

**“Holy Spirit’s Convincing Ministry part 2”  
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**John 16:7-11**

- **The Bible is more than information—it’s an invitation to live the life we were created to live...**
- **A life we lost in Adam’s fall—a life fully restored in Jesus’ rising!**

**CORE: Holy Spirit convinces us & empowers us to live—**

- **In victory over SIN (unbelief)—fully trusting Jesus**
- **In RIGHTEOUSNESS (harmonized & synchronized to Him)**
- **(Today we look at) Living victoriously in Jesus’ JUDGMENT of the enemy, “triumphing over him by the cross” Colossians 2:15**

**1. “THE PRINCE OF THIS AGE” IS JUDGED**

- **The HS will convince you that, on the Cross, the devil was condemned**
- **Jesus: “As you experience freedom from sin & live in right relationship with Me—you will encounter very real opposition from your enemy, the devil. As much as I am the Lover of your soul—he is the enemy of yours. His only desire is to rob, kill or destroy your life.”**
- **Satan is not another “god.” He is a fallen “arch-angel” (*the highest ranking angel*) who became the archenemy of God.**
  - **DECEIVER-** When he showed up in Eden, he was not terrifying. He was enticing. Unable to speak truth—he can only twist it. He loves deception. He thrives in separation, rage, bitterness & disorder.
  - **DIVIDER-** between us & God, others, even ourselves. Moves us to hate ourselves—either self-indulgence or worthless.
  - **BREEDS FEAR (unknown on the planet until Adam’s fall—“I was afraid, so I hid!”** Panic, trauma, depression, worry, chaos, confusion. Sense of failure and poverty. He is completely joy-less.
  - **AUTHOR OF SICKNESS & DISEASE.** *NOTE: Webster’s cites “DIS” as “lord of the underworld.” “DIS” attached to any word—describes what the enemy does: Dishearten, Disobey, Disarray, Disorder, Disrespect.*
  - **“DEVIL” means “GOSSIP”- Jesus said RE His betrayer: “One of you is a devil” (John 6:70) Lit- “to speak slanderously; in order to destroy another’s worth.”**

**2. SATAN CAN ONLY FUNCTION IN FORFEITED AUTHORITY**

- **“The highest heavens belong to the LORD, but the earth he has given to mankind.” (Ps. 115:16) This includes authority over the spirit world.**
- **You only HAVE authority as you SUBMIT TO the One who gave it to you. (i.e., the centurion in Luke 7:8- “I too am a man under authority”)**

- **Satan only got authority when Adam Disbelieved, Disobeyed & Disconnected from God. He then connected with the enemy.**
- **Connecting with Satan** does not make us “foaming at the mouth, overtly crazed, howling at the moon demoniacs.” Rather, **we unite to THE LIE that “we are independent—not needing God.”**
- For some, this **INDEPENDENCE** manifests as **CONTROL**.
- For others, it’s **CONTROL IN REVERSE—living as VICTIMS** (i.e., “Pity me. Serve me. Approve of me. Protect me...and I’ll reward you by not making you a ‘victim’ of my shame & disappointment!”)
- **Paul describes living in the enemy’s tyranny this way:**

*Ephesians 2:2 AMP- “At one time you walked [habitually]. You were following the course and fashion of this world [were under the sway of the tendency of this present age], following the prince of the power of the air. [You were obedient to and under the control of] the [demon] spirit that still constantly works in the sons of disobedience [the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God].”*

### **3. JESUS—GOD BECAME MAN TO INVADE SATAN’S DOMAIN.**

- **1 John 3:8- “The reason the Son of God appeared (*on the earth*) was to destroy the devil’s work.”**
- **“Work”- *his business; the territory he occupied***
- Inside the enemy’s **“domain of darkness” (Col. 1:13)**, people **believed every lie about God:** that He was mean, exacting, shaming, limiting. Making people sick—to teach them something. Joyless. Unloving. Powerless.
- **Jesus invaded the enemy’s domain from the inside.**
- **He REVEALED THE FATHER (“*Seen Me—seen My Father*”)**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> miracle**—180 gallons of best wine at wedding celebration
  - **Spoke of Him as One**—running, dancing, pursuing, rejoicing, singing
  - **Called Him “Abba” (“Daddy”)**
- **HE REVEALED WHO WE WERE CREATED TO BE**
  - **“Follow Me”**—live like Me
  - **“The works I do—you will do, too!”**
- **HE OVERCAME TEMPTATION**
  - Satan went after Adam—Jesus **went after the devil (HS drove Him)**
  - **He knew He was “the Seed” born to “crush the enemy’s head”**
  - **Satan’s temptation:** “I’ll give you control. Crowds. Just bow to me!”
  - Every time Jesus said, “NO” to the devil—**He said, “YES” to Father!**
  - **For the 1<sup>st</sup> time on the planet—the devil was defeated.** A human being said NO, moving in TRUE AUTHORITY given from God.
  - And, for the first time, everywhere Jesus went, demons screamed for mercy (prior, they intimidated everyone) Jesus **TURNED THE TIDE!**
  - **Jesus exposed the devil—as a thief and a liar.**
  - He exposed the **religious leaders’ complicity with the enemy—**  
**“You are of your father, the devil!”**

#### **4. CONVINCED OF JESUS' DEFEAT OF THE ENEMY**

- **SATAN** (not a demon or a thought) **entered into Judas** to betray Jesus.
- **Jesus**, as a man, **deliberately pursued the cross** (i.e., "His passion"). NOTE: The phrase that begins this discourse in **John 13:1- "He loved (us) TO THE END!"** It was all **MOTIVATED BY "HIS GREAT LOVE FOR US."** Eph. 2:4
- Jesus **took into Himself** the very **atmosphere of SIN** and our **grief** and our **sorrow**.
- **He CHOSE TO DIE**—just as deliberately as He pursued Satan in the wilderness. The **OBEDIENT ONE** confronting the **DISOBEDIENT ONE!**
- Into disorder entered His Kingdom...truth conquered lies...light triumphed over darkness...LOVE defeated hate.
- Jesus **"destroyed him who has the power of death (power to separate), that is, the devil"** (Hebrews 2:14).
- **Daniel's vision** (beholding Jesus' victory) in **Daniel 7:13-14- As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed."**

#### **DECLARATION-**

- So...the **"prince of this age"** was **exposed, judged and defeated**.
- Now **"All authority has been GIVEN to Jesus"**
- We are now **raised and seated with Jesus!** (NOTE: Kings were seated **AFTER** the battles were won and their authority was firmly established)!

Why Jesus commands us to pray this way:

**We have a Father in Heaven!**  
**Your name is worthy of honor!**  
**Let Your Kingdom realm come to the earth!**  
**Let Your will be fulfilled here on earth—just as it is in Heaven!**  
**You keep giving us each day—what is needed for that day!**  
**Forgive us our sins as we release forgiveness to those who have wronged us.**  
**You will lead us in triumph over every temptation and scheme of the enemy!**  
**For Yours is the Kingdom!**  
**Yours is the power!**  
**Yours is the glory!**  
**Forever and ever! Amen!"**