



Spiritual Authority Part 1

According to entropy, all things trend toward disorder if left unchecked. Just look at your coffee cup in the morning. If left still, it will go from hot to cold in a matter of minutes. That's pretty much how things in this universe function. The things in our personal life are no different.

I find it that everything in my life that I don't intervene and take initiative to affect its natural course will trend towards disorder. For example, I know that if I don't attend to my lawn, the grass in my lawn will eventually suffocate itself and begin to die. As owner of the property, I take authority over my lawn by taking initiative to intervene and change its natural tendency towards chaos. With authority comes responsibility. Authority means the right to use power and to take responsibility means to take charge or initiative.

In like manner, God gave unconditional authority to Adam and Eve over the earth. When Adam and Eve fell, they gave Lucifer the opportunity to prosecute them because, from that point on, Adam and Eve were fallen beings from the very core. As a result, they will start falling short of the glory of God in every sense of the word. Lucifer saw the opportunity to accuse, so he became Satan. The name *Satan* in Hebrew, *ha satan*, means, "the accuser".

After the fall, Satan gained a just audience in the presence of God to prosecute man because man was unknowingly yielding willfully to him, which technically made Satan their master. It's through Satan's prosecution that he was able to go against man and manipulate them, thus yielding their authority and power to Satan unknowingly.

God created Lucifer and rendered him powerless at the fall. Lucifer has no authority and power of his own. Yet many believe Satan has authority and power of his own to oppress man. Remember, man created Satan by giving him opportunity to prosecute them, and, in that way, gave him access to the whole earth, so much so, that he is considered the god of this world. Satan uses condemnation to deceive and manipulate man's authority and power to get his way. He has no authority or power apart from man yielding to him via condemnation.

When God gave the law of Moses, there was a turn of events for the worst. Satan had an even greater advantage because he took the law as a weapon against man. Satan held man hostage and used the law to enforce the curse of the law upon man for breaking God's law. Little did Satan know that God was setting things up for the arrival of the Son of Man.

Since God gave unconditional authority and power to man over the earth, God had to become a man and operate in this world as a man, not as deity, to fix this whole mess. Everything that Jesus did on earth as Savior was as the Son of Man (human), not as the Son of God (deity). Jesus had to limit Himself to a physical human body and all its frailties and operated in faith dependent of the Holy Spirit. Make no mistake, Jesus was still the Son of God but gave up all His attributes as the Son of God to only operate as the Son of Man.

Colossians 2:14-15

He wiped out what the law said that we owed. The law stood against us. It judged us. But he has taken it away and nailed it to the cross. He took away the weapons of the powers and authorities. He made a public show of them. He won the battle over them by dying on the cross.

At the cross, Satan has been stripped of all authority and power to prosecute, which he had been given through condemnation by the law of Moses. He was using the law of Moses as a weapon, but Jesus disarmed Satan by nailing the handwriting of requirement that was against us.

It's important to know that God did not give the law of Moses to put it in the hands of Satan. The law is holy. It was a trainer for the Jews to lead them towards the coming of Christ. However, Satan saw opportunity and weaponized it against God's people. But the battle has been won. Satan has been fully stripped and defeated awaiting his execution. This doesn't mean Satan is no longer a factor. He is. He is still seeking whom he may devour by bringing condemnation through the law of Moses.

How did Jesus take away the weapon from Satan's hands? By fulfilling the law of Moses as us and fully declaring us the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. The law of Moses can no longer condemn us. Be careful not to place the law of Moses back into the hands of Satan by submitting under it. When a believer in Christ accepts condemnation as a godly device, they allow the curse of the law to its full extend into their life for not keeping the law of Moses. This is just the work of Satan, the accuser of the brethren, who is trying to get access into our life through condemnation. His only weapon today is deception to try to condemn us. One of the biggest misconceptions by religion is teaching that sin is what gives Satan access into our lives. Not true.

Revelation 1:18

I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

When Jesus resurrected from the dead, He gained much more than what Adam ever had originally before the fall. Jesus Christ not only has authority and power over the earth, but at His resurrection, He now has authority and power over heaven, death and hell. He has the keys of Death and Hades. The good news is, Jesus Christ has restored our authority and power over the earth and given us the keys of Death and Hades. This authority and power is now under our disposition as believers in Christ. Amen.

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