

Genesis 3:1 – “Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”

Genesis 1:26 – “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”

Genesis 1:28 “And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”

Psalms 8:4-8 – “[4] What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? [5] For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. [6] Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: [7] All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; [8] The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.”

Psalms 115:16 – “The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD’s; But the earth He has given to the children of men.

2 Corinthians 4:4 – “In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”

Matthew 4:8-9 – “[8] Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; [9] And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.”

Mark 4:37-41 – “37And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. 38And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? 39And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? 41And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

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

Matthew 28:19 – “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”

Ephesians 1:19-23 & 2:6 – 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 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. 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. 2:6 - raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

Here are some areas Christians should exercise authority over:

Life and prosperity (John 10:10; Deuteronomy 30:15 & 19; 3 John 2; Jeremiah 29:11). Jesus came that we might experience life more abundantly than we ever could outside of Him. This has to do with much more than just finances. It has to do with every area of our life – spiritually, mentally, emotionally, physically and materially.

Health and wholeness (Isaiah 53:3-5; Psalms 103:1-5; Romans 8:11). “By His stripes we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5). The context deals with more than physical healing but emotional and mental as well. Someone who is reading this is battling emotional scars that God is completely healing right now. Someone else has been told you have a mental illness that God is healing as you read this. Receive it now by faith. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is about to bring life to someone’s physical body (Romans 8:11).

Finances (2 Corinthians 9:6-8; Mal. 3:8-10; Phil. 4:18-19; Deuteronomy 8:11-20). “It is He who gives you the power to make wealth” (Deuteronomy 8:18). Listen for Him to speak to you. If something pops into your head, it may be Him giving you just what you need. Seek counsel, pray and if everything seems to be a go, run with it.

He is able to make all financial grace (favor) abound toward you (2 Corinthians 9:8) and open the windows of heaven blessing you until there is no longer room to receive it (Malachi 3:10). He promises to supply all your need according to His riches in glory (Phil. 4:18-19). It should be noted that in the context of each of these verses it deals with giving. We cannot expect God to bless and meet our needs if we are not willing to first be faithful in our giving.

Salvation of our family and loved ones (Acts 2:38-39; 16:31; Is. 59:21). The devil has robbed us of our loved ones long enough. Let’s start standing on the Word of God for them to be brought to Jesus. He can even reach “those that are afar off” (Acts 2:39).

Growth of the church body (Isaiah 43:5-7; Acts 2:39; Ephesians 4:16; Acts 2:47). Pastors, leaders and congregants it is God’s desire and will that your church grow both spiritually and numerically. If you will be faithful, pray, witness, follow up on the wayward, work hard and believe God, He will make your church body to grow. He has “ordained you that you should go and bring forth fruit (multiply) and that your fruit should remain” (John 15:16). Notice, you have to go in order to multiply. It will not happen with you sitting on the sidelines and doing nothing.

Peace and joy (John 14:27; 16:33; Ephesians 2:14; Is. 26:3; Phil. 4:6-7; John 16:23-4; Is. 35:10; 52:9; 60:5; 1 John 1:4). Read these scriptures. God wants you to have peace and joy. All of what I have listed here and above may not be manifest in your life at every given moment. God wants to give you peace and joy even when these things aren’t a reality in your life. There are times when we have to “break forth into joy” (Isaiah 52:9), even when there is nothing to be joyful about.