**Power Over Demons**

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I started teaching on “Spiritual Authority” a few weeks ago.

Ephesians 1: 16I do not cease to give thanks for you when I remember you in my prayers. 17I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you spiritual wisdom and revelation in your growing knowledge of him, 18—**since the eyes of your heart have been enlightened**—so that you may know what is the **hope of his calling**, what is the **wealth of his glorious inheritance in the saints**, 19and what is the incomparable **greatness of his power toward us who believe**, as displayed in the exercise of his immense strength. 20This power he exercised in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms 21far above every rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22And God *put all things under* Christ’s *feet*, and he gave him to the church as head over all things. 23Now the church is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Paul, in his prayer for the Ephesians, said there 3 things they got through the “ENLIGHTENING OF THE EYES OF THEIR HEART.”

1. The HOPE of His CALLING.
2. The WEALTH of His glorious INHERITANCE in the Saints.
3. The GREATNESS of His POWER toward us who believe.

We talked about how **OUR CALLING WILL MAKE ROOM FOR ITSELF** when we make ourselves available!

We have talked about how God makes provision for His Children. He does that through our giving! Malachi chapter 3 talks about the **TITHE**.

God chooses the “foolish things of the world to confound the wise” (1 Cor. 1:27).

**How can giving away money bring more money into your coffers?**

**Now, what is the GREATNESS OF HIS POWER?**

Paul says God’s POWER was exhibited when Christ was resurrected from the dead!

* Negative images of people were left on brick walls from the atomic bomb blasts at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan.
* The Shroud of Turin has a negative image of a man. Could there have been an explosion of light so brilliant that it caused the negative image on the Shroud of Turin without destroying Jerusalem and all of the surrounding countryside?

Go back to Paul’s prayer in Ephesians 1

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NOW, Here is the EXCITING part!

Ephesians 6:2

“**and he raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.”**

As LONG as Jesus is seated at the RIGHT hand of the Father, we will have the same authority and rule over every

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**Ephesians 6**

10Finally, be strengthened in the Lord and in the strength of his power. 11Clothe yourselves with the full armor of God so that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. **12For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens.** 13For this reason, take up the full armor of God so that you may be able to stand your ground on the evil day, and having done everything, to stand. 14Stand firm therefore, by fastening the belt of truth around your waist, by putting on the breastplate of righteousness, 15by fitting your feet with the preparation that comes from the good news of peace, 16and in all of this, by taking up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17And take *the helmet of salvation* and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

We have spiritual authority over these evil spirits.

HOW DO WE KNOW if evil spirits are responsible? How do we know if we are under attack by evil spirits?

 We will know mostly by revelation.

 We can know by odd circumstances.

* Thinking thoughts “that are not you.”
* Having sudden depression.
* Having suicidal thoughts.
* Having fits of anger or rage that are unusual for you.
* Feeling hopeless.
* Your pets start acting differently around you.
* Your close friends start questioning your thinking or behavior.
* Excessive fatigue.

Further Symptoms of demonic control or attack.

* Not being able to do what you know is good or right.
* Feeling like you are being pulled to do the wrong thing.
* Feeling like you are being pressured to do something you don’t want to do.
* Hearing voices or thoughts in your head that are negative, persuasive, or commanding you to do something.
* Deep or severe personality changes like fear or wanting to be isolated all the time.
* Suddenly having creepy or scary feelings.
* Recent feelings that an area, like in your house, there is something heavy, depressive or oppressive.
* Feelings of being under attack or threatened when others don’t.
* Finding it hard or impossible to pray.
* Finding it harder or impossible to spend time with Christian brothers or sisters.
* Sudden and unexplainable anxiety.