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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) We are in a battle.
 - i) We are in a fight to the finish against a sinister foe.
 - ii) We cannot be neutral, and we cannot call a truce.
 - iii) The victory is ours in the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - (1) Because of what Jesus Christ did for us on the cross and because of our birth into the kingdom, we now have kingdom authority.
 - (2) When we were born again, we were born to win.
- b) The battle is not ours, but it is the Lord's.
 - i) 2 Chronicles 20:15
- c) Luke 10:17-19
 - i) The Lord Jesus had commissioned seventy to go out and preach.
 - (1) He gave them authority, and the seventy came back with great joy.
 - ii) The word "devils" in this passage literally means "demons."
 - iii) The word "power" is used twice here in the King James, but there are two different words for "power" in the Greek.
 - (1) The first word for "power" in this passage means "authority."
 - (a) It may be translated, "Behold, I give you authority over all the power of the enemy."
- d) Today's message will share three things about our spiritual warfare over Satan.
 - i) That warfare is prayer.

2) KINGDOM AUTHORITY HAS BEEN SOVEREIGNLY ESTABLISHED

- a) "Authority" is the power or the right to command, to act, to enforce obedience, or to make final decisions.
 - i) It is also power as delegated to another; authorization.
 - (1) In essence, "He or she has my authority to do it."
 - (a) This is what these seventy understood.
 - (i) Luke 10:17
- b) In the name of Jesus, we have the victory.
 - i) Our authority comes from Him.
 - (1) It has been sovereignly established.
- c) When God created Adam and Eve, He placed them in the Garden of Eden and gave them dominion over all the Earth.
 - i) Genesis 1:26-28
- d) But Adam and Eve sinned and yielded their dominion to Satan.
 - i) They became slaves of Satan.
 - (1) All of the children of Adam and Eve are sons and daughters of slaves and slaves themselves.
- e) The Lord Jesus, the second and last Adam, came to this Earth as a man and bought back Adam's lost estate.
 - i) This dominion was legally lost and was righteously regained.

- (1) God owes the devil nothing, but He will be true to His own legality and His own sense of righteousness, justice and truth.
- ii) Therefore, God did not just snatch that authority back from Satan and give it to Adam.
 - (1) It was lost by a man, and it was regained by a Man.
 - (2) It was lost by the first Adam, and it was regained by the second Adam, the Lord Jesus.
- iii) 1 Corinthians 15:22
 - (1) That dominion has been bought back.
- f) Colossians 2:13-15
 - i) The word “quicken” means “made alive.”
- g) We, being slaves, were in bondage; but Jesus came to set the captives free.
 - i) We were in bondage to spiritual death.
 - (1) Colossians 2:13
 - (2) We were not just sick in our sins, but we were dead.
 - (a) A person doesn’t have to wait until his heart stops beating to be dead.
 - (i) 1 Timothy 5:6
 - (b) John 10:10
 - (3) A person without Jesus Christ is dead.
 - (a) 1 Corinthians 15:22
 - ii) We were in bondage to staggering debt.
 - (1) We are in debt because of our sins.
 - (a) We are guilty before God.
 - (2) Colossians 2:14
 - (a) In Bible times, a handwriting of ordinance would be written against a person accused of a crime.
 - (i) His indictment would be written down.
 - (b) This handwriting of ordinance would be delivered to a judge.
 - (c) There would be a trial; and if he were found guilty, then they would write the penalty on this description of his crime.
 - (i) They would write the debt that was due.
 - (d) This person would then be put into prison, and this certificate of debt would be nailed to the prison door, telling what he had done and what the judge had sentenced him to and what he must pay.
 - (e) Once the sentence had been fulfilled, this handwriting of ordinance would be taken back to the judge or king, and he would write on it, “Tetelestai.”
 - (i) This is the same word that Jesus uttered from the cross.
 - 1. John 19:30
 - (ii) This word literally means “paid in full.”
 - (iii) There is nothing again that the law can bring against this person.

- (3) Almighty God took every sin from all of the ages and nailed them to the cross of Jesus.
 - (a) When Jesus died and bowed His head, he said, “Tetelestai” “paid in full.”
 - (4) Satan is the accuser of the brethren.
 - (a) Revelation 12:10
 - (b) He will accuse us to God; but then our attorney, the Lord Jesus, appears with His certificate of debt showing that our sins are paid in full.
 - (i) Psalm 32:2
 - (c) Romans 8:33
 - (5) Not only have we been brought out of bondage from our spiritual death, but we have been brought out of bondage from our staggering debt.
- iii) We were in bondage to Satanic dominion.
- (1) Colossians 2:15
 - (a) “Principalities and powers” in this verse refers to Satan’s dark kingdom.
 - (i) Ephesians 6:12
 - (2) When Jesus died on the cross, He ruined Satan.
 - (a) Satan has been stripped.
 - (i) The word “spoiled” in Colossians 2:15 literally means “to strip.”
 - 1. It has the idea of disgrace; as in, when a military officer is being disgraced and is stripped of his medals.
 - 2. It actually meant “to take the hide from an animal”.
 - (b) Satan has been shamed.
 - (i) Colossians 2:15
 - 1. “Made a show of them openly.”
 - (ii) Satan has been stripped of his royal regalia.
 - 1. He had dominion.
 - 2. He said that all of the kingdoms of this world had been given to him.
 - a. Luke 4:5-7
 - 3. But when Jesus died on the cross, He stripped Satan of that and then made a show of him openly.
 - (iii) Satan is made a laughingstock.
 - 1. The emperor has no clothes.
 - (c) Satan has been subdued.
 - (i) Colossians 2:15
 - 1. “Triumphing over them in it.”
 - a. This refers to Jesus’ death on the cross.
 - iv) Our enemy has been stripped, shamed and subdued by mighty Calvary.
 - (1) Hebrews 2:14
- h) We should not let the devil intimidate us anymore.

3) KINGDOM AUTHORITY MUST BE STRONGLY ENFORCED

- a) If kingdom authority has been sovereignly established, then why does it need to be strongly enforced?
 - i) Because Satan is an imposter, and he does not give up anyone or anything without a fight.
 - (1) His fight is deception.
 - (2) He does not want us to understand what has happened to him.
 - ii) Satan only has power to those who allow him to have that power.
- b) If Satan has been defeated, then why must we enforce our authority over him?
 - i) Because we must appropriate what God has already done.
 - ii) We appropriate what God has done in many areas:
 - (1) Faith
 - (a) 1 John 2:2
 - (i) Jesus is the satisfaction for our sin and for the sin of the whole world.
 - (b) When Jesus died, He died for the world; but not all the world is saved.
 - (i) Because that which is absolute (His death) must be appropriated by faith.
 - (ii) The fact that Jesus died for you and paid your sin debt will do you no good unless you believe on Him.
 - 1. John 3:18
 - (c) It was absolute, but it must be appropriated.
 - (2) Spiritual power
 - (a) When the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost, God poured out His Holy Spirit to the church.
 - (b) We don't need to pray for another Pentecost because the Holy Spirit has already come.
 - (i) We need to quit asking God to do what He has already done.
 - (c) Even though the Holy Spirit has come and God has poured out incredible, dynamic power, not every Christian has the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - (i) They have not appropriated that which is already absolute.
 - (3) Dominion over Satan
 - (a) Satan's back has been broken, and his kingdom has been ruined.
 - (b) We have authority, but we must appropriate and enforce that authority.
- c) Satan is holding people captive, and this is the condition of his captives:
 - i) They are bankrupt.
 - (1) Luke 4:17-18
 - (a) This is not talking only about those who are financially poor, but those who are spiritually poor.

- (2) We are bankrupt without Jesus.
- (3) Revelation 3:17
- (4) Jesus came for the bankrupt.
- ii) They are brokenhearted.
 - (1) Luke 4:18
 - (2) Jesus came to those who are filled with sorrow.
 - (3) Job 14:1
 - (a) Without Jesus, things are only going to get worse.
 - (4) Jesus came to those who are brokenhearted.
- iii) They are bound.
 - (1) Luke 4:18
 - (a) "To preach deliverance to the captives."
 - (i) These are people who have been taken captive by Satan.
 - (2) They may not even realize it, but they are bound by Satan.
 - (a) The whole world lies in the bosom of the wicked one.
 - (i) 1 John 5:19
- iv) They are blind.
 - (1) Luke 4:18
 - (2) 2 Corinthians 4:4
 - (3) These are people who cannot see spiritually.
 - (4) Do not argue with someone who doesn't understand the Bible.
 - (a) No one is ever argued into the kingdom of Heaven.
 - (b) John 3:3
 - (5) 1 Corinthians 2:14
- v) They are bruised.
 - (1) Luke 4:18
 - (2) Satan is cruel, and he takes joy in our suffering and pain.
 - (a) He is the bruiser.
 - (3) Satan knows that he cannot get at God.
 - (a) His war is with God.
 - (b) He knows that if he can hurt someone whom God loves, then he has hurt God.
- d) What is our responsibility?
 - i) Luke 4:18
 - (1) The Spirit of the Lord is upon Him because God sent Him to do this.
 - ii) John 20:21
 - (1) God has sent us to rescue those who are bankrupt, brokenhearted, bound, blind and bruised.
 - iii) It is our job, in the authority that has been given to us, to set the captives free.
- e) Our warfare is not with flesh and blood, but with Satan.
 - i) Ephesians 6:12
 - ii) Matthew 16:22-23
 - (1) Jesus was not calling Simon Peter Satan.

- (2) Jesus looked beyond Simon Peter and saw where the battle was.
 - f) The devil loves to get us fighting with flesh and blood.
 - i) Our problem is not in Hollywood or the White House.
 - ii) We're at war with Satan.
 - (1) The reason we're losing the fight is because we're not showing up for it.
 - (a) Luke 10:19
 - (b) We must take the power of attorney that the Lord Jesus has given us and move in.
 - (c) We need to take the authority of Heaven and resist the devil and rebuke him.
 - (i) The devil has no right in our lives; he's trespassing on our Father's property.
- 4) KINGDOM AUTHORITY MUST BE STRATEGICALLY EXERCISED
 - a) This authority that our Lord has given us to set the captives free must be strategically exercised.
 - b) There must be the right person.
 - i) Don't go against Satan if there is any unconfessed sin in your life or any spirit of rebellion.
 - (1) We will never be over until we learn to be under.
 - (2) Only when we're under authority can we live with authority.
 - ii) We will get into trouble if we try to fight spiritual battles with a wicked heart or rebellious spirit.
 - c) There must be the right position.
 - i) You must understand where you are as a Christian and speak from that position.
 - ii) Ephesians 2:6
 - iii) When Jesus died, we died with Him.
 - iv) When Jesus arose, we rose with Him.
 - v) When Jesus ascended, we ascended with Him.
 - vi) When Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father, we are in Him and He is in us and we are sitting together with Jesus in the heavenlies.
 - (1) Spiritually, we are seated with Christ.
 - (2) Our problem many times is that we are praying in the wrong direction.
 - (a) We pray from Earth to Heaven, and we need to start praying from Heaven to Earth.
 - (i) Our position is in the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - (b) We need to turn our prayers downward because these problems are beneath our feet.
 - (c) Matthew 18:18
 - d) There must be the right power.
 - i) The power is in Calvary.
 - ii) Revelation 12:11

- (1) The power is in the blood.
 - (a) With the authority that has been given to us, we can take the blood of Jesus Christ and overcome Satan every time.
 - (2) “The word of their testimony”
 - (a) This is the Word of God actualized in our lives.
 - (b) The Word of your testimony is what God has done for you.
 - (c) This is conviction or confession.
 - (3) Commitment
 - (a) “They loved not their lives unto the death.”
 - (b) Don’t let the devil intimidate you anymore.
 - (c) This part of Revelation 12:11 doesn’t mean that we will keep loving Jesus until we die, but it literally means, “I’ll serve Jesus if I die for doing it.”
- 5) CONCLUSION
- a) Satan has been stripped, shamed and subdued.
 - b) We have Calvary, confession and commitment.
 - c) Luke 10:19
 - d) It is time that we discover kingdom authority and put it to work.
 - e) If you’ve never given your heart to Jesus Christ, He will save you today.
 - f) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
 - g) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16