



Lesson Four

“Walking in Authority”

Objective: *To provide an understanding of the believer's right to authority in the earth and how to operate in it.*

I. God's Plan for Mankind is Dominion and Authority

a. Authority was given to Adam and Eve at _____.

Gen 1:27-28 NKJV *So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

Dominion: OT:7287 Radah – *To tread down; subjugate; prevail against; reign; rule; overtake*

Authority: Dictionary - *One that is invested with the right and power to enforce law, command obedience; to govern according to a predetermined plan; authority is the right to exercise power; Supreme Authority; absolute ownership*

b. Adam and Eve forfeited their authority through _____.

When Adam and Eve chose to disobey God, they forfeited their God given authority and dominion. The law of sin and death entered the earth realm and dominion of the earth was given over to Satan.

Luke 4:5-6 NKJV *Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, "All this **authority** I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish."*

Authority: NT: 1849 exousia – *Authority; jurisdiction; power; right; strength; force*

2 Cor. 4:4 NIV *The **god of this age** has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

II. God's Restoration Plan for Mankind's Dominion in the Earth Realm

a. Jesus came to _____ us back to God's original plan for man's dominion.

After Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they were stripped of their authority in the earth and were sent out of the Garden of Eden and prevented from re-entering it. Before they left, God declared that He would defeat satan through His "Seed." (Gen 3:15-NKJV)

Gen 3:15 NIV *"He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel."*

God declared His plan to defeat the devil by sending His own Son to shed His blood to restore us back to His original plan of dominion. The capital "S" on Seed declares that God, Himself would do the crushing with His own perfect, uncorrupted blood.

It is a scientific fact that a human fetus does not get one drop of blood from its mother and none of her blood is ever even temporarily passed from mother to child or vice versa. At the moment of conception, the cells of the fetus begin to divide and at a certain point the cells begin to twitch. These twitching cells are the beginning of a heartbeat and they form the heart. Then one of the first things visible are the red veins that begin to appear out of nowhere to give life to the growing flesh.

Jesus was born of a virgin, conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. His blood came from His Holy Father. It was sinless, perfect blood uncorrupted by the sin that every man inherits through being a descendant of Adam and his blood which was corrupted by sin. (Isaiah 7:14-15; Luke 1:26-34; Matthew 1:18; Luke 2:6-14; Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1)

His blood was not like any other blood!

b. Peter called it _____ blood.

1 Peter 1:18-19 NKJV *knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the **precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

c. Judas called it _____ blood.

Matt 27:4 NKJV *saying, "I have sinned by betraying **innocent blood**."*

d. Paul called it _____ blood.

Rom 5:9 NKJV *Much more then, having now been **justified by His blood**...*

e. John the Revelator called it _____ blood.

Rev 12:11 NKJV *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.*

f. Jesus _____ gave His blood to restore us back to our intended purpose.

It was His intended purpose from the beginning, to lay down His life to restore our lives back to God's intended design.

John 10:17-18 NKJV *"Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. 18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from my Father."*

Rom 8:2-3 MSG *A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death. 3 God went for the jugular when he sent his own Son. He didn't deal with the problem as something remote and unimportant. In his Son, **Jesus, he personally took on the human condition**, entered the disordered mess of struggling humanity in order to set it right once and for all.*

g. Through His sacrifice, we are given back dominion in order to _____ in life.

Rom 5:17 NIV *For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness **reign in life through the one man**, Jesus Christ.*

III. Dominion and Authority Has been Restored to Mankind

a. Jesus triumphed over satan through the _____.

Col 2:13-15 NKJV *He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.*

Our enemy, satan operates from the spirit realm to affect the earth for destructive purposes because he hates God. (John 10:10) Stealing, killing and destroying are his M.O. (John 8:44) lets us know that he is a liar and (Gen 3:13) reveals him as a deceiver while (1 Peter 5:8) describes him as a devourer.

Satan was originally an arch angel named Lucifer who was cast out of heaven for leading a rebellion to overthrow God. (Isaiah 14:12-16; Ezekiel 28:12-19; Rev 12:7-9; Rev.12:4) One third of the heavenly host were cast out with him. These are the demons that do his work. They are all under our authority now!

b. satan and demons are now _____ to us, in Jesus' name.

Luke 10:17-20 AMP *The seventy returned with joy saying, Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name! And He said to them, "I saw Satan falling like a lightning flash from heaven. Behold! I have given you **authority***

and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and physical and mental strength and ability over all the power that the enemy possesses and nothing shall in any way harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this that the demons are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are enrolled in heaven."

Our dominion over him is not our reason to rejoice but it is our reason to walk in victory and dominion over him and every strategy forms against us.

c. satan and demons have _____ but they do not have authority.

Col. 1:13-14 NKJV *He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.*

d. The weapons he forms against us do not have power to _____ over us.

Isa 54:17 NKJV *No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment, you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their righteousness is from Me, "Says the Lord.*

IV. Operating in Our God Given Authority

a. It is our responsibility to _____ him.

1 Peter 5:8-9 NKJV *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.*

Eph 6:10-18 NKJV *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 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. 13 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. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints*

Understanding his strategies is the key to knowing when you are under demonic attack. The Bible warns us not to be ignorant of his devices (schemes & strategies).

2 Cor 2:11 NKJV...lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

AMP. Wiles and intentions – MSG. sly ways. Lions are sneaky and opportunistic. They feed on the fringes, the weak and the young. That’s why church membership is so important.

b. _____ the Word in your heart.

He comes immediately to steal the Word sown in your heart. The Word is your faith builder. Faith comes to you as you hear the word. If you get faith, you defeat him so of course he wants to confuse you concerning the word of God!

Mark 4:14-15 NKJV *The sower sows the word. 15 And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.*

Everyone of the pieces of the armor of God listed above are the word of God! The shield of faith quenches all the fiery darts of satan and the Sword of the Spirit is the Word of God. The Word does battle against him in the spirit realm.

2 Cor 10:3-5 NKJV *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ...*

c. Our _____ are the battlefield where satan wages war through thoughts, ideas and suggestions.

d. Submission to God and knowing how to resist satan empowers you to win against him.

James 4:7-8 NKJV *Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.*

e. Jesus has given us the _____ of the kingdom of heaven to reign in life.

Matthew 16:18-19 AMP...on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven.

Keys open doors and keys lock doors. We have the right to loose God’s will and bind that which is not His will in the earth. We are His representatives in the earth to rule and reign on His behalf.

f. Always remember that The _____ One lives on the inside of me!

1 John 4:4 KJV ...*greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

V. Give God's Word the Final Authority in Every Situation

We come against every situation in our lives with the Word of God. His word is His will. It's our responsibility to declare it in the earth realm.

Having dominion and standing on God's Word for specific attacks:

1. Temptation to sin – 1 Corinthians 10:13

2. Physical Sickness – Isaiah 53:4-5; Mark 16:17-18; 1 Peter 2:24;
Psalm 103:3-4; Psalm 34:19

3. Bondage of any kind – (alcohol, drugs, food, pornography, etc.) John 8:36;
Galatians 5:1; Matt. 11:28

4. Mental and emotional attacks – John 14:27; Hebrews 9:14; Psalm 137:3

2 Timothy 1:7 AMP *For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.*

5. Financial problems – Psalm 35:27; Proverbs 3:9-10; Malachi 3:10-11;
2 Cor. 9:6-9; Phil 4:19

6. Family problems - Psalm 138:8; Acts 16:31; Proverbs 16:7

A **topical Bible** is most helpful to use when learning how to stand against specific attacks and learning to reign in life's situations.