

# **THE COVENANT, PART 4: LIVING IN THE AUTHORITY OF THE COVENANT (B)**

## **REVIEW:**

- **GOD HAS ALL AUTHORITY.**
- **HE GAVE AUTHORITY ON THE EARTH TO MAN.**
- **MAN SURRENDERED IT TO SATAN.**
- **MAN GAVE IT UP. ONLY ONE WHO IS FULLY MAN CAN GET IT BACK.**
- **GOD “LEGALLY” ENTERED THE HUMAN RACE THROUGH THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT: FROM ABRAHAM CAME MARY (ABRAHAM’S DESCENDENT) WHO GAVE BIRTH TO JESUS.**

## **6. THE BATTLE INTENSIFIES: Jesus vs. Satan; Satan appears c\_onfused\_\_**

“Son of A\_dam\_\_” vs. “Seed of A\_braham\_\_\_\_”

**Romans 6:16** –

"Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?"

## **7. DEMONS SEEM CONFUSED ABOUT \_Jesus\_\_\_\_!**

**Luke 4:34** –

"Ha! What do we have to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are - the Holy One of God!" Jesus did not do miracles to prove He was divine. Jesus did not do miracles because He was divine. Jesus did miracles because He had authority and power.

**JESUS’ DIVINITY GAVE HIM \_\_Moral\_\_ VICTORY.**

**JESUS’ HUMANITY GAVE HIM \_\_Legal\_\_ STANDING.**

**Matthew 8:28-29** –

“And when He had come to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were demon-possessed met Him as they were coming out of the tombs; they were so exceedingly violent that no one could pass by that road. <sup>29</sup>And behold, they cried out, saying, ‘What do we have to do with You, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?’”

**Mark 5:7** –

“And seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him; and crying out with a loud voice, he said, ‘What do I have to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God, do not torment me.’”

**John 5:26-27** –

“For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; <sup>27</sup>and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man.”

## **8. JESUS WINS – SATAN DEFEATED**

**Jesus – Death on the Cross; Satan - Murderer**

**Hebrews 2:14** –

"Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.”

**Colossians 2:14-15** –

"...having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.<sup>15</sup>When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him."

**Question: Why does Satan seem to have so much power?**

- (1) We are between D-Day and V-Day (Spiritually speaking).
- (2) He uses fear and deception.

You have authority/power: through prayer and speaking the Word.

**9. JESUS GIVES THE AUTHORITY TO THE Church**

**A. UNDERSTANDING IT FROM A COSMIC PERSPECTIVE ...10 KEY STATEMENTS**

(The following points were taken from *Destined For The Throne* by Paul Billheimer)

1. The Earth was created to provide a suitable habitation for the human race.
2. The Messiah came for one purpose only; to give birth to His Church.
3. History is headed for one grand climax. The culmination of history is “The Marriage Supper of the Lamb” (Rev. 19: 7, 9).
4. The Church will be “the Bride, the Lamb’s wife” (Rev. 21:9). The Church will be the eternal companion of Jesus.

**Ephesians 5:25 & 32 –**

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. <sup>32</sup>This is a profound mystery, but I am talking about Christ and the church.”

5. After the wedding, the Bride will be His Eternal Companion who will sit with Him on the throne...and will rule and reign with Him.

**I Corinthians 6:2a, 3a –**

“Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? <sup>3a</sup>Do you not know that we will judge angels?”

**II Timothy 2:12a –**

“If we endure, we will also reign with him.”

**Revelation 2:26 –**

“To him who overcomes, and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations.”

**Revelation 3:21 –**

“To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.”

**Revelation 5:10b –**

“...and they will reign on the earth.”

6. But we must be prepared for ruling and reigning. When you “marry into royalty” you have to be prepared for this queenly role. God has provided “on-the-job training.” It is called prayer.
7. If the Church will not pray, God will not act. God will not go “over the head” of His church to enforce His decisions.
8. Through prayer, you are an enforcer of Heaven’s will...on earth. You are implementing His decisions here on earth. Through prayer you have been given authority and administrative responsibilities for earthly events.

**Matthew 16:19 –**

“Whatever you shall bind on earth.”

“Whatever you shall loose on earth.”

**Matthew 18:18 –**

“Whatever you shall bind on earth.”

“Whatever you shall loose on earth.”

“If two of you agree on earth.”

9. “Heaven holds the key by which decisions governing earthly affairs are made, but we are the key by which those decisions are implemented. Prayer is not overcoming reluctance in God. It is not persuading Him to do something He is unwilling to do. It is implementing His Will.” Paul Billheimer.
10. **TO BUSY TO PRAY?** Too busy – watching television, following sports, hunting and fishing, swimming and boating, engaging in farming or business, moonlighting; etc., etc. We are so busy with the cares and pleasures of this life, trying to keep up with the trend in new cars, new homes, new appliances, new furniture, etc., that we do not have time to pray. Someone has described a modern American as a person who drives a bank-financed car over a bond-financed highway on credit card gas to open a charge account at a department store so he can fill his Savings and Loan financed home with installment-purchased furniture. May this not also be a description of many modern professed Christians? And may this not be one reason why modern Christians have so little time to pray? If you can buy the new car, the new home, the new furniture, the new gadgets, hold down two jobs, etc., for the glory of God – well and good. But if we didn’t have to have such a high standard of living would we not have more time to pray? If we were not so intoxicated with travel, pleasure, vacations, and recreation, would we not have more time to pray? If we were not so enamored of sports and entertainment, would we not have more time to pray? We have more leisure than ever before – but less time to pray. We are not only cheating God and the world but we are cheating ourselves. By our failure to pray we are frustrating God’s high purpose in the ages. We are robbing the world of God’s best plan for it and we are limiting our rank in eternity. – Paul Billheimer

**B. KEY TO KNOW HIS WILL: SEEING WHAT THE \_\_\_Father\_\_\_ is \_\_\_doing\_\_\_...  
FIVE EXAMPLES FROM JOHN**

**1. John 5:19 –**

"Jesus therefore answered and was saying to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

**2. John 5:30 –**

"I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

**3. John 8:28 –**

"Jesus therefore said, 'When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught me."

**4. John 12:49 –**

5. "For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me Has given Me commandment, what to say, and what to speak."

**John 14:10 –**

"Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in me does His works."

**C. YOU HAVE AUTHORITY!**

**Matt. 9:35-10:1 –**

"And Jesus was going about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. <sup>36</sup>And seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup>Therefore, beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.' <sup>10:1</sup>And having summoned His twelve disciples, He gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness."

**Matt. 16:13-20 –**

"Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He began asking His disciples, saying, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' <sup>14</sup>And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist; some, Elijah; and others Jeremiah,

or one of the prophets.' <sup>15</sup>He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' <sup>16</sup>And Simon Peter answered and said, 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.' <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered and said to him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you shall bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.' <sup>20</sup>Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ."

**Matt. 18:18-20** –

"Truly I say to you, whatever you shall bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they might ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three have gathered in My name, there I am in their midst."

## **10. Prayer, Fasting, and Declaring the Word**

**QUESTION: "WHAT DO WE SAY TO THOSE WHO GET HEALED, JESUS?" - DISCIPLES**

**Luke 10:9** –

"...and heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

**"LORD'S PRAYER" - Kingdom, COME! Will, BE DONE!**

**Matthew 10:7-8** –

"And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons; freely you received, freely give."

**Matthew 12:28** –

"But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."

**Matthew 28:18-20** –

"And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'"