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Lesson 6: The Believer's Authority

In today's lesson, we learn:

1. Jesus destroyed the work of the devil.
2. Jesus has all authority - we are in wartime.
3. We are seated in Christ: We have his authority.
4. Jesus gives us everything: His name, word, and spirit.
5. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit: What are the manifestations?
6. His Anointing is for his servants.
7. How do we exercise our Authority? Deliverance, healing, intercession.

Goal: Understand that our authority comes from Jesus and that he empowers us as we love righteousness and walk by faith.

Introduction

What is Authority? Authority is the legal right to make decisions, act, command, and enforce obedience.

Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, has ultimate Authority and has given His followers his name and authority to overcome the enemy, destroy his work, live victoriously, and do the will of God on earth.

Who is the enemy? Satan and the kingdom of darkness: Demons who war against God's creation. They entice people to sin and are responsible for evils such as addictions, sickness, injustice, racism, accidents, poverty, and death. The enemy rules this world, and our sinful nature rules us. But that changes, on the day we are born again.

1 JESUS DESTROYED THE WORK OF THE DEVIL.

1 John 3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. **For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.**

➔ **What is the work of the devil?** Sin and death.

Hebrews 2:14 -15

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he **might break the power of him who holds the power of death**—that is, the devil—¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

Colossians 2:13-15

¹³ When you were **dead in your sins** and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ **having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us;** he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having **disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.**

2 JESUS HAS ALL AUTHORITY – WE ARE IN WAR TIME.

Jesus the King of Kings is seated on a throne: Several Prophets saw him on his throne in Majesty (Isaiah 6:1, Daniel 7:9, Ezekiel 1:26-28, John in Revelation 4:10, Micaiah in 1 Kings 22:19,). He removes kings and sets up kings (Daniel 2:21).

Matthew 28:18-20 (Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples): ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, **“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.** ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Ephesians 1:19-23 The Scripture talks about God raising Jesus from the dead... ²⁰ and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ **far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name** that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and **appointed him to be head over everything for the church,** ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Psalms 22:28 For the kingdom is the Lord's, And He rules over the nations.

After his second coming he will conquer all his enemies.

1. Cor 15:22-23 talks about how those who belong to Christ will be made alive at his second coming. **Vers 24 continues:** Then the end will come when He hands over the kingdom to God the Father after He has destroyed all dominion, authority, and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

We also know from the book of Revelation that he will destroy the Anti-Christ, the false Prophet, and eventually Satan along with all evildoers.

3 WE ARE SEATED IN CHRIST JESUS: WE HAVE HIS AUTHORITY.

Ephesians 2:6 declares that God made us alive with Christ....⁶ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus...

How are we in him?

- As we are holy and faithful (Ephesians 1:1)
- Through faith (Eph 2:8)
- Through trust (Eph 1:12)
- Through His grace (Eph 2:5),
- Through His blood (Eph 2:13)

Romans 5:17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

4 JESUS GAVE US EVERYTHING: HIS NAME, WORD AND SPIRIT.

Jesus has given us his name.

Luke 10:17-20

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in **your name**." ¹⁸ He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Mark 16:17-18¹⁷ And these signs will follow those who believe: In **My name** they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in **the name** of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Every believer has the right to use the name of Jesus and exercise authority by faith.

Jesus has given us His Word.

Psalms 138:2 The Word is exalted. (King David said): I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your loving devotion and Your faithfulness; You **have exalted Your name and Your word above all else.**

Matthew 4:4 The Word gives life.

But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Isaiah 40:8 The Word stands forever.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Isaiah 55:11 The Word accomplishes what it was sent for.

So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Ephesians 6:17 The Word is a sword.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

John 1:1-2 The Word is God.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

Jesus has given us his spirit.

Romans 8:11 The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead also dwells in believers, and it will give life to their mortal bodies.

Jesus baptizes believers with his spirit and fire.

To purify us and set us on fire for his work!

Matthew 3:11 (John the Baptist talking about Jesus) I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

Luke 24:49 (Jesus speaking:) And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father **upon you**; but you are to stay in the city until you are **clothed with power from on high.**"

Acts 1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has **come upon you**; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

The apostles also baptized believers with the holy spirit.

Acts 8:14 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent **Peter and John** to **Samaria**. ¹⁵ When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶ because **the Holy Spirit had not yet fallen on any of them**; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ **Then Peter and John placed their hands on them (new believers), and they received the Holy Spirit.**

5 THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: WHAT ARE THE MANIFESTATIONS?

Initial Drunkenness: Acts 2:15-17

¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!

Spiritual Eyes and Ears: Acts 2:16-17

¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:¹⁷ “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.”

Boldness: Acts 4:13, 31

¹³ When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished, and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Speaking in tongues: Acts 10:44-46 (Peter at Cornelius House)

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that **the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles**. ⁴⁶ **For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.**

(see also Acts 2:1-4, Acts 2:6)

When we speak in tongues it brings us into the supernatural realm. That is who God is: above the natural. We're not speaking to men but to God. In the spirit, we are speaking mysteries (1 Corinthians 14:2-4). Speaking in tongues builds us up, refreshes us (1 Jude 1:20; Isaiah 28:11, 12), and makes us know God's mind (1 Cor 2:11).

The flesh is crucified: Galatians 5:24

And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its affections and lusts.

6. His Anointing is for his servants.

What is the Anointing?

- The holy spirit in and upon a person, consecrating them to God and empowering them to serve him.
- Ministers are being set apart for Service unto God through the power of his spirit.

God doesn't accept any work outside of his spirit.

Servants of God do his work in his power, in his spirit. It is His work and not my work. When we boast, we boast in him (2 Corinthians 10:17).

Jeremiah 9:23-24

This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, nor the strong man in his strength, nor the wealthy man in his riches. **But let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows Me**, that I am the LORD, who exercises loving devotion, justice and righteousness on the earth—for I delight in these things," declares the LORD.

Old Testament Examples: Prophets, Priest and Kings were anointed

Exodus 40:13 God told Moses:

You shall put the holy garments on **Aaron and anoint him and consecrate him, that he may minister as a priest to Me.**

New Testament Examples: Jesus and his servants are anointed

Jesus is the "Messiah" or the "Christ"—that is, the "anointed one".

Isaiah 61:1 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me,

Because the Lord has anointed Me

To preach good tidings to the poor;

He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,

To proclaim liberty to the captives,

And the opening of the prison to those who are bound";...

Paul, Sylvanus, and Timothy also were anointed:

2 Corinthians 1:19-21 Paul wrote that God "anointed us", referring to himself, Sylvanus, and Timothy (they were all anointed to preach the Word of God).

All apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, and evangelists must be anointed.

WHAT DOES THE ANOINTING DO?

Isaiah 10:27 The Anointing breaks the Yoke of the devil.

So it will be in that day, that his burden will be removed from your shoulders and his yoke from your neck, and the yoke will be broken because of fatness (anointing).

Acts 10:37-38 The Anointing heals.

"You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about **doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil**, for God was with Him.

Isaiah 61:1 The Anointing preaches, heals, and sets free.

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to **preach good tidings (the gospel) unto the meek**; he hath sent me to **bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives**, and the **opening of the prison to them that are bound**;

Luke 4:18 The Anointing gives sight to the blind.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and **recovering of sight to the blind**, to **set at liberty them that are bruised, to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD**.

1 John 2:27 The Anointing teaches us everything.

But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you; but as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

Psalms 23:5-6 The Anointing causes blessings in your life. (King David wrote:)

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Jesus is the one who anoints.

1 John 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of **him (Jesus)** abideth in you...

1 John 2:20 But ye have an unction (anointing) from the **Holy One**, and all of you know the truth.

2 Corinthians 1:21 Now he which established us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, **is God**;

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Anointed Ministers as led by THE HOLY SPIRIT can impart an anointing on someone or a group.

If a Minister has as an example a healing anointing, and if the holy spirit directs him to do so, he can lay his hands on another minister and pass the anointing on.

We see that principle in scripture:

2 Kings 2:1-15 Elijah's anointing was transferred to Elisha:

Elijah departs and Elisha picks up Elijah's cloak (mantle), which symbolizes the transfer of prophetic authority and power.

2 Timothy 1:6 Paul transferred an anointing to Timothy: For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

Acts 13: 1 Now in the **church at Antioch** there were prophets and teachers: ² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "**Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.**" ³ So after they had **fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.** ⁴ **The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit,**

1 Timothy 5:22 notes that Timothy should "not be hasty in the laying on of hands", this scripture speaks in the context of elders.

Can the power of the anointing be passed on in other ways than laying on of hands?

Yes! Through cloths and clothes

Acts 19: 11 God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, ¹² so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.

Exodus 29:29

"The holy garments of Aaron shall be for his sons after him, that **in them** they may be anointed and ordained.

Also, through TV, FB, Zoom: We minister often through media and receive reports how people have been healed or set free.

Who does Jesus anoint (empower with his spirit)?

Psalms 45:7 Talks about Jesus the firstfruit

You have **loved righteousness and hated wickedness;**

Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You

With the oil of joy above Your fellows. (see also Hebrews 1:8-9)

Sin and a worldly mindset are hindrances to experiencing the anointing, so seeking to live a holy life and rejecting worldly influences is important.

How does the anointing increase?

1 Through Relationship and Obedience: The anointing grows stronger as we deepen our relationship with Jesus through prayer, scripture study, worship, and obedience.

1 John 2:27 As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But **as his anointing teaches you about all things** and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, **remain in him.**

1 Corinthians 14:1, it says, "Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy."

2 Asking for more: Elisha's Request for a Double Portion:

When Elijah was about to be taken up to heaven, Elisha asked for a "double portion" of Elijah's spirit, which he received as Elijah ascended in a whirlwind.

3 Ministering in an area where the devil is dominant:

The strongest anointing so far I experienced in Burundi, in an area that was occupied by sorcerers and witches.

Romans 5:20 ...But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,...

4 Increased responsibilities:

Psalm 132:17 "I will increase the anointing that was upon David, and my glistening glory will rest upon my anointed one".

5 The company you keep: Ministers you watch and listen to.

The anointing is symbolized by oil. If you put oil on a sheep and that sheep touches another sheep, the oil rubs off.

In 1 Samuel 10:10, when Saul encountered a group of prophets, "the Spirit of God rushed upon him, and he prophesied along with them."

7. HOW DO WE EXERCISE OUR AUTHORITY?

Authority works by faith – once anointed God's presence and power is at work.

We are to rule over all God's enemies and do it through the holy spirit.

Rev. 1:6 To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, ⁶ and has made us **kings** and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever.

As kings, we rule. How do we rule practically?

By stepping out in faith and following the leading of the holy spirit. As servants of God, we hear his voice, and we simply do what he tells us to do.

Everything is done through prayer: Prayer is our spiritual munition.

Practical Part:

Teachers to demonstrate healing or deliverance or intercession.

If the Teacher doesn't carry an anointing in these areas, please invite a Minister who does.