

## Power and authority – 11/29/2017

Two verses in the book of Luke in chapters 9 and 10 gives Christians clear power and authority over the demonic forces.

In Luke 9:1, Jesus granted the 12 apostles power and authority over demons.

*Luke 9:1 Then he called his twelve disciples together, he gave them **power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases.***

Take note that Luke 9:1 states that Jesus gave power and authority over ALL demons. Not a couple of demons here and there but over all the demons..

In Luke 10:19, Jesus expands this power and authority by telling the 70 disciples that exercising this power will not cause you to be hurt by any means of the weapons that the demons may use.

*Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and **over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you.***

Take note that Luke 10:19 emphasizes that you have ALL power over the enemy and NOTHING shall hurt you.

What a great deal! We may charge out in the battlefield and start swinging our sword around to break, destroy and pull down Satan and his legions of demons can't harm us.

What are the different levels of demons that Luke is saying we have power and authority over?

There are at least 7 different levels of the demonic realm. They are 1) Satan, 2) territorial spirits, 3) national spirits, 4) city spirits, 5) street spirits, 6) house spirits and 7) personal spirits.

Each level is spoken of in the bible.

**1) Satan** – is mentioned as the god of this world in 2 Corinthians 4:4

*2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the **god of this world** hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of.*

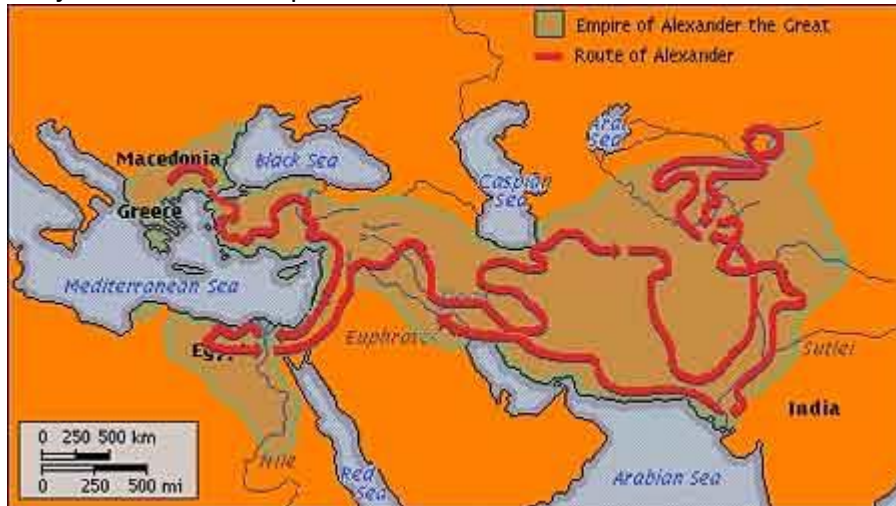
**2) Territorial spirits** – are under Satan controlling a region of the earth occupied by several countries. Although they control regions of the earth they war also above the earth. A territorial spirit is mentioned in Daniel 10:13 in which these demonic spirits could block an angel from heaven from delivering a message to Daniel.

*Daniel 10:13 But the **prince of the kingdom of Persia** withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I remained there with the **kings of Persia.***

A clue on the magnitude of their power reach can be seen by comparing the size of their control on earth. In Daniel 10:20 the prince of Grecia (Greece) earthly control was the extent of Alexander the Great's kingdom.

Daniel 10:20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the **prince of Persia**: and when I am gone forth, lo, the **prince of Grecia** shall come.

Alexander the Great conquered 6 countries: Persia, Egypt, Syria, Mesopotamia, Bactria, and the Punjab. A territorial spirit controls national demons.



3) **Nations** – have their own demons. In 2 Chronicle 28:23 King Ahaz sacrificed to the gods of Damascus. Damascus was the capital city of the Syrian nation.

2 Chronicles 28:23 For he sacrificed unto the **gods of Damascus**, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, therefore will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel.

4) **Cities** – have gods. In Acts 19:35 the city of the Ephesians worshipped the false god of Diana.

Acts 19:35 And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the **city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana**, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter?

5) **Streets** – had demons designated to them as in Ezekiel 16:24 where high places for worship were on every street.

Ezekiel 16:24 That thou hast also built unto thee an eminent place, and hast made thee an high place in every street.

6) **Households** – had demons. Laben pursued and caught up with Jacob after Jacob's wife Rachel had stolen her father's gods in Gen 31:30

Genesis 31:30 And now, though thou wouldst needs be gone, because thou sore longedst after thy father's house, yet wherefore hast thou **stolen my gods**?

7) **Persons** – had individual demons assigned to them. In Acts 16:16 a woman had a spirit of divination.

Acts 16:16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a **certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination** met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

All the power and authority from Luke 9:1 and Luke 10:19 should be able to tackle all 7 of these levels but there's a problem. 9 apostles surrounding a child could not cast out a suicidal, deaf and dumb spirit that was foaming at the mouth in an epileptic fit on the ground. This was in Luke 9:40 long after Jesus gave the apostles "**power and authority over all demons**" in Luke 9:1

The boy's father approached Jesus in Luke 9:40 and said that the disciples could not deliver his son.

**Luke 9:40 And I besought thy disciples to cast him out; and they could not.**

Jesus casted out the demon from the boy and later told his apostles in Mark 9:29 that prayer and fasting was the only way to remove this kind of demon.

**Mark 9:29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.**

Jesus himself ran into situations where his miracles was stopped. It says in Mark 6:5 that Jesus could not do any mighty work

**Mark 6:5 And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.**

Why? Because of unbelief in the next verse

**Mark 6:6 And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.**

Jesus had full access to all the power and authority from the Father and Holy Spirit that baptized Christians should have if... If Christians walked, spoke and conducted themselves like Jesus did.

Jesus knew his limits and the requirements for the power to flow. These 2 examples of prayer, fasting and believing in Mark show requirements that must precede prior to the power from above flowing down.

Jesus stayed within his covering from the Father and did not exceed that which was given to him. What happens if you step outside of that covering protection? Or in other words, what happens if you exceed the power and authority that you have been given?

Two examples in the old testament show that you open yourself up for successful demonic attacks if you step outside of the power and authority that you have been given either knowingly or by ignorance.

The first example Moses led the Israelites to the edge of the promise land and sent in 12 spies to look over the land and report back 40 days later. 10 of the spies gave a bad report that caused the people to complain. The Lord told Moses that they would wander in the desert for 40 years as punishment for the complaining. Some of the Israelites refused and decided to enter the promise land and take it by force. Moses warned them in Deuteronomy 1:42-45 to stay and not go in because the Lord wasn't with them. They refused to listen to Moses and entered. The inhabitants came out fighting and chased them out destroying many.

Deuteronomy 1:42-45

42 And the LORD said unto me, Say unto them, **Go not up, neither fight; for I am not among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies.**

43 So I spake unto you; and **ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD, and went presumptuously up** into the hill.

44 And the Amorites, which dwelt in that mountain, came out against you, and **chased you, as bees do, and destroyed you** in Seir, even unto Hormah.

45 And ye returned and wept before the LORD; but the LORD would not hearken to your voice, nor give ear unto you.

The second example is in Job Chapter 41. Job speaks about the strength of Leviathan and how man's weapons were useless against him. It warns in Job 41:8 that if you fight against him once then you won't do it again. This Leviathan is unique that it was made without fear

Job 41:8 Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more.

Job 41:33 Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear.

This Leviathan spirit is not to be fought with because it is outside of our power and authority. Isaiah 27:1 places the punishing of Leviathan in the hands of the Lord

Isaiah 27:1 In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword **shall punish leviathan** the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

Psalms 115:16 reiterates that the earth was given to men.

*Psalms 115:16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but **the earth hath he given to the children of men.***

If one should take on a heavenly spirit like one does an earthly spirit, then success is not going to happen. When you exceed your authority then according to God's law the heavenly spirit may seek retribution.

We will in the future judge angels but this time is not that time.

1 Cor 6:3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

These heavenly host have been left there by Jesus because they are the demons over the pagan people in territory or nation. In Judges 3:4 pagan nations were left behind to test the nation of Israel.

Judges 3:4 And **they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD**, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

Commanding Baal or Dagan to be silent, be bound and be taken to the feet of Jesus for judgment is asking to be in the fight against Leviathan.

Jesus was made a little lower than the angels in heaven as stated in Hebrews 2:7

*Hebrews 2:7 **Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:***

Looking at how Michael the archangel which possessed great power didn't get into a fight against the devil or Leviathan but said "the Lord rebuke you"

*Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, **The Lord rebuke thee.***

Moses was especially aware of the covering and protection of the Lord because in Exodus 33:15 is told the Lord that he was not moving if the Lord wasn't going to go with them.

*Exodus 33:15 And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.*

When Jesus battled the devil in Luke 4:4,8,12 he relied on the word by saying "It is written" and stated the scripture verse. Eventually Luke 4:13 reports that the devil left after not being successful with his temptations and not from Jesus commanding him to go.

*4 And Jesus answered him, saying, **It is written**, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.*

*8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for **it is written**, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*

*12 And Jesus answering said unto him, **It is said**, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.*

*13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.*

The bible shows how to successfully attack a territory spirit that is over a large area.

Mark 5:1-20 and Mark 6:53-56 shows the game plan that was used over and over in the new testament.

Jesus and the disciples arrive in the country of the Gadarenes by boat and Jesus delivers 2 men possessed by a legion of demons. Those demons leave and entered about 2,000 pigs which ran down and drowned in the sea. The people in the city comes out and ask them to leave. Jesus tells the men to stay behind and tell everyone what he did in Mark 5:20.

*Mark 5:20 And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.*

When Jesus returned, the people flocked to him and Jesus did many miracles in Mark 6:53-56.

Mark 6:53-56

53 And when they had passed over, they came into the land of Gennesaret, and drew to the shore.

54 And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him,

55 And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was.

56 And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole.

What changed? Jesus used spiritual warfare.

Commentaries say that the pigs may have been used for Roman sacrifices in their temples. With all the pigs destroyed the sacrifices halted as well and without sacrifices the demon's powers diminished.

The men used their testimony as it is stated in Revelations 12:11 to overcome that demon one person at a time until the entire town flocked to Jesus on his return.

**Revelations 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.**

The apostle Paul attack the goddess Diana in Asia one person at a time so much so that the silver craftsmen in Acts 19:24-27 were concern that their business of creating idols was in danger of closing and the temple of Diana would be closed.

Acts 19:24-27

24 For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen;

25 Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth.

26 Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost **throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people**, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:

27 So that not only this **our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised**, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth.

Paul took on the goddess Diana by converting a person to become a Christian. Without people to offer sacrifices to Diana's temple then the temple closes and that demon loses power in the region. The demon doesn't go away just loses power always scheming to once again regain that power it once had.

One of the biggest sacrifices that one can give is a human life and the pagans know it.

Abortion is a human sacrifice to gives demons power. Denying a demon a human sacrifice would cause that demon to lose power.

Turning a woman away from abortion and showing her alternatives to keep the child denies the demon a lot of power. It is stated in James 5:20 that when a sinner converts then a multitude of sins are hidden. What if turning a woman away from the abortion clinic also hides a multitude of previous abortions at that clinic thus removing power from that demon?

**James 5:20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.**

Maybe Luke 15:10 which states that heaven rejoices when one sinner repents means that power is being taken away from that demon.

**Luke 15:10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.**

Taking on the abortion industry is one territorial spirit that must be confronted one woman at a time.

A daily prayer would be to have the hearts of the women to be turned back to their child as in Malachi 4:6

**Malachi 4:6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. {THE END OF THE PROPHETS.}**

And for the hearts and the minds of the women to be soften and allow the voice to the pro-life protesters to be implanted and for the word to be given the pro-lifers that will resonant with the women walking towards the clinic so that they will turn back and not enter.

One person at a time is how a territorial spirit is attack.

Regards,

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Mt22:14 + Lk11:28 + Jn3:16 + Mk6:12 + Rm10:9 + Acts2:38 + Heb10:26 = 1 Pt 3:21 -> Mt28:19-20