

TAKE YOUR AUTHORITY

Table Talk Session 3 – May 6, 2020

LESSON 3 – “WHY JESUS CAME”

RECAP Lesson 1:

WE’RE IN A SPIRITUAL BATTLE

Ephesians 6:12

¹² 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

God’s Word tells us that our battle isn’t with flesh and blood.

We are wrestling with demonic powers.

Our battle is with our enemy the devil

Lesson #2

Man given power and authority over the earth

Genesis 1:26-28 (KJV)

²⁶ 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.

God's Integrity

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

1. Impossible for God to lie – Heb 6:18
2. The integrity of God's Word is what makes the universe exist and hold together. Heb 1:3
3. God will not violate what He said.

Satan's Plan

He craved the power and the authority that man had been given. 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

John 4:24 ²⁴ God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

I. GOD IS A SPIRIT

- He gave the power and authority over the earth to physical **human beings**.
- He would have been unjust to come down here and wipe everything out after the fall and start over.
- Dominion and authority had been given to man

A. GOD BECAME A MAN

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

1. God had given authority to physical human beings.
2. **He had to become a man with a physical body in order to regain authority on this earth.**

B. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY GOD COULD HAVE SAVED MANKIND.

There was no man that could accomplish this

Ezekiel 22:30(KJV)

³⁰ And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

Isaiah 59:16 (KJV)

¹⁶ And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

C. There was no sinless person able to bring God's righteousness into the earth – He had to come save us Himself.

- He had given dominion of this world to physical human beings, so He had to become one.

II. 4000 YEARS

For 4000 years prophecies of the Messiah were given.

The angel took all of those prophecies – the spoken words of God – and the Word entered Mary's womb and that's how Jesus was conceived

The word was made flesh and dwelt among us
John 1:14

Satan was in trouble now.

God wanted to redeem us, but he had to have a physical human being – a person with a physical body – here on earth so he could legally overcome the devil and regain our authority.

A. THE GOD MAN

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

1. Son of Man – represents his physical side
2. Son of God – emphasizes His divinity
3. Jesus existed before the worlds began

Colossians 1:16-17 (KJV)

¹⁶ For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

¹⁷ And **he is before all things**, and by him all things consist.

4. He was fully God and He was fully man – making Jesus the God-Man

B. THE POWER TO EXECUTE JUDGEMENT

John 5:26-27 (KJV)

²⁶ For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

²⁷ And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

1 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)

¹⁶ Without question, this is the great mystery of our faith:

Christ was revealed in a human body and vindicated by the Spirit.

He was seen by angels and announced to the nations.

He was believed in throughout the world and taken to heaven in glory.

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

- **LET'S JUST SEE IT--POWERFUL AND QUICK!** Jesus became our ***Substitute*** in the battles that overwhelm us. See this:

• **In our battle with sin, the Lord Jesus took our sin. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities--Is 53:5. 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--II Cor 5:21.**

• **In our battle with sickness, He took our sickness.**
*with His stripes we are healed--Isa 53:5c. Who His Own
Self bare our sins in His Own body on the tree, that we,
being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: **by
Whose stripes ye were healed--I Pet 2:24.***

• **In our struggle to overcome grief and sorrow, He
took our grief and sorrow. Surely He hath borne our
griefs, and carried our sorrows...--Isa 53:4a. Peace I
leave with you, My peace I give unto you...--John
14:27a.**

• **In our struggle to have provision, He took our
poverty. ... yet for your sakes He became poor that ye
through His poverty might be rich--II Cor 8:9b.**

• **In our conflict with the devil, He took on our conflict,
defeated him, and gives to us His triumph over him.**
*Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and
blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; **that
through death He might destroy him that had the
power of death, that is, the devil--Heb 2:14.** And these
signs shall follow them that believe; In My name shall they
cast out devils...--Mark 16:17a.*

C. REMEMBER THE INTEGRITY OF GOD'S WORD

1. "You have dominion" – to mankind
2. He limited His own authority by giving it to us – he never breaks his word
3. Jesus was able to regain that authority

III. SUCH AS I HAVE

God has given us authority. As born again believers, Jesus has given us more authority than

Adam & Eve.

- They had authority over the earth
- 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)**

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

Therefore – "In light of what I just said", "I'm delegating that power to you to do my works"

Matthew 10:1 (NKJV)

10 And when He had called His twelve disciples to *Him*, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

Matthew 10:7-8 (NKJV)

⁷ And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead,^[a] cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

WE GOT BACK EVERYTHING ADAM LOST AND MORE. WE NOW HAVE AUTHORITY OVER THE DEMONIC REALM.

IV. GOD'S POWER

Jesus gave us power and authority over the devil.

Power & authority – means the ability and the right.

But with this authority comes responsibility.

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

Who resists the devil? We do

What happens when we resist him? He flees

What happens when we don't? He continues

A. Many Christians' approach God during trouble

"Oh lord, please change this situation for me."

"Please get the devil off my back"

"Oh Lord I am begging you"

"Please remove this sickness from me"

"Please prosper me financially"

1. They don't realize that God has given US THIS AUTHORITY.
2. We are begging God to do things that He told us that we have authority to do.
3. We resist (fight/attack/counter attack) the devil
4. Jesus already defeated him, stripped of his power & gave us authority over him.
5. The battle isn't between God and the devil, it's between the devil and us.

B. WE MUST USE OUR AUTHORITY

In the gospels, Jesus never commanded his disciples to pray for the sick, he commanded them to HEAL THE SICK (Luke 9:2 & 10:9)

Luke 9:2(KJV)

² And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to **heal the sick.**

Luke 10:8-9(KJV)

⁸ And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:

⁹ And **heal the sick** that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

1. The way it's done in the church today is that we come like beggars. "We know you can"
2. He gave us the power to heal the sick.
3. Peter & John

Peter said – "such as I have, give I thee". They would be kicked out of most churches around the world today for saying, "I have the power to heal you".

We say things like, "Oh, I couldn't heal a gnat" The truth is NONE OF US COULD HEAL A GNAT IN OUR OWN HUMAN POWER.

**But we aren't only human.
We're born again!
God gave us power and authority!**

Notice that Peter never even prayed. He knew he had power and he knew he had authority, he said, "such as I have, give I thee"

WE NEED TO USE WHAT WE'VE BEEN GIVEN.