



Authority of the Believer
Lesson 4: Three Keys to Praying with Authority

1. Introduction / Review

Ephesians 1:16-23

Ephesians 2:1-6

When Christ was made alive, we were too!

When He was raised, I was raised.

This is already done. It is completed in the eyes of God!

This is my position when I pray.

In Mark 13 Jesus is talking about Himself and the church (us).

Mark 13:34

The Bible teaches us that we, as believers, have authority.

In the previous lesson we discussed the armor of God and praying with authority.

2. Three keys to praying with authority

The three keys to praying with authority are redemption, righteousness, and resistance.

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Definition of REDEEM: _____

Jesus paid a ransom. This means that the devil owned you. But Jesus, by his death and resurrection, bought you back. He paid the ransom.

However, it means more than that. In order to pray with authority we must understand redemption.

If you understand what Jesus accomplished for you, you will pray with authority and confidence.

Jesus became sin on the cross. He took God's judgment upon Himself.

But there is more. When He died and rose again. _____

Luke 11:21, 22

This is what Jesus did to the devil.

Hebrews 9:12

Jesus' own blood has been poured out in heaven. It eternally speaks of our redemption.

There are two important scriptures that will affect your prayer life if you understand and walk in your redemption.

Hebrews 10:19

Revelation 12:11

How can you overcome the devil and demons by the blood of the Lamb?

You say, "Devil! I come to you in the name of Jesus. I remind you of the power of the blood. Jesus died, rose again, and destroyed you! I have all power in His name and I resist you and command you to go by the power of the blood!"

The power of the blood of Jesus makes the devil tremble.

Ephesians 3:20

He is able to do more than we can ask or think. We have a God with unlimited power, and that power is in us.

Romans 8:11

This describes the power that is inside of you!

We know that the results of our redemption are power, authority, the right to use the name of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

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When people live under condemnation they can never walk in their authority.

As long as you have a sense of inferiority, you can never exercise authority in prayer.

One of the strategies the devil has is to keep you ignorant and make you feel unworthy.

“You don’t have the right.”

“You are not good enough,”

“Your past is too bad.”

Isaiah 54:17a

You are never supposed to be defeated. You are always to be victorious!

Isaiah 54:17

Notice that the Spirit of God puts “their righteousness is from Me” here.

Why? – The reason you can be victorious over every weapon that comes against you is because you know you are righteous.

The “real” you lives on the inside of your body – _____

Before you get saved your spirit is lost, dead to God, and in darkness.

When you get saved your spirit is recreated you receive God’s life. You no longer live in darkness, but rather in light. You become a new creation.

2 Corinthians 5:17

2 Corinthians 5:21

God looks upon your spirit and he sees you just as righteous as He is.

If you accept this by faith and understand it, _____

Romans 8:1

God has made you righteous!

James 5:16

Did you ever go into prayer and the devil says, “Who do you think you are? You just sinned an hour ago. You are not worthy.”

You must realize that you can fight that off and defeat the devil.

In order to have effective prayer, the believer must know that he has the right to enter into the Father’s presence.

A believer stands before God in righteousness. _____

Righteousness gives us the ability to stand before God without guilt or condemnation.

Someone with the revelation of their righteousness can confidently say, “My righteousness is just as good as Jesus’ righteousness. It is just as good as Paul, Peter, or John. Nobody has a better righteousness than I have.”

This revelation causes us to go before the Father in prayer with confidence.

You can grow in faith, but you cannot grow in righteousness.

Every born again believer is as righteous as God Himself.

That is the reason you are going to heaven.

That is the reason you can exercise authority on this earth.

Romans 8:1

When you try to exercise authority, the devil will come and bring up your past and your sins.

Jeremiah 31:33, 34

When the devil tries to bring condemnation against you, speak to him!

“Devil, I want you to know that the blood of Jesus has cleansed me! I am a new creation in Christ. There is therefore now no condemnation for me. It is not because of my own goodness, but because of the redemption I have in Christ Jesus. Jesus mastered you. I have His victory. I come against you. You will not take my family. You will not steal my finances. You will not put sickness on my body. In the name of Jesus, I command you to go!”

Do you believe you can do what the Bible says you can do?

James 4:7

Mark 16:17

You use the name of Jesus!

Philippians 2:9, 10

But as long as you weep and cry over your past that has already been forgiven, you will never exercise authority.

When you sin, as a believer, the very moment you confess your sin you are forgiven.

1 John 1:9

As a child of God, He remembers your sin no more.

You are not condemned. You are forgiven. You are clean. You are righteous!

In order to walk in the authority you are called to and to reign in life as a king you must understand the gift of righteousness you have been given.

If you know that you are in right standing with God then you know this – You cannot be in any better standing with God.

In other words, you cannot have a “more” right standing with God than you have right now.

You will not have any better standing with God when you get to heaven than you do right now.

Not even Jesus Christ Himself has any better standing with God than you or me.

In John 17, Jesus is praying for His disciples.

John 17:20-23

Verse 23 is amazing. _____

Nothing will stop you from ruling and reigning in this life if you accept this truth!

God is your Father. He is not “more” of a Father to Jesus than to you.

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Redemption and righteous are God’s part. _____

So many people drift through life and say, “If God wants me to have it, He will just give it to me.”

This is not true.

There are things you can do to exercise your authority.

We have to learn how to resist the devil.

Some have the idea that Jesus will do it all for them. The devil walks all over people like that.

He is looking for those who do not understand their redemption and righteousness.

He definitely will get the upper hand on those who do not know how to resist.

Acts 19:13-15

These men were not saved. They did not have any authority over those demons.

As a born again believer, you have authority over the devil and every demon spirit.

But if you do not realize it, you will die of sickness, your children will not serve God, you will never have financial abundance.

Ephesians 6:10, 11

Definition of ABLE:

- _____
- To be enabled by God
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It is actually the Greek word “dunami”. This is a familiar Greek word.

Ephesians 1:19

The power that works in us is the Greek word “dunamis”.

Dunamis is a noun which means “power”.

Dunamai is a verb which means “to be able or empowered”.

Not only has God given you power, you are able to use it!

You have power and authority that make you able.

James 4:6, 7

You cannot begin with resisting the devil. You have to first get rid of pride and then submit to God.

Submitting to God means:

- I follow His will, not my own will.
- I am going to obey the Word of God. Submitting to God means submitting to His Word.

You cannot say that you are submitted to God, but you are not obeying His Word.

We have been learning in the course how to resist – using the name of Jesus, the blood, the confession of your words, etc.

1 Peter 5:8, 9

However, he will try and come back.

For example, if you resist him in the area of healing, he will try to put symptoms on you again.

But you have to resist the devil steadfast.

You must show the devil you are not giving in and you are more determined than he is.

Resist him steadfast “in the faith”.

What does that mean? – _____