

Lesson Six

Spiritual Authority

There are three main belief systems in the earth today.

The first says that Satan is in control of the world, because he is called the god of this world (see 2 Corinthians 4:4) .

The second belief is that God is in control of this world, that everything that happens or takes place is the Divine will of God.

The third belief system says that man is in control of this world and all that is in it.

Let's take a look and see which is correct and Biblically based.

Belief number one . Satan is in control of this world. While Satan does have control over some things he is not in control of all things. He does have limited power but only over those who have not excepted Christ as Lord and Savior. Jesus totally defeated Satan and stripped him of all the powers he stole from Adam at the fall of man.

15And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Colossians 2:15

Jesus Defeated the power of Satan at Calvary and took back His authority.(see Revelation 1:18) Satan's only power is given to him by those who choose to deny Christ as Lord, If Satan were in control there would be no church, no Christians, no preachers, he would not allow it, but thank God he is not in control. Only those who willingly live in sin are under Satan's control.

Belief number two. God is in control of all things, and all that happens in the Earth. If God was in control of everything in the Earth then all that happened in this world would be God's will. And yet we can see through Scripture that God's will is not always carried out in the Earth.

*9The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish**, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9*

God's will on the Earth is for all people to be born again and come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and yet His will is not carried out in the Earth concerning this matter.

2Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 1:2

God's will, above all else is for us to be prosperous and healthy, and yet there are hundreds of thousands of people in the Earth who are poor and don't have even the basic requirements such as housing and food, as well as many who are sick and ravaged with disease. Not to mention poverty and sickness does not discriminate it will attack anyone at any age race or social status. If God were in control then you could not justify punishing the murderer or the rapist or the Child molester, they would be merely carrying out God's will. It would be God's will for the suffering and pain we endure in the Earth. Like some sick puppet master watching His creation twitch and squirm while watching with glee and contentment. The one question I here asked by unbelievers is " If there is a God why does He allow all this bad stuff in the world to happen, even to good people and little children ?" My answer to them is God doesn't allow these things to happen, we do !

Belief system number three, Human beings are in control of this world and all that goes on in it.

*26And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let **them** have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and **over all the earth**, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
Genesis 1:26*

God has given human beings delegated authority over this Earth. He has given us free will and dominion in this earth, and put us in charge of it's keeping, until Christ returns and reigns as Lord supreme for all eternity. When Adam sinned against God committing high treason he gave Satan his God given authority over this Earth planet (see Genesis 3) but glory be to God Jesus took back that authority from the devil on Calvary (see Revelation 1:18)

And then Jesus did something amazing He once again delegated His Authority to Us His Children in the Earth and all that is in it. (see Matthew 28:17-19) (see Luke 10:19)

Of these three belief systems the latter is correct and Biblically founded. God created man in His image and in His likeness, and gave them power and Dominion over this Earth Planet and everything that is in it. What happens in this Earth happens because we allow or don't allow to happen. This is the God delegated authority entrusted unto us.

*18" I tell you the truth, whatever **you bind** on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever **you loose** on earth will be loosed in heaven. Matthew 18:18 (New International Version)*

*15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
17 And **these signs shall follow them that believe**; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 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.
Mark 16:15-18*

The above verse of Scripture is known as the great commission. Jesus, right before ascending into heaven gives His followers a set of instructions to carry out upon the Earth. He tells us to go out into the world and bring the good news of His Gospel to the whole world, and He further tells us that He will endow us with the ability and power to do this. These gifts are then revealed to us, Speaking in tongues, healing the sick, etc. all through the power and authority of Christ in us. Many have disputed these instructions to being given to the apostles only. But this is not true it clearly says that these signs shall follow them that believe.

If we will take this commission of Christ and Go forth, as commanded, we too will walk in what Jesus was speaking of here.

*12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.** John 14:12*

Jesus said that if we believe in Him then the works He did we would do also. Then He went on to say we would do even greater works than he did. I believe we will do greater works, not in Quality but in Quantity. Because we can reach more people than Christ could in His earthly ministry. Jesus has given us delegated authority to carry on His ministry in the Earth today. For us to get people saved, healed, and delivered, through the power of Christ within us.

19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. Mark 16:19

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: Ephesians 1:20-21

When Jesus was finished speaking He was taken up into Heaven and seated at the right hand of God, In the position of all power and all authority. And that authority was over Heaven and over Earth and over all of Hell. But as I have said Jesus Christ, who is seated in the place of all power and authority Has delegated His authority to us over this Earth, Glory be to God !

*4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath **raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:** Ephesians 2:4-6*

We are seated with Christ in Heavenly places, we are raised up with Him. So spiritually speaking we too are seated with Christ in a position of Authority over all the works of darkness in this Earth.

Jesus Christ has commanded us to GO forth into all the Earth and proclaim the Gospel to the lost. He has empowered us to Heal the sick, Raise the dead, and set the captives free. Just as Jesus went around doing these things,(see Acts 10:38)

so we are to carry on His works to a lost and hurting world. It is by these signs that the world will see and know that we are of Christ. And it is by God's love He has made it available yesterday today and forever .

EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

38How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. Acts 10:38

When Jesus came to this Earth He had to lay down all of his Godly Power and become a man.(see Philippians 2:7-9) That is why Jesus was anointed. God does not need to be anointed He is the anointing, but a man does. That is why Jesus was anointed and that is why we must be anointed also, to carry on the works of Christ. Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Ghost and Power.

Christ did not perform one single miracle until after He was baptized in the Holy Ghost and subsequently anointed with Power. Jesus commanded us to continue His Earthly ministry, he has given us authority and dominion to do it, but we first must be equipped with His power in order to carry these things out. If Jesus had to be anointed, then we diffidently have to be anointed as well this is how.

49And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. Luke 24:49

The power to carry out the works of Christ comes to us through the baptism into the Holy Ghost. Until we are filled with the Holy Ghost, we are not empowered to do the works Jesus did.

8But ye shall receive power, AFTER that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8

When one receives the Holy Spirit and is baptized into the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, Then they are endued with power from on high to carry out the works of Christ in the Earth. To save the lost, heal the sick, raise the dead, set the captives free, by the authority of Christ, through the power of the Holy Ghost !

I have been filled with the Holy Ghost, I have been healed, and set free, I have seen miracles and signs and wonders many times. And all I can say is that the Holy Spirit, and the gifts of the Spirit are alive and well today. God always is trying to give us something and to bless us, man is always trying to take away what God has given us. Do not allow traditions of men, and false teachings to influence your belief system, God has a great work for you to do if you can only believe ! Seek God and His truth and you will find what you have been looking for.

32And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:32