

THE COVENANT, PART 3: LIVING IN THE AUTHORITY OF THE COVENANT (A)

IMPORTANCE OF UNDERSTANDING OUR AUTHORITY

Purpose of the Church: to carry on the work of Jesus. **Luke 10:19** –
"Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you."

Matthew 8:5-13 Centurion –

"And when He had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, entreating Him, ⁶and saying, "Sir, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering great pain." ⁷And He said to him, 'I will come and heal him.' ⁸But the centurion answered and said, 'Lord, I am not qualified for You to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I, too, am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it.' ¹⁰Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled, and said to those who were following, 'Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel. ¹¹And I say to you, that many shall come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven; ¹²but the sons of the kingdom shall be cast out into the outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹³And Jesus said to the centurion, 'Go your way; let it be done to you as you have believed.' And the servant was healed that very hour."

There is a direct relationship between living by faith and understanding authority.

1. GOD GAVE AUTHORITY TO Adam

Genesis 1:26 –

"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our Image, according to Our Likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'"

Dominion: Being a steward over something that is not ours.

Psalms 8: 4-6 –

"What is man, that Thou dost take thought of him? And the son of man, that Thou dost care for him? ⁵Yet Thou hast made him a little lower than God, And dost crown him with glory and majesty! ⁶Thou dost make him to rule over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet."

2. HUMANKIND SURRENDERED ITS GOD-GIVEN AUTHORITY TO Satan

Genesis 3:3, 4, & 6 –

"...but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴And the serpent said to the woman, 'You surely shall not die!' ⁶When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate."

QUESTION: HOW TO EXERCISE AUTHORITY?

Genesis 1:1, 3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 26 & 29 – "Then God said..."

Authority is exercised by words...by speaking it.

Genesis 1:12 - the law of Genesis –

"And the earth brought forth vegetation, plants, yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit, with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good."

THE LAW OF harvest: "everything produces after its own kind."

Luke 17:5-6 –

"And the apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' And the Lord said, 'If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea;' and it would obey you."

QUESTION: BUT HOW DO WE KNOW ADAM COULD EXERCISE THIS ___authority___?

Genesis 1:26 –

"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our Likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

QUESTION: BUT WASN'T ADAM SIMPLY MADE OF ___dust___?

Genesis 2:7 -

"Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."

I Corinthians 2:12 –

"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God."

3. ___EARTH___ LEASE: GOD SETS IN MOTION HIS GREAT PLAN OF REDEMPTION ... RESTORATION.

THE KEY: THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Genesis 3:15 – Incarnation – “her seed” –

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

4. The Virgin Mary

Luke 1:31, 32, 34, 35, 37 & 38 –

"And behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give him the throne of His father David. ³⁴And Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵And the angel answered and said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God. ³⁷For nothing is impossible with God.' ³⁸And Mary said, 'Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word.' And the angel departed from her."

QUESTION: WHAT KIND OF FAITH IS THIS? ANSWER: ___Mountain___ - ___Moving___ FAITH.

Mark 11:23 –

"Truly I say to you, 'Whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it shall be granted him.'"

EXAMPLE OF LACK OF FAITH – Same Issue; Same Chapter

Luke 1:13, 18, 20 & 22 –

"But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John.' ¹⁸And Zechariah said to the angel, 'How shall I know this for certain? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.' ²⁰And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day when these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which shall be fulfilled in their proper time.' ²²But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them; and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple; for he kept making signs to them, and remained mute."

MARY'S FAITH

Luke 1:49 –

"For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name."

John 1:1-3,14 –

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through Him; and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh.”

Review:

- **GOD HAS ALL AUTHORITY.**
- **HE GAVE AUTHORITY ON THE EARTH TO HUMANKIND.**
- **ADAM SURRENDERED IT TO SATAN...THUS HE, SATAN, HAS IT.**
- **MAN GAVE IT UP. ONLY ONE WHO IS FULLY MAN CAN GET IT BACK.**

God "Legally" Entered The Human Race Through Abrahamic Covenant:

Abraham - Mary - Jesus

Matthew 1:1 –

“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the son of Abraham.”

Luke 3:23 –

"And when He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, being supposedly the son of Joseph..."

Isaiah and other prophets - decree, declare - 700 years.

5. JESUS PREPARES TO TAKE AUTHORITY FROM Satan

John 10:10 –

"The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly.

I John 3:8 –

"The one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil."

Luke 4:18 –

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are downtrodden.

Three Pronged Strategy:

1. E_vangelism__
2. H_ealing_____
3. D_eliverance__

5 Arenas:

1. Heart of h_umans__ – Evangelism
2. Physical Body – Healing
3. E_motional____/Bodies – Deliverance
4. W_eather_____ Mark 4:39-40
5. D_eath_____ John 10:31,39; 11:7

Kingdom –

- Rulership or Authority
- Suffering vs. Sickness
- God vs. "luck"
- "Fire truck" syndrome
- Child Abuser
- How to know God's will.

Acts 10:38 –

“You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and

how He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him.

Luke 13:16 –

“And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?”

Key: She was a “daughter” of Abraham...a “Covenant Kid.”