

Spiritual Warfare part 4- “Receiving & Becoming a Revelation of Jesus”

THE ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY OF JESUS: Daniel 7:13,14

The prophet Daniel, in Daniel 7, gives a picture of the nations of the world (influenced by clusters of demonic powers) rising from the “*churning sea*” (an image of evil, chaos, upheaval) Each kingdom has short-lived stability. These empires are various expressions of evil, the last being the Roman Empire.

Then in Daniel 7:13,14, “*the son of man*” (Jesus’ favorite expression of Himself) is seen “*coming TO the Ancient of Days*” (FROM earth TO the heavenly realm). There, the Judge of the universe declares that Jesus has WON. ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY has been given to Him!

Why Jesus said- “*All authority has been given to Me*” in the “*heavens*”—the atmosphere, prince of the power of the air—AND “*authority on earth!*” (Matthew 28:18).

Philippians 2:11 says that “*every tongue will confess*” the absolute Lordship of Jesus—His authority over all things! (NOTE: “Confess” is more than verbal agreement—this word speaks of “*praise that erupts from the heart!*”)

RECEIVING THIS REVELATION OF JESUS: Ephesians 1:18-21

There are several truths we need to “KNOW” (experience as a present reality):

- “THE SURPASSING GREATNESS OF HIS POWER” (v. 19)
 - No rematch; no “best out of three”; “*It is finished!*”
 - Jesus’ victory is untouchable by the enemy!
 - (Heb. 2:14) Jesus “destroyed” the devil’s authority!
 - He did not completely annihilate him—that day will come
 - Lit.- “*to dissolve the chains of—releasing us from his control*”
 - (James 4:7) We must “*submit to God’s authority*”—from that place under His authority we can “*resist the devil’s authority, and he must flee from us!*”
- “THE SAME POWER THAT RAISED JESUS—AT WORK IN US” (v. 19-20)
 - “*Like the working of His mighty strength*”—the greatest power that exists is at work in you!!!
 - “*God’s life-giving seed*” is at work in us (1 John 3:9)!
- JESUS IS “FAR ABOVE ALL RULE & AUTHORITY...EVERY NAME” (v. 21)
 - You name it—He’s above it!
 - This includes the name of every spirit that ever attacks you!

BECOMING A REVELATION OF JESUS: Ephesians 2:1,4-7

- **“YOU WERE DEAD!” (2:1)**
 - Lit.- *“Locked up in darkness—lifeless & powerless”*
 - Despite best efforts at self-improvement—*“Who will set me free from this lifestyle of death?” (Romans 7:24)*
- **“BUT GOD...MADE US ALIVE...AND RAISED US UP WITH CHRIST” (2:4-6)**
 - We have been *“seated”* (settled authority, government & peace)
 - In the same place of victory & authority Jesus rests in!
 - **“BORN AGAIN”**—born out of a world of evil → BORN INTO a life that is HIS life IN US!
 - We are *“partakers of His nature”* (2 Peter 1:4)
 - We must **“KNOW this”**—as our NEW REALITY!
 - We are *“no longer”* OF, IN, or UNDER the kingdom of darkness!
 - NOW we do more than manage our anger or cope with our fears—He gets to the roots of WHY we struggled
 - Whether Jesus “springs you” in a moment OR takes you through a process—He always leads us to ultimate victory!!!
- **“PUT OFF YOUR OLD BEHAVIOR” (4:22)**
 - Because it is inconsistent with who we are
 - Bitterness, passivity, lifeless talk, etc.
- **“PUT ON YOUR NEW SELF” (4:24)**
 - This is not “pretending” (i.e., a child playing “dress-up”)
 - Based on an OT concept (See Isaiah 59:17 NLT)—God simply showing who He is—REVEALING (not pretending)!
 - The “full armor of God” (Eph. 6) is Jesus in us—the confident & joyful “Hope of Glory” (Col. 1:27).
 - “Shekinah” (more than a glory cloud)—means *“the dwelling place of a God who dwells”*. The “temple of the HS” is YOU!!!
 - We “were darkness”—Now “we are light in the Lord” (Eph. 5:8)! (NOTE: Those oppressed in demonic darkness often see believers as “the shining ones!” They perceive the glory/presence of God.) **Vital for US to know this!**
- **“STAND” (Eph. 6—mentioned 4 times)**
 - What we do when we know this truth!
 - As His Body—we are joined functionally with Him!
 - His enforcers on the earth: **“Be done, will of God!”**
 - In quiet, confident trust—telling powers of darkness: **“You have no place here!”**
 - Demons have no babies—they were ALL at the Cross to see the defeat of their master. They MUST obey Jesus’ name!
 - They **“believe & tremble (*extreme fear; horrified*)”** James 2:19

STORY

- **A woman came to America; highly skilled; professionally trained; successful in business**
- **Because of her limited ability to communicate in English, she was deemed “less than” by a store manager who hired her**
- **She was given the menial tasks (scrubbing floors, cleaning toilets) and treated as inferior by this cruel manager**
- **One day, the CEO of the store chain stopped by. Speaking her native language, he discovered who she really was. Impressed by her skills, training, and demeanor—he made her the store manager.**
- **She asked, “What about the current store manager? What should I do with her?”**
- **The CEO said- “That will be your first job—firing her.”**
- **When the store manager returned and saw this woman sitting at her desk, she said irately- “Come out from behind my desk—and start cleaning this floor!”**
- **The woman responded- “No. You are no longer in charge here. You need to leave.”**

The Ancient of Days sent His son to destroy (dissolve) the control the enemy had over your life. He has conferred His authority to you. The enemy is no longer in charge here—he has to leave!