

Eagle Mountain International Church

Authority of the Believer: The Believer's Responsibility

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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. Last Week's Review

1. Genesis 1:26-28 Man was created with authority.
 - a. Verse 26 "Let them have dominion over..."
 - b. *Dominion* (HEB) = to rule and reign, prevail over, to govern
 - c. (AMPC) "Let them have complete authority over..."
2. Genesis 3:1-7 Adam abdicated his authority.
 - a. Adam committed high treason.
 - b. He gave his authority over to Satan.
 - c. God immediately set the Plan of Redemption in motion in order to get His authority back to His family.
3. Ephesians 1:20-21 Jesus took back our authority.
 - a. Jesus had to go to the cross, to the grave and into hell itself to legally redeem mankind and take back our authority.
 - b. Verses 20-21 (AMPC) God... "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."
4. Matthew 28:18-19 Jesus delegated His authority to us.
 - a. Verses 18-19 (AMPC) "All authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go then..." (with that authority, dominion and power of rule).
 - b. Ephesians 2:6 "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."
 - c. 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!"
5. The Ephesians 2:6 seat is the seat of dominion and authority.
 - a. Kings rule from their seat of authority.
 - b. We rule and reign from our seat of authority.

B. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10—Exercising Authority is Our Responsibility

1. “Why doesn’t God do something about the devil?”
2. Verses 7-10 (NKJV) “And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”
 - a. This is when Paul received the revelation of his authority.
 - b. He realized that he didn’t need to beg the Lord.
3. “My grace is more than enough for you. If you’ll receive it, you’ll find that it will sufficiently endow you with more than you need to deal with any situation. My power is always on hand, available to help you in moments when you are weak and needy.”
– Rick Renner Translation
4. 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.”

C. Kenneth E. Hagin Quotes

1. “The Lord said, ‘If you hadn’t done something about that demon, I couldn’t.’”
2. “There is no place in the New Testament where any writer told the Church to pray to God to do anything about the devil.”
3. “To pray to Jesus to rebuke the devil is a waste of time.”
4. “Unless believers do something about the devil, nothing will be done.”
5. “The least member in the Body of Christ has just as much power over the devil as anyone else.”

D. Matthew 28:18-20—The Four Scriptures Jesus Gave to Brother Hagin

1. Verses 18-20 (AMPC) “All authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you.”
 - a. Jesus immediately delegated His authority to the Church.
 - b. He won the victory over the devil and authorized us to use His power.
2. Mark 16:15-18 “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”
 - a. (GK) These signs will follow the believing ones.
 - b. Notice each time it says, “In My Name THEY shall.”
 - c. In the authority of the Name of Jesus.

3. James 4:7 (YOU) “Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”
 - a. We are supposed to resist the devil.
 - b. It is our responsibility to enforce Jesus’ victory and Satan’s defeat.
 - c. (AMPC) “Resist the devil [stand firm against him], and he will flee from you.”
 - d. (WUEST) “Stand immovable against the onset of the devil.”
 - e. Resist the devil and he will run from you as in stark terror.
4. 1 Peter 5:8-10 “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary (your opponent, your enemy, the one arrayed against you) the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour....”
 - a. “...whom resist steadfast in the faith.”
 - b. (ASV) “Whom withstand steadfast in YOUR faith.”
 - c. (ESV) “Resist him, firm in YOUR faith.”
 - d. Verse 9 “...knowing that the same afflictions (tests and trials) are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.”
5. The believer who thoroughly understands his responsibility to exercise his authority is able to fearlessly take authority over his enemy and successfully overcome every attack.