

The Believers' Authority
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[Psa 91:13 NASB95] 13 You will tread upon the lion and cobra, The young lion and the serpent you will trample down.

[Luk 10:19 NASB95] 19 "Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.

[Mar 16:17-18 NASB95] 17 "These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly [poison,] it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

[Col 2:15 NASB95] 15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

[Eph 2:6 NASB95] 6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly [places] in Christ Jesus,

[Luk 7:1-10 NASB95] 1 When He had completed all His discourse in the hearing of the people, He went to Capernaum. 2 And a centurion's slave, who was highly regarded by him, was sick and about to die. 3 When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders asking Him to come and save the life of his slave. 4 When they came to Jesus, they earnestly implored Him, saying, "He is worthy for You to grant this to him; 5 for he loves our nation and it was he who built us our synagogue." 6 Now Jesus [started] on His way with them; and when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof; 7 for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but [just] say the word, and my servant will be healed. 8 "For I also am a man placed under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it." 9 Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the crowd that was following Him, "I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith." 10 When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

- Cop in the middle of the street, stopping vehicles. How?
- Although lost for some time, today's church is beginning to regain its understanding of the authority of the believer.
- Luke 7 – Authority equals GREAT FAITH (v.9-10), which resulted in a MIRACLE.

What are the principles of the authority of the believer in Luke 7?

There are five principles of the authority of the believer in Luke 7.

I. AOB understands submission.

- a. V. 2, 8
- b. Why was the servant healed through the master's interaction with Jesus? Submission.
- c. The man's understanding and practice of submission caused Jesus to marvel at his faith.
- d. [Heb 13:7, 17 NASB95] 7 Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith. ... 17 Obey your leaders and submit [to them,] for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

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- e. [1Co 11:3, 10 NASB95] 3 But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ. ... 10 Therefore the woman ought to have [a symbol of] authority on her head, because of the angels.

II. AOB is not just for the benefit of the one with the authority.

- a. V. 3,5
- b. The Great Commission is always in play.
- c. [Mat 22:37-40 NASB95] 37 And He said to him, " 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' 38 "This is the great and foremost commandment. 39 "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' 40 "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets
- d. AOB is for advancing the purposes of God, others and yourself.

III. AOB never lets go of humility.

- a. V. 6-7
- b. [Luk 10:17-20 NASB95] 17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." 18 And He said to them, "I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. 19 "Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you. 20 "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven."
- c. Satan was cast out because of pride of this position. (Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 are often looked at as a dual fulfillment of parallel of a king on earth but also Lucifer before he was cast out.)
- d. Authority does not last long when pride is involved.

IV. AOB is released through actions such as but not limited to speaking.

- a. V. 7
- b. Jesus spoke to the woman with spirit of infirmity (Lk 13:13, 16)
- c. Jesus spoke to wind. Lk 8:25. Lk 4:39 – rebuked fever. Lk 5:4 – called for fish.
- d. [2Co 4:13 NASB95] 13 But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore we also speak,
- e. Also, other actions.

V. AOB must be used to work.

- a. V. 8
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- c. Jesus expects us to use the AOB He has given to us.

VI. Bonus points about AOB:

- a. We are priests and kings before God through Jesus.
 - i. [1Pe 2:4-5, 9-10 NASB95] 4 And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ... 9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR [God's] OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of

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Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

- b. We must grow in our understanding through the renewal of the mind.
- c. We must practice it as we grow.

- **God has delegated authority (keys of the Kingdom – Matt 16) to us as believers in Christ for God, for others, and for us to experience His Kingdom on this earth.**