

# SPEAK THE WORD!

RELEASING GOD'S AUTHORITY FOR INFLUENCE AND IMPACT

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## STUDY GUIDE

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## I. Words Spoken with a Kingdom Ambassador's Authority Release the King's Power

- A. The word of any nation's ambassador has authority to release the power of the nation represented by that ambassador.
  - 1. Jesus cursed the fig tree and it withered from the roots up. (Mark 11:12–14, 20–23)
  - 2. Who can do this? Only authorized ambassadors; not private citizens.
  - 3. Jesus spoke to heal the centurion's servant. (Matthew 8:13)
  - 4. Jairus' daughter: "*Child, Arise.*" (Luke 8:49–56)
  - 5. "*Stretch forth your arm,*" "*Go show yourself to the priest,*" "*Take up your pallet and walk,*" "*Lazarus, come forth.*"
  - 6. "*In the name of Messiah Jesus of Nazareth, walk!*" (Acts 3:4–8)
  
- B. All authority in heaven and earth was given to Messiah Jesus.
  - 1. He did not take that authority to heaven with Him when He ascended.
  - 2. He gave the authority to the Ecclesia (Church) to function as His Kingdom Ambassadors on the earth.

## II. Authority versus Power

**A. What is authority?**

1. (Greek) EXOUSIA: The *right* to govern and exercise power.
2. Authority is a thing, not a person.
3. Example: Car at a red/green light with fuel/no fuel.

**B. What is power?**

(Greek) DUNAMIS: The *capacity* to accomplish or fulfill an objective.

**C. Where does authority come from?**

1. From God. (Romans 13:1)
2. Not all authorities are from God, but all authority is from God.
3. John 19:10–11.

**III. History of Authority on the Earth**

**A. In the beginning:**

1. God delegated authority to man: The Great Commission. (Genesis 1:26–28)
2. The Great Recommission (Matthew 28:19)

**B. God retained ownership of the earth, but delegated authority to man.  
(Psalm 115:16)**

**C. Lucifer lost his authority in heaven and was looking to establish a base of operations somewhere.**

**D. Lucifer realized that if he could access the authority given to man, that he could take dominion over the earth and God would honor His word and the delegated authority (the earth lease).**

**E. Adam's delegated authority on the earth was so complete that he, not God, had authority to give the earth over to Lucifer.**

**F. Lucifer, through deception, motivated Adam and Eve to relinquish their authority and dominion on earth to Lucifer, who set up his kingdom on the**

earth.

1. Satan claimed that he had dominion over all the kingdoms of the world and offered that to Jesus in exchange for Jesus' allegiance. (Luke 4:5-8)
  2. It's interesting to note that Jesus did not dispute Satan's authority or dominion over all the kingdoms of this world.
- G. Jesus then redeemed the authority when He was crucified, rose from the dead, and established the New Covenant in His Blood.
- H. Had the operatives in the kingdom of darkness realized that they would be stripped of their authority with the establishment of the New Covenant, they never would have crucified Jesus.
- I. Jesus then gave that authority back to redeemed men and women to function as Kingdom Ambassadors on the earth.
- J. God retained ownership of the earth and one day when the earth lease is up, He will return and take back the authority over the earth. (Luke 20:9-18)

#### **IV. God Delegated Authority on Earth to Humans**

While God delegated authority on earth to humans, power was retained in the spirit realm.

- A. Because spirits have no authority to operate on earth without human agency, both the Holy Spirit and evil spirits are constantly looking for humans to partner with to release their power.
1. This is why the technology of altars (human/spiritual interfaces) are so powerful to release their power.
  2. Witches used their human authority to release the power of evil spirits on earth.
  3. God releases His power through Kingdom Ambassadors He trusts.
- B. Trust is built when we allow God to establish character boundaries.
1. Character boundaries are similar to the banks of a river.

2. If God wants to increase the volume and velocity of water (power) flowing through the river of your life, He must first strengthen the banks of the river so the water doesn't exceed the banks and cause a flood.
3. **How does God do this?** That's what the course, "*Understanding Kingdom Authority*" is all about.

#### **V. Learn to Grow in the Exercise of Your Kingdom Authority**

- A. You'll be able to fulfill your assignment as a Kingdom Ambassador as you learn to grow in the exercise of your Kingdom Authority.
- B. Example: Dr. Benson Idahosa.