Unmasking Bible Truths School

LESSON 12 - Exercising Unlimited Authority Over All Satanic Powers

If one wants to have power with God and exercise unlimited authority over all the powers of the devil he must first learn that such is possible and that it is the will of God according to the Bible. That such is promised in Scripture to every believer is clear from the following points:

Every Believer in Christ Should Have Power to:

- Overcome all sin and bad habits (<u>Mt. 1:21; Eph. 1:7; 2:1-9;</u> <u>1 Jn. 1:7-9; 2:29; 3:5-10; 5:1-5, 18; Rom. 6:1-23; 8:1-13;</u> <u>Gal. 5:16-26</u>).
- 2. *Cast out demons* (<u>Mk. 16:17</u>; <u>Lk. 24:49</u>; <u>Jn. 14:12</u>; <u>Acts</u> <u>1:8</u>; <u>8:7</u>; <u>16:18</u>; <u>19:11-17</u>; <u>Rom. 15:18-19</u>, <u>29</u>; <u>Heb. 2:3-4</u>).
- 3. Be immune from poisons and control wild beasts (Mk. 1:13; 16:18; Lk. 10:19; Jn. 14:12; Acts 28:3-6; Ps. 91:1-16).
- 4. Heal everyone prayed for (Mt. 4:23-24; 8:16-17; 9:35; 12:15; 14:36; 21:14; Lk. 4:40; 6:19; 9:6; Jn. 14:12; Acts 2:43; 3:6; 4:10, 30, 33; 5:12-16; 6:3-8; 8:4-12; 9:34; 10:38; 11:21; 14:8-10, 19-20; 15:4, 12; 19:11-21; 28:1-10; Rom. 15:18-29; Heb. 2:3-4; Jas. 5:14-16).
- 5. *Raise the dead* (<u>Jn. 11; 14:12; Acts 9:40; 20:9-10</u>).
- 6. Bind and loose anything (<u>Mt. 9:1-8</u>; <u>16:18</u>; <u>18:18</u>; <u>Jn.</u> <u>14:12</u>; <u>20:23</u>).
- Destroy the works of Satan (<u>Jn. 14:12</u>; <u>17:18</u>; <u>Acts 10:38</u>; <u>1 Jn. 3:8</u>; <u>4:17</u>).
- Get everything prayed for (<u>Mt. 6:4-6</u>, <u>18</u>; <u>7:7-11</u>; <u>17:20-21</u>; <u>18:18-20</u>; <u>21:21-22</u>; <u>Mk. 9:23</u>; <u>11:22-24</u>; <u>Lk. 11:1-13</u>; <u>18:1-18</u>; <u>Jn. 14:12-15</u>; <u>15:7</u>, <u>16</u>; <u>16:23-26</u>; <u>Heb. 11:6</u>; <u>Jas. 1:5-8</u>; <u>1 Jn. 3:21-22</u>; <u>5:14-15</u>; <u>Ps. 91</u>; <u>Isa. 58</u>).

- 9. Control the elements and do all kinds of miracles (<u>Jn. 14:12</u>; <u>Lk. 24:49</u>; <u>1 Cor. 12:1-11</u>; <u>2 Tim. 2:21</u>; <u>Heb. 2:3-4</u>; <u>Mk.</u> <u>16:15-20</u>; <u>Acts 1:8</u>).
- 10. *Execute judgment* (Jn. 14:12; Acts 5:1-11; 13:6-12; 1 Cor. 4:21; 5:1-5).
- 11. Get abundant provision for life (<u>Mt. 6:25-33; Mk. 11:22-24;</u> <u>Jn. 14:12-15; 15:7, 16; 16:23-26; 2 Cor. 9:8-11; Phil. 4:19;</u> <u>3 Jn. 2</u>).
- Exercise power over all the power of the devil (<u>Lk. 10:19</u>; <u>24:49</u>; <u>Mk. 16:15-20</u>; <u>Jn. 14:12-15</u>; <u>15:7</u>; <u>16:23-26</u>; <u>Acts</u> <u>1:8</u>; <u>2 Cor. 10:4-5</u>; <u>Eph. 6:10-18</u>).
- 13. *Have complete knowledge of the truth beyond all doubt* (<u>Jn.</u> <u>7:16-17; 8:31-32; 14:16-17, 26; 15:26-27; 16:7-15; 2 Tim.</u> <u>2:15; 3:16-17</u>).
- Have rivers of living waters flowing out of the innermost being (<u>Jn. 7:37-39</u>; <u>Acts 2:1-11</u>, <u>38-39</u>; <u>5:32</u>; <u>Eph. 5:18</u>; <u>Mt.</u> <u>5:6</u>).
- 15. *Have freedom from darkness into complete light* (<u>Jn. 8:12</u>, <u>31-32</u>; <u>Acts 26:18</u>; <u>1 Jn. 1:7-9</u>; <u>2 Cor. 3:18</u>; <u>Eph. 4:17-21</u>; <u>5:8-16</u>).
- 16. *Have power to do the works of Christ and even greater than He did* (Jn. 14:12-15; Lk. 24:49; Acts 1:8; Mk. 16:15-20; 1 <u>Cor. 12:4-11; 2 Cor. 10:4-5</u>).
- 17. *Have healing and sound health* (Jn. 14:12-15; 15:7, 16; 16:23-26; Mk. 9:23; 11:22-24; Rom. 8:11; 3 Jn. 2; Mt. 8:16-17; 1 Pet. 2:24; Heb. 11:6; Ps. 91; Isa. 58).
- 18. *The gifts of the Spirit* (<u>1 Cor. 1:7</u>; <u>12:4-11</u>, <u>31</u>; <u>14:1</u>; <u>Rom.</u> <u>12:4-8</u>).
- 19. *Impart the gifts to others* (<u>Rom. 1:11</u>; <u>1 Tim. 4:14</u>; <u>2 Tim.</u> <u>1:6</u>; <u>Heb. 6:2</u>).
- 20. *Have the fruit of the Spirit* (Gal. 5:22-24).

- 21. Get and impart the Spirit baptism to others (<u>Jn. 14:12</u>; <u>Acts</u> <u>1:4-5</u>; <u>2:1-39</u>; <u>5:32</u>; <u>8:17</u>; <u>9:17</u>; <u>10:44-48</u>; <u>19:1-7</u>; <u>Heb.</u> <u>6:2</u>).
- 22. Exercise unlimited authority in this life in all the fullness of God according to the Gospel (Lk. 24:49; Jn. 14:12-15; 15:7, 16; Mk. 9:23; 11:22-24; 16:15-20; Mt. 17:20; 21:21-22; Acts 1:8; 2:38-39, 43; 3:6; 4:10-16, 29-33; 5:1-16; 6:3-8; 8:5-20; 9:17-18, 32, 43; 11:21; 13:6-12; 14:3, 8-20, 27; 15:4, 12; 16:16-34; 19:1-20; 20:9-12; 28:1-10; Rom. 1:11; 15:18-19, 29; 1 Cor. 1:7, 18-24; 2:1-5; 4:19-21; 5:1-5; 9:18; 12:1-11, 28-31; 13:1-3; 14:1-40; 16:10; 2 Cor. 3:6-18; 4:7; 5:20; 6:7; 8:7; 10:3-11; 12:9, 12; 13:4, 10; Gal. 3:3-5, 14; Eph. 1:19-20; 6:10-18; Phil. 4:9; Col. 1:11; 2:10; 1 Th. 1:5; 2:13; 2 Th. 1:11; 2:17; 1 Tim. 4:14; 2 Tim. 1:6-8, 14; 2:21; 3:5; Titus 2:14; Heb. 2:3-4; 6:1-2; Jas. 2:18; 5:14-16; 2 Pet. 2:4; 3 Jn. 2; Jude 3, 20-24).

According to all the above-cited promises, and many other Scriptures, it can be seen that no believer is limited in obtaining for himself and others the provision for all his needs in this life and the life to come.

The reason we have listed so many Scriptures to prove each point is that we want you to realize that God has made provision for you in every way and to show you that there are hundreds of Scriptures to prove our claims.

The only thing that will hinder you from obtaining what you want is your unbelief.

There is no excuse for unbelief in view of the abundant promises given in these Scriptures and in view of the fact that early believers (not only the apostles but many ordinary believers) experienced and enjoyed these blessings, as you can see by reading all the above passages.

Modern Believers Can Have All New Testament Experiences

If early believers actually experienced and enjoyed these blessings, why can't modern believers?

Does not God still love us?

Does He not have the same power today?

Do we not need these benefits today as in the first century?

Are the promises still the same?

Has God changed His program?

Has He withdrawn His promises?

Has He ceased to make provision for men today as He made in days gone by?

Is He a respecter of persons?

Where in Scripture does it say that these things are not for us today?

Where does it say that God has changed His mind and has done away with His provision for all men who will dare believe?

Listen to me, there is not one hint in the Bible that God has done away with the blessings of the early believers!

This is a theory of modern unbelieving men who would rather manufacture doctrines of unbelief to excuse their own weakness and lack of power than to face the plain facts and put forth some effort to meet the conditions that will enable them to attain to these benefits.

Only Rebels and Unbelievers Deny Truth

A man would have to be an unbeliever and a determined rebel against God and His Word to deny that man can get what he wants from God.

And that unfortunately would include most people in the visible church!

If you want to take the side of those who reject God and His Word, then don't complain because you are not receiving all the good things in life to enjoy.

Don't complain because God never seems to answer your prayers.

Don't complain if God's Word is not being fulfilled in you.

God will not help you when you refuse help.

He will not force you to be blessed against your will.

You are a free moral agent, and God respects the sovereignty of your free choice.

He expects you to use common intelligence and cooperate with Him instead of His enemies if you want the benefits for which Christ died and which He has abundantly promised to those that will love and obey Him.

Your Personal Responsibility

Quit associating with unbelievers though they belong to your church—even though some are your spiritual leaders and advisers.

You cannot afford to take such advice that will rob you of the riches of life in the gospel.

Begin to look around for people of like faith.

<u>2 Pet.1:1-2</u> "Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have **received a faith as precious as ours (or "like precious faith"): Grace and peace be yours in abundance** through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord."

If you cannot find people with a faith as precious as ours, then get yourself around us!

Share this precious faith with anyone you can find!

Get these truths to your neighbors, people in your community, people where you work, people in the shops where you are!

Soon you will have friends who will believe God with you, and together you can study and pray and reap the blessings that are yours!

All you need to do is to follow the instructions which you can plainly see in your own Bible as we give them to you.

We will be more than happy to come to your town and begin a work right there! It is our good pleasure and labor of love!

Demon Powers Must Be Defeated

Satanic powers must be defeated if one wants the unlimited blessings of the Gospel that we have given here.

These benefits are for all men and they will be fully realized when complete victory over Satan is gained through Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the Word of God.

All the blessings given here will be fully realized when complete victory over demon powers is accomplished.

Now we're going to talk about how:

Weapons of Spiritual Warfare are Provided

There are several Scriptures that make clear what the spiritual weapons are and how to use them in gaining victory over sin and Satan.

The weapons of our warfare are referred to as not being carnal or natural, but spiritual: "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:3-5).

This passage certainly teaches complete victory over all the powers of darkness, even to the point that every thought is brought down to the obedience of Christ.

If there is such a possibility, then Christians should learn about it and cooperate with God until full victory is attained in Christ through the Gospel.

We do not have to pray, "If it be thy will grant complete victory over Satan," for it is clear that it is God's will, and that He has provided full means for spiritual warfare and complete victory in life over all things that exalt themselves against God and His people!

This brings me to the main passage we are going to focus on here at this point.

In <u>Ephesians 6:10-18</u>, the Apostle Paul gives us a description of the whole armor of God, which Christians are commanded to wear in order to stand against the wiles of the devil.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this age, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Therefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm" (Eph. 6:10-18).

The Secret of Power with God

The secret of power with God is to believe His Word and conform to it to the letter.

This means that one must be born again and must be filled with all the fullness of God and work for God upon the authority of the principles stated in the Scriptures.

The secret of power with God is God Himself in the life of a believer, working in and through him to will and to do of His own pleasure (<u>2 Cor. 4:7</u>; <u>10:4-5</u>; <u>Eph. 3:19-20</u>; <u>6:10-18</u>; <u>Phil. 2:13-16</u>; <u>2 Tim. 2:15-21</u>).

One must become endued with power from on High by doing what these passages teach.

He must receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and through the Spirit master himself and all demonic powers.

He must learn how to pray and exercise unwavering faith in God and in His Word.

He must learn to resist the devil and defeat him through the Spirit of God and the Word of God (<u>Eph. 6:10-18</u>; <u>2 Cor. 10:4-6</u>).

No Defeat Possible to Christians

If God said these things, they are true and they are "yea and amen to them that believe" (2 Cor. 1:20).

If they are true, they cannot be lies.

If they are not lies then it is **impossible** for any child of God to pray in faith and not receive.

These statements should be used against the devils and men who seek to discourage us in prayer.

God says if we will use the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, that we shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one (Eph. 6:10-18).

No man has a right to affirm that God is not true and that He will not keep His Word, so the way of complete victory over the devil and his agents becomes clear to every saint who will obey God and His Word.

And now...DESTINED TO WIN – PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

Buckle in your seat belt...