

The Prayer of Authority

Overview: By giving us the power of attorney to use His Name, Jesus delegated all power and authority to us for use with boldness here on this earth. Acts 3:16

A. Authority

1. Legal justification for our authority.
 - a) All power & authority given to Jesus. Matt 28:18
 - b) Jesus is the Name above every name: Phil 2:5-8, 9-11
 - Above satan. Eph 1:22; Rom 16:20
 - Above demons. Mark 16:17; Luke 10:19
 - Above sickness, disease, infirmity & pain. Acts 10:38
 - Above poverty & lack. 2 Cor 8:9
2. The Prayer of Faith is asking God for something.
 - a) What things you desire, pray, believe that you receive. Mark 11:24
 - b) Ask the Father in the Name of Jesus. John 16:23-24
3. The Prayer of Authority is issuing commands in the Name of Jesus.
 - a) "In My Name" ... Go & Do! Mark 16:15-18
 - b) Greater works than Jesus. John 14:12
 - c) Command in My Name. John 14:13,14
 - d) Jesus gives us authority over all power of the enemy. Luke 10:17-19
 - e) Jesus gives us power to bind & loose. Matt 18:18

B. The Foundation of Authority Is the Prayer of Faith

1. You must desire and pray.
2. You must believe that it is done (accomplished) when you pray.
3. When you give the command of authority, believe that it is done regardless of the circumstances (i.e., regardless of what you see or hear).
4. After praying in authority, if necessary, continue with Affirmations.
5. Authority in spiritual warfare will be covered at a later date.

C. Real-Life Examples of Using Authority

1. Symptoms of sickness.
2. Tormenting thoughts preventing sleep; barking dogs.
3. Disasters.
4. Sample Prayers:
 - In the Name of Jesus, I command the pain in my arm to leave.
 - In the Name of Jesus, earthquake, stop now; peace, be still.
 - In the Name of Jesus, I bind every demon affecting my mind.
 - In the Name of Jesus, I give you the peace of Jesus which passes all understanding.

D. Dispelling Men's Traditions

1. What the Bible says:
 - a. **You** cast out demons. Mark 16:17
 - b. **You** heal the sick. Matt 10:1,7,8
 - c. **You** command the mountains. Mark 11:23
 - d. His grace is sufficient; do it for yourself. 2 Cor 12:9
2. What the Bible does **NOT** say:
 - a. Ask God to cast out demons. Luke 10:17; Mark 3:14,15
 - b. Ask God to rebuke the devourer. Mal 3:10-11 (except in tithing)
 - c. Ask God to heal you. James 5:14-16; Mark 16:18