

The Prayer of Authority

Overview: Jesus delegated all His power and authority unto us to use with boldness here on this earth and in the heavenlies. Since Jesus has already given us the authority, we cannot ask God to do for us which He has commanded us to do for ourselves.

A. Dominion

Webster's definition: Sovereignty, rule, supremacy.

1. God gave dominion to man through Adam. Gen 1:26,28
2. Adam's disobedience turned dominion of this world over to satan. Luke 4:5,6
 Luk 4:5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, showed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.
 Luk 4:6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.
3. Satan became the god of this world. 2 Cor 4:4
4. Jesus paid the price to buy it back for us. Eph 1:20-21; 2:5-6
 Eph 1:19 And what [is] the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,
 Eph 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set [him] at his own right hand in the heavenly [places],
 Eph 1:21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:
 Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) v6 And hath raised [us] up together, and made [us] sit together in heavenly [places] in Christ Jesus:

B. Authority

1. The Name of Jesus.
 - a) All power and authority given to Jesus. Matt 28:18
 - b) All authority has been vested in the Name of Jesus. Phil 2:5-9
 Jesus is the Name above every name: Phil 2:10-11
 - Above satan. Eph 1:22, Rom 16:20
 - Above demons, devils and evil spirits. Mark 16:17; Luke 10:19
 - Above sickness, disease, infirmity and pain. Acts 10:38
 Act 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.
 - Above poverty and lack. 2 Cor 8:9
 - c) "In My Name" ... Go & Do! Mark 16:15-18
 - d) As an ambassador of Heaven, act in the Name of Jesus 2 Cor 5:20
 (i.e., act on behalf of Jesus as His representative on earth).
 - e) Greater works than Jesus shall you do for He goes to His Father. John 14:12
 in Heaven.

2. Command in My Name. John 14:13,14
 Joh 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask (*G154*) in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
 Joh 14:14 If ye shall ask(*G154*) any thing in my name,
 I will do (*G4160 make or do*) [it].
 Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.(*which you can accomplish by living in the Fruit of the Spirit*)
Note: Strong's Concordance - G154 ask as in a **demand** for something due.
 Contrast to G4441 inquiry and to G2065 ask as for a favor
3. Jesus gives us authority over all power of the enemy. Luke 10:17-19
4. Jesus gives us power to bind and loose. Matt 18:18

C. Foundation is the Prayer of Faith (POF).

1. The POF is the foundation for every one of the 12 types of prayer.
2. Regardless of the type, you must believe that God hears your prayer.
3. You must pray in the Name of Jesus.
4. You must believe that it is done (accomplished) when you pray.

D. Real-Life Examples of Using Authority

1. Commanding symptoms of sickness to leave your body.
2. Casting down tormenting thoughts which are preventing sleep
3. Commanding protection from disasters (e.g., hurricanes).
4. Sample Prayers:
 - In the Name of Jesus, I command the pain in my arm to leave.
 - In the Name of Jesus, earthquake stop now, peace be still.
 - In the Name of Jesus, I bind every demon affecting my mind; I speak peace.
 - In the Name of Jesus I command that dog to stop barking.
 - In the Name of Jesus, I bind the demons which are harassing that baby and I speak peace over the baby to replace the crying.

E. Dispelling Men's Traditions

1. What the Bible says:
 - a. **You** cast out demons. Mark 16:17
 - b. **You** heal the sick. Matt 10:1,7,8
 - c. **You** command the mountains. Mark 11:23
 - d. **You** anoint the sick. James 5:14-15
 - e. His grace is sufficient; do it for yourself. 2 Cor 12:9
2. What the Bible does **NOT** say:
 - a. Ask God to cast out demons. Luke 10:17, Mark 3:14,15
 - b. Ask God to rebuke the devourer (*except for tithers, who can remind God that He has promised to rebuke the devourer*) Mal 3:10-11
 - c. Ask God to heal you. James 5:14-16, Mk 16:18
 - d. Ask God to move the tree of challenge in your life. Luke 17:6