

Our Authority Over The Enemy

Why does our culture and our world continue to spin deeper and deeper down the drain of sewage and depravity? Everywhere we look, good is called "evil" and evil is called "good." Everything is backwards from God's natural order. Everything is a demonic counterfeit of God's perfect plan and design.

Today, as we read in Romans 1, it seems God has given the world over to depraved, reprobate minds. Vile affections, blood lust, worship of false gods. *"Filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, INVENTORS of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection (even for their own children); undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, and unmerciful."* Is it any wonder that God has given most people in this world over to reprobate minds?

A dark cloud of judgment has fallen upon our land. And it is our own fault. Why is the church today, so powerless? Or perhaps better stated, why is modern American Christendom – the INSTITUTIONAL so-called "churches" – why are THEY so powerless and effeminate? Outwardly, they practice a FORM of godliness, but they deny the power of GOD. I dare say that MOST professing Christians and church-goers today are just as carnal as the worldly. They may act "holy" during the "worshiptainment" they enjoy at their local "Godmart." But they really have no idea whatsoever what being a Christ-follower is really all about. Salt that has lost the savor, therefore USELESS – except to be thrown out and trampled under the feet of men. That is, if they ever HAD any "salt" to begin with.

Increasingly, Lucifer and his demons are reigning on this

earth. Mind you, it is only because God Almighty allows it, for now. But nevertheless, the demonic realm is very REAL, and very effective at destroying all who will fall for his lies and deceptions. And make no mistake, ALL he offers are lies and deceptions, because he is the father of lies and there is no truth in him. His goal is to lie, deceive and twist as many minds into godless rebellion as possible, leading to the ultimate death and destruction of as many of God's image-bearers as possible. That means YOU, friend. We are ALL targets, simply because we are made in God's image, and though our Creator is not willing that any should perish, MOST will, by their own choice.

In the book of Job, we read that *"One day, the sons of God (the angels) came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them. The Lord asked Satan, 'Where have you come from?' 'From roaming through the earth,' Satan answered Him, 'and walking around on it.'"*

Ezekiel 28 is a two-fold prophecy – regarding the proud, boastful King of Tyre, who thought he was a god. The King's judgment was pronounced: *"Because you regard your heart as that of a god, I am about to bring strangers against you, ruthless men from the nations. They will draw their swords against your magnificent wisdom and will defile your splendor. They will bring you down to the Pit, and you will die a violent death."* Such is always the end of those who celebrate "pride."

The second part of this message in Ezekiel seems to refer to Lucifer, Satan. It reads, *"You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God. Every kind of precious stone covered you...You were an anointed guardian cherub, for I had appointed you. You were on the holy mountain of God...From the day you were created, you were blameless in your ways until wickedness was found in you. Through the abundance of your trade (evil), you were filled with violence and you sinned. So I expelled you*

in disgrace from the mountain of God, and banished you, guardian cherub."

The Lord goes on: *"Your heart became proud because of your beauty; for the sake of your splendor you corrupted your wisdom. So I threw you down to the earth..."*

Yes, Satan is a CREATED being, and was anointed by God and given the position of "guardian." But he rebelled against the Most High, and was cast down to the earth, where he remains today, as the father of lies, the enemy of our souls. 1 Peter 5 warns us that he now *"prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."* We are therefore warned to be SOBER-MINDED and WATCHFUL, and we have God's promise that if we resist him, firm in our faith, he will flee from us. You see, he HAS to. Because we – IF we have the Holy Spirit of God within us (and not ALL who claim the name of Christ actually DO) – then WE have the very power and authority of God within us also to trample satan beneath our feet.

In Matthew 10, we have this: *"Summoning His 12 disciples, He gave them authority over unclean spirits, to drive them out and to heal every disease and sickness."* In Matthew 28, starting at verse 18, *"Then Jesus came near and said to them, 'ALL authority has been given to Me in heaven AND ON EARTH. Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* Yes, JESUS is with us – He is IN us – and gives us HIS authority on this earth. And the authority of GOD includes authority over the devil and his demons.

Look also at Luke 10: Jesus commanded the seventy to go out, two by two into 'every city and place.' His directives were to *"heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with diseases and DRIVE OUT DEMONS."* But He warned that while the harvest is great, the workers are few. He warned that His disciples

would be going out as sheep among wolves. The Christian life is NOT one of ease and comfort, not one of potlucks and ice cream socials and youth group pizza parties. This is serious business. This is our JOB.

When the seventy returned to Jesus, they came with joy saying, *"Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name!"* And Jesus replied, *"I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold... I give you... all power over the enemy, but rejoice not that the spirits are subject unto you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."*

Friends, do you REALIZE – do you UNDERSTAND – that the supernatural spiritual realm is REAL and PRESENT right alongside us? Though we cannot see it in the natural, it is no less real. Demons and angels walk among us on this earth and the spiritual battle rages in the heavenlies and in this world. The "prince of the power of the air" commands legions of demons to do his evil bidding among us every day. But he can only do this if WE allow it, and open the doors to the demonic.

But knowing that God is INFINITELY more powerful than the father of lies, knowing that Jesus Christ Himself was manifested in this world, died, was buried and rose again, that He might destroy the works of the devil, WHY then, is this world descending so rapidly, now, into utter destruction?

1 Timothy 4: *"Now the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will depart from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and the teachings of demons, THROUGH THE HYPOCRISY OF LIARS whose consciences are seared."* I could do an entire sermon on that verse alone. Today, MANY have departed. MANY are following the deceitful spirits and teachings of demons. And this Scripture TELLS US that these demonic teachings come through the hypocrisy of liars whose consciences are seared. Dare I say that many – if not MOST – of our "churches" today have become nothing more than carnal,

satanic social clubs, where professing “pastors” NEVER address the topic of spiritual warfare. Hireling “shepherds” that will NEVER talk about the social, cultural, moral and political issues that are twisting our own minds and those of our children, destroying marriages (indeed, even redefining MARRIAGE to include unholy sodomite hedonism), tearing apart families, and dragging millions of souls to hell every day. By their silence, they have given their consent. Sadly, there are now an increasing number of churches CELEBRATING all this wickedness as well. Not just remaining silent – now they are ADVOCATING for and CELEBRATING sodomy, infanticide, Islam, fornication, pornography, socialism, fascism and more.

Paul wrote to the Corinthians, *“I fear that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your minds may be seduced from a complete and pure devotion to Christ. For if a person comes and preaches another Jesus, whom we did not preach, or you receive a different spirit, which you had not received, or a different gospel, which you had not accepted, you put up with it splendidly!”* Yes, there are MANY false Christs and false gospels and false spirits being preached today, and there are MANY who put up with it splendidly!

God has placed before us a choice, between life and death. Sadly, most have chosen the broad path that leads to destruction. Even MOST who attend church regularly and do all the vain religious rituals, having neglected ENTIRELY the weightier matters. But Paul continued, *“Since we have this ministry because we were shown mercy, we do not give up. Instead, we have renounced shameful secret things, not walking in deceit or distorting God’s message, but commending ourselves to every person’s conscience in God’s sight by an OPEN DISPLAY OF THE TRUTH! But if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers so they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who*

is the image of God."

What an admonition! We are NOT to walk in deceit or distort God's message but seek to touch EVERY PERSON'S CONSCIENCE. How? By AN OPEN DISPLAY OF THE TRUTH! We are not to tell the carnal, worldly person "*Jesus loves you, brother, just the way you are!*" That is a lie from the father of lies himself. UNTIL we come to Christ in humble repentance and faith, we remain under God's wrath, an enemy of the cross, and Scripture tells us we are of our father the devil, and the deeds of our father we will do. And that is NOT OK! God is not "alright" with that. The wages of sin is death. Instead, as much as we are able, with all our might, through the POWER of the Holy Spirit within us, we are to present to EVERY PERSON'S CONSCIENCE an OPEN DISPLAY OF THE TRUTH! Unashamedly. Boldly, but humbly. For such WERE some of us!

But the world is growing darker, folks. And at an alarming speed. Why is evil getting so bold so quickly? Why are we seeing things coming upon the earth now that we would have never dreamed possible just a few years ago? Because we have opened the doors – we have rolled out the red carpet – we have opened "portals" into the demonic spiritual realm. We have done this by believing lies and by hiding from God's light. We do this every day through the entertainment we choose, through the sin habits we continue to indulge in, through continuing to allow millions of babies to be slaughtered in the womb. And make no mistake, the devil and his demons FEED on the blood of the innocent. The blood of the innocent is CURRENCY in the demonic spiritual realm. We are under blood guiltiness, but few professing Christians can be bothered to actually DO anything about it, or demand justice.

The same is true with the sodomite agenda. Christians remain silent. PASTORS remain silent on ALL of these things, as thousands upon thousands of our young people and young CHILDREN are indoctrinated into this death-style. Parents even march their little kids in the "pride" parades and take

them to “Drag Queen Story Time” at their local libraries. Countless children and young people are lured into the human trafficking market, sold as slaves and prostitutes. Then we celebrate the death-cult of Islam, welcoming demon worshipers into high places in government, education, media and other areas of great influence. I could go on: the plague of Pharmakea; the indoctrination of children in public schools – and the rest of us through constant use of our “screens” – the invasion of our country by hostile foreign enemies. The list is endless.

And we do ALL of this with PRIDE. Yes, we have willingly opened massive portals into the demonic realm, allowing an ever increasing number of demons to have free reign in every area of our lives and our world. As we invite and welcome and celebrate the arrival of more and more demons, we seal our fate. Only God’s faithful remnant will find eternal life with Him. Yet we must press on, we must boldly proclaim TRUTH at every opportunity and seek and demand righteousness and justice! Most of all, we must remember the words of Moses – and actually DO what we have so woefully failed at. From Deuteronomy 6: *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength. These words I am giving you today are to be in your heart. REPEAT THEM to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. BIND THEM as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”*

This spiritual battle – this spiritual WARFARE – is REAL and it is intense, and the enemy is seeking to devour us all – especially our precious children. We need to step up our game. We need to “amp it up.” We need to be bold WARRIORS for Christ, seeking to be a restraining influence against the enemy. But we can NEVER DO THAT if we never speak up, or never leave the four walls of our local Religious Service

Providers. Salt that has lost its savor cannot be made salty again. It's too late for them. But for the faithful, NOW is the time. TODAY is the day for us to BELIEVE what Jesus said: we have ALL authority over the enemy; Jesus will be with us, even to the end of the age. Christ is IN us – and as His disciples we have the very authority of God to cast these demons OUT, and they have no choice but to OBEY... WHEN we understand and BELIEVE that authority, and come out of our hiding places and begin to exercise it. Just as Jesus commanded.

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