Authority of the Believer: Take Authority Over Weather

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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. <u>Genesis 1:26-28</u> Man was created with authority.
 - a. <u>Verse 26</u> "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. <u>Genesis 3:1-7</u> Adam abdicated his authority.
 - a. He gave his authority over to Satan.
 - b. God immediately set the Plan of Redemption in motion in order to get His authority back to His family.
- 3. <u>Ephesians 1:20-21</u> Jesus took back our authority.
 - a. 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.
 - b. <u>Ephesians 1:20-21</u> (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]."
- 4. <u>Matthew 28:18-19</u> Jesus delegated His authority to us.
 - a. <u>Verses 18-19</u> (AMPC) "All authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go ye...."
 - b. <u>Ephesians 2:6</u> "And hath raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."
- 5. Exercising authority is our responsibility. Kenneth E. Hagin said:
 - a. "There is no place in the New Testament where any writer told the Church to pray to God to do anything about the devil."
 - b. "To pray to Jesus to rebuke the devil is a waste of time."
 - c. "The least member in the Body of Christ has just as much power over the devil as anyone else."

The believer who thoroughly understands that the power of God is backing him can exercise his authority, fearlessly face his enemy and successfully overcome every attack—including weather.

B. John 10:10-Major Objectives of Destructive Weather

- 1. <u>Verse 10</u> (AMPC) "The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)."
- 2. Satan's mission is to steal, kill and destroy.
- 3. Three major objectives of destructive weather:
 - a. To challenge the authority of the believer.
 - i. Trying to take back what he lost.
 - ii. Push the dominion envelope.
 - b. To inject fear into people's hearts.
 - c. To stop the preaching of the Word.
 - i. Satan wants to stop the Outpouring.
 - ii. He wants to shut down the Church.
- 4. <u>Acts 27:14</u> "There arose a tempestuous wind called Euroclydon."
 - a. (AMPC) "A violent wind of the character of a typhoon."
 - b. (NLT) "It blew us out to sea."
- 5. Acts 28 The Malta Healing Campaign

C. Mark 4:35-41—Jesus Exercised Authority Over Weather

- 1. <u>Verse 35</u> Jesus declared, "We are going to the other side!"
 - a. He was about to deliver the mad man of Gadara.
 - b. That man started the Decapolis Revival.
- 2. <u>Verse 36</u> "Other ships were with him that day, not counting all the ships on the Galilee."
- 3. <u>Verse 37</u> "A great (MEGA) storm arose."
 - a. (AMPC) "And a furious storm of wind [of hurricane proportions] arose, and the waves kept beating into the boat, so that it was already becoming filled."
 - b. Satan was protecting his witchcraft stronghold.
 - c. Satan tried to stop the Decapolis Revival by trying to drown Jesus, the disciples and those with Him that night.
- 4. <u>Verse 38</u> "Master, aren't you filled with anxiety that we are going die?"
- 5. Jesus exercised His authority.
 - a. <u>Verse 39</u> "And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm."
 - b. (AMPC) "And He arose and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, Hush now! Be still (muzzled)! And the wind ceased (sank to rest as if exhausted by its beating) and there was [immediately] a great calm (a perfect peacefulness)."
- 6. <u>Verse 40</u> "Where is your faith?"
- 7. <u>Verse 41</u> "What manner of man is this?"
 - a. He was a Genesis 1:26 man.
 - b. He was a man who knew His authority.

D. Psalm 91:10—Exercising Our Authority

- 1. <u>Verse 10</u> "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."
 - a. (NIV) "No harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent."
 - b. (MSG) "Evil can't get close to you, harm can't get through the door."
- 2. We have been given the weapons of our warfare and the full armor of God to stand against the attacks of the enemy.
 - a. The Word of God
 - b. The Blood of Jesus
 - c. The Angels
 - d. The Name of Jesus
 - e. Praise that pushes back the enemy
 - f. The Tithe The Devourer is Rebuked!
 - g. Psalm 91
- 3. Testimony from Iva Bennett's sister, Lenora Johnson.

Lenora heard what she thought was a train. She ordered her children to go to the basement and wait for her. She went outside on her balcony to see what was causing the noise.

The roaring she heard was not a train.

It was a large tornado headed right for her neighborhood.

At that moment, she began to call on the Name of Jesus. She pled the blood of Jesus and started speaking to the tornado. She stayed on the balcony speaking to the tornado until it suddenly changed course. The tornado struck some surrounding houses in her cul-de-sac and filled the air with debris.

Yet, her house remained untouched.