

Empowering People to Change the World

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Proverbs 28:1-2

- The meaning here is that the transgressions of a land can be so great, that everyone thinks he is in charge. When good men cease to lead, imposters are raised up and they intimidate and unjustly ruled because no one opposes them
 - They gather others around them to intimidate, create fear, and flaunt their power
 - These people are bullies
- It is in such times that God raises up different kinds of men—men of justice, righteousness, and compassion.
 Men whom God gives understanding and knowledge
- They are righteous men who are bold as a lion because they filled with the Lion, the Lion of Judah

Edmund Burke once said,

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing. When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle. Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little. (Edmund Burke)

Ex. Last week God took me into a "portal" in order to pray for our nation...

There are Principalities and Powers, High Level Ruling Demonic Spirits over nations

Daniel 10 and the Prince of Persia

How does this work? It's all about Position, Power, and Authority

Position

- Ephesians 1:3,19-23; 2:1-7; 3:10
- We have been made alive in Christ and are seated above all other principalities and powers in the heavenly realm
- That we would make known the manifold wisdom of God to the principalities and powers

Power

Ephesians 6:10-13

"Withstand" in Greek is *anthistemi*, word "antihistamine" which means to put a block on histamine. Just as an antihistamine puts a block on histamine, The verb suggests vigorously opposing, bravely resisting, standing one's ground against an adversary, against evil forces

- God has invited us into a portal, a war room to battle evil forces
- There are "evil days" where the fight is more intense
- To stand means to not give ground

Vs. 14-18

- Full Body; Full Contact Sport
- Paul is likening this to a wrestling match
- Standing against the strategies of the devil

Authority

PP: <u>Kingdom of God Authority</u> is the divinely delegated right, power, and responsibility for Believers to Enforce the Kingdom of God on Earth as it is in heaven.

- Kingdom Prayer in which heaven invades the earth through the binding and loosening
- You are exercising God's authority
- Not a magic formula but it is a powerful formula

Matthew 16:18-19 The War Room Church

- God is building His Church; The gates of hell cannot prevail against it
- And there is a war going on in which the church is taken ground away from hell
- Keys of the Kingdom: starts with the earth—what you bind on earth, is bound in heaven; what you loose on earth is loosed in heaven
- Specifically given to the Church! Only the church can do this. Only the Church has this kingdom authority
- It happens when someone of earth binds and loosens
- When someone in the physical world binds and looses on the earth, something is bound and loosened in heaven
- God actually can't do something unless we do our part— He has given us this authority.
 - Why is this happening in my life?
 - Why is this or that happening in America
 - Its because we don't use our authority
- "whatever" you bind, not God. The starting point is with us, not God. He has given us the formula

Luke 10:18-19 Power over the enemy

- We have been given two keys
 - "Bind"-restrict, restrain, tie down, hold back something; you are wrapping it up; locking
 - "Loose"-unlock, release, permit, free something up, unlock
- We come to church for many reasons—for the preaching, for the fellowship, for worship, for the food...but there is another part of the church that is important here legislating from the spiritual realm
 - <u>Ecclesia</u>-church, has the meaning of a governmental body, legislating on earth

The church is a Kingdom of God Embassy made up of citizens and ambassadors who represent the King and enforce the values of the kingdom on earth as it is in heaven

- Gates were a legal political term. The elders met at the gates. The place where legislation happens.
- We represent heaven. We have Homeland Security over the earth.

Matthew 18:18-20 Agreement to Bind and Loose

- So powerful is the church I'm building that hell cannot defeat it. When we see the devil defeating the church, then we are not building His church!
- Two or three witnesses. Deut 17 and 19 must be two or three witnesses. You have to have 2-3 witnesses for legality