

Pastor George ministered on "Resurrection Sunday,"

## **"Exercise Your Authority"**

*Ephesians 1:15-23; (NKJV)*

*"Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and SEATED HIM AT HIS RIGHT HAND in the heavenly places, far above ALL principality AND power AND might AND dominion, AND every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."*

**God raised Jesus from the dead and seated Jesus with Him.**

### **The Significance of God's Right Hand**

*Exodus 15:6; (AMPC)*

*"Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power; Your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy."*

Jesus has raised all believers up and seated us with Him.

*Psalms 118:16; (AMPC)*

*"The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly and achieves strength!"*

**God's right hand represents ultimate power and authority. This represents all dominion over all things.**

*Hebrews 10:12-13; (NKJV)*

*"But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool."*

1 Peter 3:22; (AMPC)

“[And He] has now entered into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with [all] angels and authorities and powers made subservient to Him.”

### **The Significance of Being Seated at God’s Right Hand.**

Pastor George shared that Pastor Terri and he had the privilege to go through the Knesset; this is where the prime minister sits. Pastor George said he was given the privilege of sitting in the seat of the Prime Minister (without the authority).

A seat of government is the center of power and authority for a particular area. **The right hand of God's throne is the center of power and authority for the entire universe.** It is the ultimate seat of power and authority over satan and the kingdom of darkness.

What was stolen in the “Garden of Eden” has now been reclaimed through the death, burial, and resurrection, of Jesus. And Jesus is not the only One with power and authority.

### **We are Seated with Him**

*Ephesians 2:4-7; (NKJV)*

“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, **MADE US ALIVE TOGETHER WITH CHRIST (by grace you have been saved), and RAISED US UP TOGETHER, and MADE US SIT TOGETHER in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,** that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”

*Verse 6 (NRSV) ...and raised us up with him and **seated us with Him** in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,*

*We are seated with Him!*

*Verse 6 (AMPC) And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together **[giving us joint seating with Him]** in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).*

*We are designed to grow and become more knowledgeable in Christ and understand and use what has been given to us when we received Jesus as our savior. This takes growth.*

We are seated at the right hand of the Father. There, we have all power and authority over principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places.

In these times we live in, more than ever, we are required to exercise authority over situations. [Pastor George reminded us of a message he delivered to [take authority over our body](#).]

### **We must exercise our authority!**

Pastor George shared one day he had just dropped Pastor Terri off at a grocery store, and across the parking lot he went to fill the car gas tank. He was outside the car ready to pump gas, and the woman behind him was pumping gas. Her toddler was fussing and kept getting out of his seat. She shouted. *“Sit back down in your seat right now.”* Pastor George heard the Lord say;

**“I would appreciate it if My children would do the same thing.”**

**We need to stop whining about the devil and operate in our seat of authority.**

### **Exercising Authority is Our Responsibility**

— From “The Believer’s Authority” by Kenneth E. Hagin

“In 1952, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to me in a vision, and talked to me for about an hour and a half about the devil, demons, and demon possession. At the end of the vision, an evil spirit that looked like a little monkey or elf, ran between Jesus and me, and spread something like a smoke screen or a dark cloud. Then, this demon began jumping up and down, crying in a shrill voice;

‘yakety-yak, yakety-yak, yakety-yak.’

“I couldn’t see Jesus or understand what He was saying. I couldn’t understand why Jesus allowed the demon to make such a racket. I wondered why Jesus didn’t rebuke the demon so I could hear what He was saying.”

“I waited a few moments, but Jesus didn’t take any action against the demon. Jesus was still talking, but I couldn’t understand a word He was saying – and I needed to. He was giving instructions concerning the devil, demons, and how to exercise authority.”

“I thought to myself, ‘doesn’t the Lord know I’m not hearing what he wanted me to? I need to hear that. I’m missing it.’ I almost panicked. I became so desperate. I cried out, ‘In the name of Jesus, you foul spirit, I command you to stop.’ The minute I said that the little demon hit the floor like a sack of salt. The black cloud disappeared. The demon lay there trembling, whimpering, and whining like a whipped pup. He wouldn’t look at me. ‘Not only shut up,’ I shouted, ‘but get out of here in Jesus’ name!’ He ran away.”

“The Lord knew exactly what was on my mind. I was thinking, ‘why didn’t he do something about that? Why did He permit it?’ Jesus looked at me and said, ‘If you hadn’t done something about that, I couldn’t have.’ That came as a real shock to me.”

“I replied, ‘Lord, I know I didn’t hear you, right! You said you wouldn’t, didn’t you?’ He replied, ‘No. If you hadn’t done something about that, I couldn’t have. Not one single time in the New Testament is the church ever told to pray that God, the father, or Jesus would do anything against the devil. In fact, to do so is to waste your time. The believer is told to do something about the devil. The reason is because you have the authority to do it. The church is not to pray to God the father about the devil. The church is to exercise the authority that belongs to it. That is the church’s responsibility.”

Pastor George led us in this confession:

- The authority of the believer is mine. I’ve received it.
- I take dominion over evil spirits, over sickness and disease, over lack and debt.
- I take authority over fear.
- I plead the blood of Jesus over my family, over my business. My church. My house. My money.
- I am a tither. And I remind the devour that he is rebuked!

- I rebuke the devour in the Name which is above every name.  
The Name of Jesus.

Jesus suffered for us. He hung on the cross for us. He died for us. He went to hell for us. He was raised from the dead for us. He raised us up with Him. And we are positionally now seated with Him at the right hand of the Father with the power and responsibility of exercising authority over darkness.

*Revelation 5:10; (AMPC)*

*“And You have made them a kingdom (royal race) and priests to our God, and they shall reign [as kings] over the earth!”*

*Pastor Terri Copeland Pearson said:*

“I asked the Lord, ‘What is it we need to know now in the face of this crazy world with its deception and its darkness rising up?’ He said, ‘There is no power so great that the authority of the believer is not greater still. All the demons in hell combined times ten cannot overcome the authority of the believer!’”