

# SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY & POWER



# THE BELIEVER'S AUTHORITY

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## Lesson #5



# Spiritual Authority Was Lost By Adam

- ▶ And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.



# Spiritual Authority Was Lost By Adam

- ▶ 2 Cor 4:4
- ▶ In whom **the god of this world** hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.



# –\*\*The Source of Jesus's Authority\*\*

- ▶ Phil 2:5-11
- ▶ Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
- ▶ **6** Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
- ▶ **7** But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
- ▶ **8** And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.



## –**\*\*The Source of Jesus's Authority\*\***

- ▶ **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.



# GREAT FAITH

▶ Luke 7:1-2

▶ 7 When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people, he returned to Capernaum. 2 At that time the highly valued slave of a Roman officer was sick and near death.



# GREAT FAITH

▶ Luke 7:3-5

▶ 3 When the officer heard about Jesus, he sent some respected Jewish elders to ask him to come and heal his slave. 4 So they earnestly begged Jesus to help the man. "If anyone deserves your help, he does," they said, 5 "for he loves the Jewish people and even built a synagogue for us."



# GREAT FAITH

▶ Luke 7:6-7

▶ 6 So Jesus went with them. But just before they arrived at the house, the officer sent some friends to say, "Lord, don't trouble yourself by coming to my home, for I am not worthy of such an honor."



# GREAT FAITH

▶ Luke 7:7

▶ 7 I am not even worthy to come and meet you. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed.



# GREAT FAITH

► Luke 7:8

► 8 I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, 'Go,' and they go, or 'Come,' and they come. And if I say to my slaves, 'Do this,' they do it."



# GREAT FAITH

► Luke 7:9-10

- 9 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to the crowd that was following him, he said, "I tell you, I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel!"  
10 And when the officer's friends returned to his house, they found the slave completely healed.



# The Churches Authority

▶ Eph 2:6-7

- ▶ 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:
- ▶ The Church raised up and made to set together with him in heavenly places.



# How To Deal With Satanic Power

- ▶ James 4:7
- ▶ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- ▶ Submit – To obey; to be under obedience.
- ▶ Resist – To stand against; oppose



# How To Deal With Satanic Power

- ▶ 1 Peter 5:8-9
- ▶ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:
- ▶ Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.



# How To Deal With Satanic Power

- ▶ Devour – To eat up greedily; to destroy; waste.



# How To Deal With Satanic Power

- ▶ Examples of those who have been devoured:
- ▶ **Gen.3:4,5-Eve**
- ▶ **John 13:2 – Judas**
- ▶ **Acts 5:1-11 – Ananias and Sapphira**



# Some Jews Who were Devoured

- ▶ John 8:42-45
- ▶ **42** Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.
- ▶ **43** Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.
- ▶ **44** Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do...



# How Did Jesus Handle Satan?

- ▶ Jesus Responded in three areas
- ▶ **The Lust of the flesh:**
- ▶ Matt 4:4
- ▶ **4** But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.



# How Did Jesus Handle Satan?

- ▶ **The Pride of life**

- ▶ Matt 4:7

- ▶ **7** Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.



# How Did Jesus Handle Satan?

- ▶ **The Lust of the Eyes**

- ▶ Matt 4:10

- ▶ **10** Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.



# How To Deal With Satanic Power

- ▶ In order to avoid being devoured, the thought life of a person must be maintained, if the thought life is not maintained the works of the flesh will resurface and the work of destruction in the life of a person will return.
- ▶ Some thoughts come from what you see and hear,



# How To Deal With Satanic Power

- ▶ Eph 6:10-13
- ▶ **10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
- ▶ **11 Put on the whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- ▶ **The armour is very important; the armour is not metal, but knowledge- what we know.**



# How To Deal With Satanic Power

## ▶ John 8:31-32

▶ **31** Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;**

▶ **32** And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.



# How To Deal With Satanic Power

- ▶ James 1:22
- ▶ 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.



# How To Deal With Satanic Power

- ▶ Steps to Victory
- ▶ Identify – Every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God. 2Cor.10:5
- ▶ Quench – Quenching all the fiery darts of the wicked one. Eph. 6:16
- ▶ Capture – Bringing all thoughts into captivity 2 Cor. 10:5