The Believer's Authority

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Chapter 1: The Prayers of Paul

- Kenneth Hagin inserted his name in the Ephesians 1:16–20 and 3:14–19. After praying these prayers thousands of times, he began to understand the authority we've been given in the earth over Satan. Hagan's spiritual growth went to a whole other level!

- Our fight is not in this natural world:

  For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places (Ephesians 6:12 NLT).

- Our authority is *through* Christ—not independent of Him—in complete submission to Him: "Our combat with the devil always should be with the consciousness that we have authority over him because he is a defeated foe—the Lord Jesus Christ defeated him for us."

- We need to know what belongs to us so that Satan can't take advantage of us.

  All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ (Ephesians 1:3 NLT).

  My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6 NKJV).

Discussion Questions

When we insert our names into a Bible promise, and read it out loud, what effect does it have on us?

Why does the devil not want believers to understand the authority that is ours through Jesus Christ?

Why is it important that we understand God's people can be destroyed for lack of knowledge?

Chapter 2: What Is Authority?

- Jesus said, *"Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you"* (Luke 10:19 NKJV).

- Serpents and scorpions are demons and evil spirits. The value of our authority rests on the power that is behind that authority: God Himself! The demonic realm is obliged to recognize our authority in Christ.

- Authority is delegated power. A police officer is not stronger than a semitruck in the middle of traffic. But that semitruck will stop in the middle of traffic when the driver sees the hand of an officer held up. The truck driver understands the authority behind that badge.

- In Kenneth Hagin's dream of his encounter with a roaring lion, the lion (the enemy) appeared ferocious, but in reality, it was as a little cub:

  Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8 NLT).

- We can be strong in the Lord because He is in us!

  Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power (Ephesians 6:10 NLT).

  You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4 NKJV).

Discussion Questions

What are examples of the "serpents and scorpions" Jesus said we are to tread upon?

How did Kenneth Hagin's dream about the lions speak to you about resisting the devil in your life?

Why can we be confident that we have the strength to overcome the devil?