

## *Eagle Mountain International Church*

### **Authority of the Believer: We Rule and Reign as Kings**

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**Pastor George Pearsons – Wednesday, February 9, 2022**

*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 together times ten cannot overcome the authority of the believer!” – Pastor Terri Pearsons*

#### **A. Genesis 1:26-28—Man was Created with Authority**

1. Verses 26-28 “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”
2. Verse 26 “Let them have dominion over...”
  - a. *Dominion* (HEB) = to rule and reign, prevail over, to govern
  - b. (AMPC) “God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over...”
3. Psalms 8:4-6 (AMPC) “What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of [earthborn] man that You care for him? Yet You have made him but a little lower than God [or heavenly beings], and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.”
4. Genesis 1:28 “And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”
  - a. The first words God spoke to mankind.
  - b. First words set precedent.
  - c. *Subdue* (HEB) = If it gets out of line, put it back.
5. Genesis 2:15 “And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.”
  - a. God delegated His authority to Adam to tend the Garden.
  - b. *Dress* (HEB) = to work it, till it and be a bondsman over it
  - c. *Keep* (HEB) = put a hedge of thorns around it in order to guard, protect and watch over it

## **B. Genesis 3:1-7—Adam Abdicated His Authority**

1. Verses 1-7 “Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.”
2. Adam committed high treason and gave his authority over to Satan.
3. Adam was born again from life to death.
4. Satan’s nature was lodged in his spirit.
5. If a man was the key to the Fall, then a man had to be the key to Redemption.
  - a. Romans 5:19 “For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.”
  - b. God immediately set the Plan of Redemption in motion in order to get His authority back to His family.

## **C. Colossians 2:15—Jesus Took Back Our Authority**

1. The loss of Adam’s authority was far reaching.
2. Jesus had to go to the cross, to the grave and into hell itself to legally obtain man’s redemption and take back our authority.
3. Verse 15 (AMPC) “[God] disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display and public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him and in it [the cross].”
4. Ephesians 1:19-23 (AMPC) “And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His [own] right hand in the heavenly [places], far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named [above every title that can be conferred], not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come. And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church [a headship exercised throughout the church], which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all [for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself].”

5. Philippians 2:9-11 (AMPC) “Therefore [because He stooped so low] God has highly exalted Him and has freely bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, that in (at) the name of Jesus every knee should (must) bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue [frankly and openly] confess and acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

**D. Matthew 28:18-19—Jesus Delegated His Authority to Us**

1. Verses 18-19 (AMPC) “All authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go then....”
2. Mark 16:15-18 (NKJV) “And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.’”
3. Luke 10:19 (AMPC) “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.”
4. Ephesians 2:6 (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).”
5. At a gas station
  - a. A woman was pumping gas.
  - b. Her toddler was fussing and kept getting out of his seat.
  - c. She shouted. “Sit back down in your seat right now.”
  - d. I heard, “I would appreciate if My children would do the same thing.”
6. The seat in Ephesians 2:6 is a seat of dominion and authority.
7. 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!”
  - a. Kings sit in their seat of authority.
  - b. They rule and reign from that position.
  - c. We take our seat of authority and rule and reign as kings.