

Power & Authority

Psalms 115:16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's: but the earth hath he given (ASSIGNED) to the children of men.

God gave man AUTHORITY or the responsibility of governing the earth. How real was man's authority? So real that God would not stop him from giving it to Satan. It cost God the crucifixion to win this authority back.

The issue has never been POWER, because God has that! The issue is AUTHORITY, and that has been placed in OUR hands to use!

DYNAMIS is the ability to do things beyond your natural ability – it is supernatural might and strength – miraculous “DOING” power.

EXOUSIA is the ability to NOT do things you have the ability to do – or to make others NOT do things they have the ability to do (i.e. Satan) – it is AUTHORITY, or RESTRAINING POWER.

The cross is the ultimate example of this kind of power ...

John 10:18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power (EXOUSIA) to lay it down, and I have power (EXOUSIA) to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

I'M IMPRESSED WITH THE DYNAMIS OF JESUS, BUT I'M EVEN MORE IMPRESSED WITH THE EXOUSIA OF JESUS!

DYNAMIS SCRIPTURES ...

Matthew 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Acts 4:33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 4:20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Ephesians 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

1 Thessalonians 1:5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

EXOUSIA SCRIPTURES ...

Matthew 9:6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

Matthew 9:8 But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

Mark 3:14-15 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:

Luke 4:32 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

Mark 13:34-37 For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Colossians 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Colossians 2:14-15 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Ephesians 6:10-12 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power (KRATOS – DOMINION) of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers (EXOUSIA), against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

1 Corinthians 6:12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

1 Corinthians 11:10 For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.

GET AUTHORITY SETTLED FIRST, AND POWER IS AUTOMATIC.

Luke 4:6 And the devil said unto him, All this power (EXOUSIA) will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

Luke 4:14 And Jesus returned in the power (DYNAMIS) of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

Acts 1:7-8 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power (EXOUSIA). But ye shall receive power (DYNAMIS), after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

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

1 Corinthians 15:24-26 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority (EXOUSIA) and power (DYNAMIS). For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

THE ISSUE IS NOT POWER, BUT AUTHORITY.