

**Health and Healing in the Bible**  
**Lesson 7: Exercising Authority Over Sickness and Disease**

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**(John 14:12-13 KJV)**

*AND IN THAT DAY YE SHALL ASK ME NOTHING. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ASK THE FATHER in my name, HE will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.*  
**(John 16:23-24 KJV)**

When is “**That Day**” in John 16:23?

In both passages (John chapter 14 and John chapter 16) Jesus is talking about Him leaving earth to return to the Father.

In **John 14:13** he says that after He leaves **whatever we ASK in His Name HE (Jesus) will do**, yet in **John 16:23** he says that in **THAT DAY** (after He leaves) **we shall ASK Him nothing, but instead we shall ask the Father.**

This appears to be a contradiction. First, Jesus says whatever we **ask Him (Jesus) He will do** then He says we shall **ask Him (Jesus) nothing** but whatever we **ask the Father** the Father will give it to us.

What do we know for sure?

We know for sure that **John 16:23-24** is talking about **Prayer** because it specifically says **ASK AND you shall RECEIVE that your joy may be full**. So He is talking about **asking for something in Prayer**. It is clear we are to pray to the Father (ask) in the Name of Jesus and we receive from the Father.

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But what about this next verse?

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This is NOT asking and receiving. This is NOT prayer. This is **DOING WORKS in His Name**. **In my name** means “as My agent, My representative.”

**Two of the definitions of this Greek word for ASK are REQUIRE or CALL FOR.**

Paraphrase using these definitions.

*Whatever you REQUIRE AND CALL FOR AS MY AGENT AND REPRESENTATIVE I will do it.*

## What Works Did Jesus Do?

*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. (Acts 10:38 KJV)*

## How Did Jesus Do These Works?

*... the works that I do **IN MY FATHER'S NAME**, they bear witness of me. (John 10:25 KJV)*

**Jesus was sent with authority to heal in His Father's Name (as His Father's Agent and Representative.)**

## How Can We Do the Works That Jesus Did?

*"...As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." (John 20:21 NKJV)*

Jesus was sent with authority by the Father to heal as the Father's agent and representative.

Now we have been sent with authority by Jesus to heal as Jesus' agent and representative.

## Who Has Been Given This Authority to Heal the Sick?

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

First, He gave authority to heal the sick to the twelve.

Then He gave authority to heal the sick to the seventy.

*After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go..... And **heal the sick** there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' (Luke 10:1, 9 NKJV)*

*Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us **in Your name**." (Luke 10:17 NKJV)*

*And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "**All authority has been given to Me** in heaven and on earth. Go therefore.... (Matthew 28:18-19 NKJV)*

Now he has given this same authority to ALL believers.

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Who can do the same works that Jesus did? (All who believe)

Why? (Because Jesus has gone to be with the Father)

**All authority in Heaven and earth has been given to Jesus and He has given us the right (authorization) to use His Name. His Name gives us His Authority.**

## What is Authority?

**A power or right delegated or given; authorization:**

**The right to control and COMMAND**

## How Did Jesus Exercise Authority?

Having authority is not the same as exercising authority.

Having a muscle is not the same as exercising a muscle.

Having authority and not knowing it, or not understanding how to exercise it, provides no greater benefit than not having it.

*Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But **SAY THE WORD**, and my servant will be healed. For **I also am a man placed under authority**, having soldiers under me. And I **SAY** to one, 'Go,' and **he goes**; and to another, 'Come,' and **he comes**; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and **he does it.**" (Luke 7:7-8 NKJV)*

**Authority is exercised with Verbal Commands.**

*Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! For with **AUTHORITY** and power **He COMMANDS** the unclean spirits, and they come out." (Luke 4:36 NKJV)*

*And he stood over her, and **REBUKED the fever**; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them. (Luke 4:39 KJV)*

**Other Translations - Rebuked: ordered, spoke harshly, COMMANDED**

**Authority: the delegated right to control and COMMAND.**

*Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and **SAID to her**, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. (Luke 13:10-13 NKJV)*

**We have been given authority to work the same works that Jesus worked using His Name. Jesus is our example of HOW to exercise this authority.**

**Authority does not ASK, Authority COMMANDS.**

### Examples of Others Exercising Authority Using the Name of Jesus

*And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; .... Then Peter **SAID**, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: **In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.**" (Acts 3:2, 6 NKJV)*

*But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and **SAID** to the spirit, "**I COMMAND you** in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." (Acts 16:18 NKJV)*

*And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, **SAID with a loud voice**, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked. (Acts 14:8-10 KJV)*

**None of these examples are asking to RECEIVE something.**

**All are examples of REQUIRING, CALLING FOR (COMMANDING) something to be done IN THE NAME OF JESUS (as Jesus' agent/representative.)**

**None of these are examples of PRAYER.**

## The Name Above All Names

*...and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, **AND EVERY NAME THAT IS NAMED**, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. (Ephesians 1:19-21 NKJV)*

*Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him **THE NAME WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY NAME**, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and **that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11 NKJV)*

## Faith in the Name of Jesus

Peter explains how the lame man (in Acts chapter 3) was healed.

*And **His name, through FAITH in His name**, has made this man strong, (Acts 3:16 NKJV)*

*Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call **the name of the Lord Jesus** over those who had evil spirits, saying, “We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.” Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, “**Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?**” Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. (Acts 19:13-16 NKJV)*

**Exercising authority is more than just saying the Name of Jesus. It requires FAITH in the authority that has been given to us through the Name of Jesus.**

## Believe What YOU Say Comes to Pass

*For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall **SAY** unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall **BELIEVE that those things which he SAITH** shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he **SAITH**. (Mark 11:23 KJV)*

## As He is So Are We

*...as he is, so are we in this world. (1 John 4:17 KJV)*

*...we are **exactly the same as God** is in this world. (1 John 4:17 CEB)*

*...in this world we are **just like Jesus**. (1 John 4:17 EHV)*

*...our standing in the world is **identical with Christ's**. (1 John 4:17 MSG)*

## Binding and Loosing

*And I will give you the **keys of the kingdom of heaven**, and whatever you **bind** on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you **loose** on earth will be loosed in heaven.”*  
(Matthew 16:19 NKJV)

*I will give you the keys (**authority**) of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind [**forbid, declare to be improper and unlawful**] on earth will have [already] been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose [**permit, declare lawful**] on earth will have [already] been loosed in heaven.”* (Matthew 16:19 AMP)

*Whatever you **prohibit** on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and whatever you **permit** on earth will be permitted in heaven.”* (Matthew 16:19 CJB)

*...and God in heaven will allow whatever you **allow** on earth. But he will **not allow** anything that you don't allow.* (Matthew 16:19 CEV)

*You will have **complete and free access to God's kingdom, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. A yes on earth is yes in heaven. A no on earth is no in heaven.***” (Matthew 16:19 MSG)

*Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.* (Matthew 18:18 KJV)

*I can guarantee this truth: Whatever you **imprison**, God will imprison. And whatever you **set free**, God will set free.* (Matthew 18:18 GW)

**My Paraphrase: God and all of Heaven are backing you up.**

## The Limitations of Our Authority

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

Jesus could not exercise His authority over the will or the unbelief of the people.

We do NOT have authority over peoples' freewill.

## Healing Through the Laying on of Hands

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*And **these signs shall follow THEM THAT BELIEVE; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall LAY HANDS ON THE SICK, and they shall recover.***  
(Mark 16:17-18 KJV)