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Declaring God's Authority

The enemy has convinced many Christians that God does not belong in our government, our schools, our culture, and our way of life. Since God has partnered with us to advance His Kingdom, if we believe He doesn't belong, we stop advancing His Kingdom in those areas. When we stop declaring God's authority, the kingdom of darkness gains more control. God has given us His **delegated authority** to impact every area of our life and cast down everything that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. The New Testament speaks of 4 types of power we are given to reign and advance the Kingdom of God. **We are not advocating for a Theocracy.** That will not happen until Jesus physically returns to Earth.

Power: *exousia*; #1849 authority and the right to use force

Power: *dunamis*; #1411 might and great force, miracle working power

Power: *kratos*; #2904 reigning power having dominion

Power: *energes*; #1756 energy force, a flow or motion

2 Cor 10:4-6 *For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 **casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.***

Principalities, powers, rulers of darkness of this age, spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places, demons, sons of disobedience, and the sons of this world are all working together to destroy the sons of the light. BUT we have **authority over all the power of the enemy!** Our battle is not against flesh and blood (people), but people are used by Satan to advance his kingdom of darkness. If our laws are based on God's righteousness, it stops the advance of darkness. If our laws are based on unrighteousness, it advances the kingdom of darkness.

Luke 10:17-20 *Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." 18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, **I give you the authority** (exousia) to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over **all the power** (dunamis) **of the enemy**, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are **subject to you**, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."*

Authority/Power: Strong's #1849, *exousia* (ex-oo-see-ah) the right and authority to act. Delegated authority. It is the right to use *dunamis* (power, force). Because of the name of Jesus, His shed blood and resurrection, we are endued with power from on high through the Holy Spirit. This was God's promise to us as His children and ambassadors for Jesus.

Luke 24:46-49 *Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And you are witnesses of these things. 49 Behold, I send the **Promise of My Father** upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are **endued with power from on high.**"*

Power, Strong's #1411, Greek *dunamis*: a force, ability, abundance, might, strength, worker of miracle(s), wonderful work, energy, explosive power. *Dunamis* compares with the words dynamite and dynamic. Both deal with power that brings about **unstoppable change**. *Dynamite also means the complete failure or destruction of, (Webster). We have the power to completely destroy the works of our enemy.

Rev 2:26-29 *And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him **I will give power** (exousia-authority) **over the nations** — 27 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels' — as I also have received from My Father; 28 and I will give him the **morning star**. 29 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."*

The **Morning Star Authority** is the power to transition from the Church Age into the Kingdom Age, the 1,000 millennial rule and reign of Christ and His saints.

Matt 16:18-19 *And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the **gates** of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give you the **keys of the kingdom of heaven**, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*

Keys are symbolic of authority and the power to open and close gates. Control the gates and control the region. To "bind" something is to not allow it to operate or move. To "loosen" something means to set free that which has been bound, or to allow something to operate and move. We bind the works of darkness and loose people who have been bound. We loose joy, peace, truth and other things of God that may have been bound by the enemy because of a stronghold.

We release God's delegated authority by speaking His word through prayer, proclamations, decrees, teruah shouts, and songs. Also, through speaking in tongues. Usually, the more we mature in Christ, the greater revelation we have of our delegated authority. **Our delegated authority is in direct correlation with our faith.**

Eph 6:19-20 *and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may **open my mouth boldly** to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an **ambassador** in chains; that in it I **may speak boldly**, as I ought to speak.*

Ambassador: Strong's #4243 *presbeuo* (press-byoo-oh); to be the elder, ambassador, a representative of a ruling authority. Chosen from the ranks of the spiritually mature. When we are born again, immediately we have God's delegated authority through the Holy Spirit, but as we mature, we learn how to flow with that authority.

Luke 7:6-10 *Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the **centurion** sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. 7 Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. **But say the word**, and my servant will be healed. 8 For I also am a man placed **under authority**, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." 9 When Jesus heard these things, **He marveled at him**, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found such **great faith**, not even in Israel!" 10 And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.*

The centurion was not Jewish, or a follower of Christ, but one who understood authority and compassion. Jesus marveled at the centurion for his understanding of authority and equated it to great faith.

Rev 1:5-6 *and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the **ruler over the kings of the earth**. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 and **has made us kings and priests** to His God and Father, to Him be glory and **dominion** forever and ever. Amen.*

Dominion/Power: Strong's # 2904 *kratos* (krat-oss); dominion, strength, manifested power. The word especially signifies exerted strength, power shown effectively in a reigning authority. This primarily refers to **God's kingdom authority**.

Rev 5:8-10 *Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 And **have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.**"*

Rev 5:8-10 Kingdom Dynamics SFLB: People and nations will be redeemed by the blood of Christ and they will learn their role of intercession and **authority** as believers as they function as kings and priests, reigning "In Christ" while on Earth with His **kingdom authority**. This spiritual war will continue until *"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ and He shall reign forever and ever."*

Come out from this Babylonian system, from the power-authority of Satan and into the Kingdom of Light. The Kingdom of Darkness will be shaken! God says *"Come out of her My people!"* **Rev 18:4.**