It all comes back to the issue of authority being given to physical human beings.
2. He had to become a man with a physical body in order to regain authority on this earth.
3. Jesus – the Word made flesh

### **THE GOD MAN**

Both of the terms “Son of God: and “Son of Man” refer to Jesus.

1. Son of Man – represent His physical side
2. Son of God – emphasizes His divinity
3. Fully God and Fully Human

### **A. GOD NOW INHABITED A HUMAN BODY**

1. God now inhabited a physical body on this earth in Jesus.
2. He now had power and authority because he had a physical body.

3. Jesus entered into the devil's kingdom and destroyed it.
  - He took away ALL power and authority from satan
  - 1 John 3:8 For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.
  
4. When Jesus arose from the dead He had authority in heaven, authority in earth and authority under the earth (meaning the demonic realm and hell)

**Philippians 2:10 (NLT)** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

WE GOT BACK EVERYTHING ADAM LOST AND MORE.

WE NOW HAVE AUTHORITY OVER THE DEMONIC REALM.

## **LESSON #4 – “We’ve Got The Power”**

We have been given authority and through Jesus we have more authority than Adam & Eve were given. They had authority over this earth. When Jesus arose from the dead he had authority I heaven, authority on earth, and authority under earth – meaning the demonic realm and hell

Philippians 2:10 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>10</sup>That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he turned to his disciples and said:

Matthew 28:18-20 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>18</sup>All power [authority, power of rule] is given unto me in heaven and in earth.<sup>19</sup>Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:<sup>20</sup>Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

THEREFORE- In light of what I just said...Jesus was telling his disciples the authority and power that I have, I now give to you!

**Acts 3:6-8**Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood,

and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

**Peter stood up in faith**, took his authority in Christ, and placed a demand on the power of God.

**Religion says, "You can't do anything.** You're a worm. You are nothing." – In my flesh this is true.

Jesus said, **"Without me you can do nothing"**. John 15:5

- I am not without Him.
- I am born again.
- The Spirit of the Living God dwells in me.
- Jesus is living in and through me.

**Gal 2:20** I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

**Religion says, "You're just an old sinner saved by grace"**

**I'm not an old sinner saved by grace.**

- I was an old sinner then I got saved by grace.
- Now I've become the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus

**2 Corinthians 5:21** For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

***Without Him I am nothing,  
But I am not without Him!***

***I now have his power & authority working in me!***

I am NOT God.

I'm not the power source. God is the power source.

**ILLUSTRATION:** It's like electricity.

**The power company is the source – they generate the power.** (You could stick a light bulb in your mouth, but it will NEVER come on.)

- The power company generates the power and delivers it to your home.
- You signed the contract putting that power under your command.
- If you want the light to come on, you don't call the power company and ask them to come out and turn it on. (*keep going*)

They've already generated that power and delivered it to you. Now, it's up to you to put a demand on that power.

- When you FLIP THE SWITCH, you're putting a demand on that power.
  - You aren't the source, but the power is under your control. It's under your authority.
  - The power company isn't going to flip the switch for you.
    - No matter how much you beg and plead for them to come turn on the switch they won't
    - They generate the power but you must take your position of authority and flip the switch
    - Many Christians are praying and asking God to come and flip the switch – they don't realize that he's placed the power inside of them

It's our responsibility to flip our own switch

We must believe God's word; we have power & authority over every work of the enemy.

Instead of us taking the authority that God has given us, healing the sick, casting out devils, resisting the enemy, we are asking God to do it for us.

- That's about equal to asking the electric company to come over and turn your lights on.

ILLUSTRATION: There's a supposedly true story of a Welsh woman who lived in a remote valley in Wales. She went to a great deal of trouble and expense to have electrical power installed in her home. However, after a couple of months, the Electric Co. noticed she didn't seem to use very much electricity at all.

Thinking there might be a problem with the hookup, they sent a meter reader out to check on the matter. The man came to the door and said, "We've just checked your meter and it doesn't seem that you're using much electricity. Is there a problem?" "Oh no" she said. "We're quite satisfied. We turn on the electric lights every evening just as the sun sets to see how to light our lamps and then we switch them off again."

#### APPLICATION:

Why didn't this woman make more use of her electricity?

- She believed in electricity
- She believed the promises of the electric company when they told her about it
- She went to a great deal of trouble and expense to have her house wired for it
- BUT - she didn't understand the potential of electricity in her home – she's tapped into the power but doesn't use it
- Her house is connected but unaltered



- AND SO ARE WE – when we are BORN AGAIN, we are connected to the power source BUT, instead of flipping the switch we settle for the shadows.

### **LET'S BE CLEAR THAT YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN:**

You have to be BORN AGAIN to operate in power and authority over the enemy (sickness/demons).

### **7 Sons of Sceva were not born again**

- Saw Paul expelling demons in the name of Jesus
- Tried to do the same
- The evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know, but who are you?"
- The demons overpowered them and they fled naked and wounded

### **ILLUSTRATION: THE DONKEY I RIDE ON**

A minister went to Africa to minister and he was seeing all kinds of great miracles, including many people getting healed.

As a result, the people were just overwhelmed. He would walk through the streets and people would run up screaming and yelling and wanting him to touch them.

- His first reaction was to tell the people, "It's not me, it's God, don't look to me".

- The Lord spoke to him, "When I rode into Jerusalem, all the people were throwing palm branches and garments down in My path, singing 'Hosanna-glory to God in the highest!' What would you have thought if that donkey that I was riding on would have said, 'O it's not me. It's not me.'? The Lord said, 'It's not you that they are yelling about and that they are trying to touch-It's Me!'"
- You're just the DONKEY THAT I RIDE ON."

None of us are anything special.

However I carry the most special person that has ever walked the face of this earth, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He lives in me! It's not me, it's WHO I CARRY.

## **RELIGIOUS CULTURE**

There is a religious culture that goes against this kind of teaching.

It says that you are to come to God as a beggar, pleading with Him to do what he's told you in His word that He's already done.

**BUT GOD'S TOLD YOU TO GO OUT AND REPRESENT HIM.**

Stop begging and pleading

Stop bawling and squalling  
Stop asking Him to do what He's already done

TAKE your authority as a believer and place a demand upon the COVENANT that we have in God's Word.

**Matt 10:8** – Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely you have received, freely give.

**Jesus has delegated his power and authority to them that believe**

**Mark 16:17-18**

*17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; **In my name** shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;*

*18. They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. KJV*

**Deputy – We've been deputized**

**A person whose immediate superior is a senior figure within an organization and who is empowered to act as a substitute for this superior.**

**Phil 2:9-11**

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him,  
**and given him a name which is above every  
name:**

10 That **at the name of Jesus** every knee should  
bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and  
things under the earth;

11 And that every tongue should confess that  
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the  
Father. KJV

### **HIS NAME IS ABOVE EVERY NAME (HAS POWER AND AUTHORITY)**

- Any situation that has a name
- Any circumstance that has a name
- Any sickness that has a name
- EVERY KNEE HAS TO BOW TO THAT NAME
  - It's a name that's above every name.

His name provides the AUTHORITY

- His spirit within us gives us the POWER
- We are the conduit through which He OPERATES