Spirit Realm 2024: Part 2



We've been talking about the spirit realm, and the way I introduced it was by using the word "authority." And the reason for this is that most Christians do not understand the reasons why we are even welcomed into the realm of the spirit, what goes on in the realm of the spirit, and what we should expect when we get there.

- When God gives you a dream, what does it mean, what is He trying to tell you, and what does He want you to do about it? If God is speaking to you in dreams, that means you're in the realm of the spirit, communicating with God.
- If you're wondering whether you've been there or not, if you're having those weird dreams, you've been there. Your spirit has been operating on a level that your body has yet to catch up to.
- Again, I based my discussion last week on authority because what most Christians are lacking the most is understanding the authority they have in Christ Jesus. Now, the reason they don't know their authority is because they do not understand the hierarchy or the structure in the realm of the spirit; so, all they do is walk in and walk out, accomplishing nothing. And the best that some of us do is pray about our dreams.

- This series will go on for a while because we need to go into detail. We'll discuss spiritual structures in the realm of the spirit, and we will begin with discussing God. Though we will not discuss angels because that will take an inordinate amount of time, I will tell you this much:
- Angels do not learn the way we learn and are not made like you and me, in the image of God. Therefore, they don't understand what you get from experience. Angels are messengers only; all they know is what is shown to them, and all they do is tell whom they are supposed to. All they know of God was revealed to them to go and do something about it.
- You are the only being who can be intimate with God. Though angels are messengers, some of them have different functions—like the cherubim. The Book of Daniel describes angels with eyes everywhere on their bodies and with wheels rotating around them in different directions.
- Some of them have 4-5 heads, while some have wings (but not all). For some, all they have done since creation is rotate around the throne saying "holy, holy, holy." And they say this because each time they rotate around the throne, they perceive something new about God.
- Additionally, there are the 24 elders which are created beings that will judge as well—and they also have thrones. You only have a throne if you are going to be passing judgment.
- On top of that, the Bible says that we, too, will be judging angels.
- However, if you can't deal with another human being, Paul says, "How do you expect to fulfill your role in heaven?" This series is going to be deep, and I hope that you get it. It's important that you do because we will be moving from level 1 upward!

Knowing your level of authority:

I know that some of you don't know your level of authority based on how you pray. With some of the prayers that I hear, I ask myself whether the person who is praying knows why we are here in the first place.

 "By their fruits, you will know them." Listen to the words they say... If you ask [most Christians], "Why do we want the anointing in the first place?" most will give you a basic answer (i.e., to save people and to liberate them from oppression, to show them the power of God so that they can believe, etc.). These are the side-effects of being anointed; you must understand the context of why God gives you the anointing in the first place.

What's the context?

If you were to tell me, "I have a relationship with Jesus," I'd want to know how deep your relationship with Jesus is. Though you may know that Jesus is love, in what context? What is His overall context, and why did He do all that He did? What is He doing?

• Your relationship is how you relate to the context of why He exists. I believe that some of us may not have been able to hang with Jesus had we been around during His ministry. Let me give you an example of why Christians don't know their authority. Jesus had moments when

He felt He needed to have a conversation with His disciples. There's a story in the Bible when Jesus anointed 70 of His disciples. Yes, He had a lot of disciples, but the 12 [we know] were His main disciples. Nonetheless, He anointed 70 of them with the authority to cast out demons.

- When they were sent to cast these demons, they used the authority to cast the demons out. Then they ran back to Jesus in excitement—just like when you do something good, you want to hear, "Good job!" They said to Him, "Jesus, it worked! Your name works! They were bowing!"
- Jesus did one of those weird things; He looked at them and did not say, "Good job." He did not give them the response they were hoping to hear. The first thing He said to them was, "I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning." What He was saying is, "That's not impressive."
- Wait, the disciples should receive applause, yet He's saying, "Absolutely not. That means you're excited for the wrong cause because you are surprised that the authority works. If it was normal, if you operated from the place of authority, you'd see more than this."
- Then He says, "I've given you power," and He says, "Do not get excited that they are bowing." That means that some of us want the anointing for the outcome. And He says, "The only reason you have it is because your name is written in the book of life. Be happy about that."
- That means that if you really understand the authorities that are in the realm of the spirit, you tend to respond to and even talk to God about things that matter to *Him*—not yourself. Even when you pray, it's what matters to Him that you [pray about]—and not how you felt because you wanted an anointing. You wanting an anointing has nothing to do with you; it has everything to do with the context and the authority of heaven.
- The anointing itself is to connect with the authority that is within the progression of the will of God for Himself. You may have a destiny, but God does too—and His will come to pass. Therefore, your destiny is a fulfillment of His.
- We must know what to do in the realm of the spirit and why we must do it. Therefore, we will go one step at a time.

Matthew 28:18

Jesus came and told His disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth."

- You should pause (if you are a Bible student), and you should immediately see a problem [when reading this verse]—and the problem is the word "given." That's a problem because He's *God*. But Jesus is saying, "I was actually *given* all authority in heaven and on earth." When this verse came about matters because Matthew 28 was written post-resurrection.
- The only reason why you are given authority is to do something with it. Many of us Christians want authority to do nothing with it unless it is convenient. The only reason why you have been given authority is to use it; but Jesus is saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me."

Father/Son (Jesus)/Holy Spirit

The Father wants total authority and the destruction of all other powers.

- The Father is where the will is—He determines what is, and He speaks to what needs to be. He declares, in other words, what God said. Jesus is the embodiment or the manifestation of what He said.
- Someone once said, "If you saw God as a Person, the heart of God is the Father, the face is Jesus, and the spirit of the man is the Holy Spirit (the voice, in other words)."
- Every time you look at your Bible, Jesus—for lack of a better word—appears to be like the "worker." For example, when God said, "Let there be..." the Bible says, "All things were made by Him, for Him, and through Him. Nothing was made that didn't come from Him." For whatever the Father needs done, Jesus goes forth and He becomes the embodiment the first image of what is being created.
- The Holy Spirit brings the power, and therefore brings it into manifestation. That's why when the angel came to Mary, it was the Spirit of God that came in her and she conceived, and Jesus came out.

What's important to understand is...

The Father wants total authority and the destruction of all other powers. Please remember this!

• What the Father wants is complete authority and the destruction of all powers. Jesus is 100% God and 100% human; and in looking at the God "side" first, we see:

John 1:1-3

¹In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God.

 God has <u>all</u> authority, and Jesus never lost authority. He never gave it to anyone—Adam did. Adam lost because he obeyed another spirit and became subjected to that spirit. The only authority Satan has is through what Adam gives him. Satan honestly has no real authority but what you give him, so God is 100% God.

³All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

- When the Father said, "For God so loved the world that He gave Jesus," something happened in that moment that will never happen again. No one knows the form Jesus was in before He was sent into the world—no one understands that. That's why John said "the Word" but He existed as part of the trinity.
- He was the Son, He was a Spirit; but when the Father said "go" and sent Jesus because Adam (a human) lost authority (and only another human being could get it back), it wasn't God's business anymore.

- Only another human could. So, God could not come into the world as God and say, "Satan, give it back to Me," because the gifts of God are without repentance. God didn't say, "Satan, give it back to Me," because He already gave it to someone else.
- The person who let it go must go to Satan and say, "Give it back," but no human had the
 power to do that. So, when He told His Son to go into the world and save them, what He
 was saying was, "I know You are God, but I need you to take a step back and I need You to
 be all God in a human body. This means all the limitations of a human body will be placed
 on You."

Philippians 2:6-7

⁶Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

 When the Father said "go," He was literally saying that He needed Jesus to take a demotion; and Jesus didn't think of equality as something to cling to. He didn't say, "No but I'm equal." He decided to take a step back, and the Bible says:

⁷Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form

- He gave up His divine privileges; so, when you say Jesus was 100% God and 100% human, He already had authority over the things in heaven because He was God. Remember: The authority that had to do with things of man, we [humans] had to get it back first.
- So, He became human; He took the humble position of a slave. So, yes, He is God in a body; but the body was the body of a slave. And He was born as a human being when He appeared in human form.
- 100% God, 100% human; so, when He came into the world, because He was God, He had authority over things in heaven—and we know this because of the following verse:

Matthew 26:53

⁵³Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and He would send them instantly?

- This is when they were about to arrest Him. He was like, "No, I still got power in heaven, and all I must do is talk to My dad and He will send thousands (legions) of angels to protect us." So, when He was in a body that was human, He still had access to heavenly power.
- But, even as 100% God, right before His crucifixion, He prayed a prayer that His human "side" prayed to the Father:

<u>John 17:5</u>

²And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

- When He said "with the glory which I *had* [past tense]," that means that when He came into the earth, how He related to the Father was no longer the same. He was operating on earth as a true human.
- This statement, "the glory which I had with you," is important because it shows the relationship before the world began. For people who like the idea that humans did this whole sin thing, and it was like God just responded to it to save us, that is a problem.
- If you really look at the Bible, it says "with you before the world [began]." "When the world began" is this idea that the process of Jesus becoming who He needed to be was already in motion. So, the idea of salvation was already in motion before Adam had the chance to fall.
- So suddenly, you're seeing the 100% of God who now had to live as 100% a human being.

Jesus the Man

Lived a Perfect Life

Died

Resurrected

Ruling

This is important because the authority was given to Jesus (the 100% God). He was already God; but the identity which was human was not given authority until some things that had to happen, happened.

- Even God, the Son of God Himself, had to prove Himself before the authority over the earth was given to Him. First, He had to live a perfect life. So, when He was sent into the world, for 33 years He lived before He died; and all He did was try to prove the fact that He was living a perfect life.
- The Bible says, "He was tempted in all ways, yet without sin." It was important for the Bible to state this because that was His job description. Jesus had to go through every single temptation that any of us would have gone through and come out of it before He could rule the world.
- You cannot rule over what you have not overcome. So, when the Bible says Jesus was tempted in all ways, that means that a lady could have come up to Jesus at some point during His life trying to tempt Him to sleep with her.
- Though we only read of three temptations by Satan, there were likely more; those three were just right before the ministry—to teach us that before you are released, there are demons who try to tempt you.
- All temptations that Jesus overcame were things that He wanted to accomplish in His ministry. If you haven't overcome the temptations related to what you're trying to get, it can't be given to you. In other words, if I'm trying to become a millionaire and I haven't

proven that I can overcome the temptations that millionaires face, God won't give me the millions. That's how it works in the realm of the spirit.

- So, for some of us who can't seem to overcome certain things in our lives, it is because God knows that the thing that you are looking for is literally the end goal of all things. In fact, if He gave it to you, you'll stop praying, or your prayer life would become lightweight after He gave you that thing.
- This means that you have the wrong perception of why you're asking God for these things. But Jesus was tempted in all ways, and the reason God tells us to trust Jesus is because He has felt what we have. Although He was tempted, He didn't sin; so, He knows how you can resist temptation.
- Jesus could not rule over the earth if He didn't live a perfect life because He wouldn't be able to guide you. He wouldn't tell you what to do if He wasn't able to get over what you're going through. He learned through suffering.
- Jesus learned obedience through suffering. God the Father intentionally made Jesus suffer so that He would learn to submit the human side of His identity. The human side was real, and the God side did not help Jesus' human side.
- Jesus' best friend died, and when He cried, the God side didn't help Him. He waited 30 years [before His ministry] because from the age of 12, He had to grow in knowledge. The God side didn't tell Him what He had to say; everything you saw Jesus do was discipline for the human side, so that it would know what the God side knew.
- He said that no one knew the time or hour of His death because at that time, He was
 operating from His human side—and the things that the Father, knew He didn't know.
 Therefore, He kept saying, "Father, glorify me," and He was talking as though He was
 second to the Father because He was speaking as a human; it would have been different if
 the God side was talking.
- So, you must know that the side that died on the cross was entirely human, and yet God was still present in that same body.

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• Again, He had to live a perfect life, and then He had to die—because to die is the reason He was sent. However, if He changed His mind while on the cross and called out to the angels,

they would have delivered Him; but the assignment would have been unfulfilled, and He would not have been able to rule over the earth.

• It wasn't just death; He also had to resurrect. When Jesus was resurrected, He received the Father's stamp of approval that He had done everything correctly—because had He not, He would have been left dead.

What if He did everything right with one exception?

If Jesus did one thing wrong, God would have left Him in the tomb. He would have been left there—period.

- So, the fact that Jesus rose from the dead, means the Father gave Him the stamp of approval that He accomplished everything [He was supposed to accomplish]. What it means when we say that Jesus died, walked into hell, and set those in captivity free is that He defeated Satan so that in everything Satan thought he was able to do, Jesus proved to him that He was now above him.
- So, through the manifestation of everyday living [that we lost through Adam and Jesus retrieved], Jesus is now giving us the power to go into the world and remind Satan that what he thinks he has is not his.
- Jesus did the groundwork of solving the problem for us so that Satan couldn't say, "No, something is still left undone." And we, as Christians, are reinforcing what Jesus did when He went into hell to defeat Satan.

Here's the BIG secret:

Satan has no authority; the only thing Satan has is skills. Satan's greatest way to gain authority is through deception.

Take, for example, when God created the tree in the Garden of Eden. If we're living carnally
[in the flesh], some of us would just see the tree and walk up to it. However, when we say
that we ought to think, pray, read the Bible, and abide in the realm of the spirit, we're
saying that if we learned the principles about the tree, we would therefore know that God
said something about the tree—which was not to eat from it. Though to us it is simply a
tree, to God, it is an opportunity for us to reveal our love [for God]; and for Satan, it's an
opportunity to get power.

Scenario:

Let's say you're looking for a job. To you (in the flesh), it's just a job, and you want it to pay bills; but if you've ever wondered why Satan doesn't want you to get a job—although he does want you to be in a position of independence so that you would rely on God less—it's because in the realm of the spirit, getting a job means you will now be encroaching on Satan's territory. If you are immersed in the realm of the spirit, then as a believer, wherever you go, the Kingdom of God is. Therefore, Satan would not want you to get a job in a physical location because if you go in, the entire territory and the mindset that governs that office must change.

- The presence of the child of God changes the definition of the environment because the child of God has more authority than the owner of the business if the owner is not a believer. Therefore, Satan does not want you to get a job because if you step in there, he must change tactics. He doesn't care about your bills; he doesn't want you in his environment.
- When you're praying, "Father God, now!" He's saying to you, "Use your authority. Before you walk into the interview, take over the territory. Don't be so busy with trying to show them that you know how to do the job. It's a territorial dispute, and you call it 'job."
- Everything in the realm of the spirit is a territorial dispute, so don't go in if you're not ready to fight; and don't call me for dream interpretations if you're not ready to do what God is calling you to do in that dream!
- Again, when Jesus went into Hades, He took back the authority of everything that man gave to Satan; and because He [Jesus] was 100% man, He could look at Satan and say, "Give it back!" That's how He got it back as 100% man—while God was still there.
- You can't even call yourself a Christian if you were not given the authority to do so. In the Bible it says, "He gave them the right to be called the sons of God." This means that when you say you are a Christian and you are not, you're looking for a fight that you cannot win.
- Because to say, "I am a Christian," what you're saying is, "I have authority in high places that Satan can only dream of." Remember when Jesus came to the tomb and saw Mary, when Mary wanted to touch Him, He said, "Don't touch Me, I haven't presented Myself."
- What this meant was that He hadn't yet ascended to the Father to complete the assignment: to rectify. Therefore, it wasn't just about living a perfect life; He died and now He gives salvation. Jesus had to go back into heaven, take His blood, put it into the Holy of Holies, and then give an account for each of us in heaven.
- Then the Father said, "Sit at My righthand side. You did the job." It was only then that the full, 100% authority was given to the human side [of Jesus' identity] to rule over the earth. The God side already had rulership over the earth; now the human side, having obeyed, was given full authority over everything on the earth.
- Therefore, at the righthand side of God, you have Jesus: 100% God who can call shots in heaven, and 100% human who can call shots on the earth. So, when He says "all power on heaven and earth," that means when He accomplished [what He was sent to do], He sat down to rule.
- He's not ruling as just Jesus, He's ruling as 100% God and 100% man—the 100% part that is God rules in heaven, and the 100% part that is man rules on the earth. That's the only way because God gave the authority [to rule the earth] to a human being. Therefore, the Man Christ Jesus is ruling on the earth from heaven.

What does Jesus' authority mean?

In Matthew 28:18, Jesus told His disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and earth."

- That means that He is on a mission right now. Everything that you will ever do as a Christian
 must be found in His mission, and He won't tear it down just because of you. For a lot of us
 Christians, we are at the center of our relationship with Jesus; and you know you're at the
 center when your prayers are like this: "Bless me, give me, lift me, take me, anoint me,
 open the door for ministry, breathe life into darkness, I rebuke the darkness, cancel the
 darkness, uproot the darkness, slice the darkness, fire from heaven, and burn the darkness."
- In none of those prayers do you understand the context of what's going on right now, and where Jesus is at in His own mind right now.

Psalm 110:1

The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

- This is reflective of the human side [of Jesus' identity]. The enemy [the devil] is our enemy, and Jesus is also 100% human. That's why the Father said "Your footstool" which means "until I put everything under Your authority."
- Now, do not forget that Jesus has already received powers for life and death, and He already destroyed everything of the devil; but as you'll see below, 1 Corinthians says:

1 Corinthians 15:22-28

²²Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. ²³But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when He comes back.

• What the Lord is saying is that in the realm of the spirit, there's an order to things—they don't just happen. Because the other man [Adam] rose, you will also rise—there's an order.

²⁴After the end will come, when He will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father, having destroyed every ruler and authority and power.

- This means that because Jesus did what He was supposed to do, we who believe will also be raised from the dead; and in that moment, what Jesus is doing in heaven and on the earth is destroying every ruler and authority and power so that He may turn the Kingdom over to God the Father.
- This means that the only reason why Jesus is ruling is because what He has accomplished in hell, He wants to see its manifestation; so, Jesus is seated at the throne [in heaven], but He is also ruling over the earth.

Who is going forth to gain back and take over territories and to destroy every ruler and authority and power?

We are! He's seated, ruling, and is directing us. Jesus is giving us the authority to cast out demons and to destroy principalities and powers because we're taking over, and the earth is waiting for the sons of God [us] to be revealed.

²⁵For Christ must reign until He humbles all His enemies beneath His feet.

• So, Jesus' authority reigns until He humbles all His enemies beneath His feet.

²⁶And the last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For the Scriptures say, "God has put all things under His authority" [*of course, when it says "all things are under His authority," that does not include the Person of God (the Father) Himself, who gave Christ His authority*]. ²⁸Then, when all things are under God's authority, the Son will put Himself under God's authority, so that God, who gave His Son authority over all things, will be utterly supreme over everything everywhere.

- Right now, Jesus is cleaning the earth—that's all He's doing. He's restoring order by dispatching children of God (like you) to tear down strongholds. After we have done our job and everything is under His feet, the Bible suggests that Jesus will walk up to the Father (and we'll all watch this one day), He will look at the Father, and He will say, "Now I have done everything. When Adam relinquished the authority to Satan, I went and got it back; so, You can allow Me to rule so that I can clean up. I've done My job, so now I am submitting Myself back under You."
- "So that God, who gave His Son authority over all things, will be utterly supreme over everything, everywhere." When you're talking to Jesus, He's cleaning; He's destroying strongholds.
- And in the previous verse, He didn't say "until I make Satan My foothold." He describes it: rulers, powers, principalities. Even God doesn't just say "devil." Next week, we'll go into the levels of devils. Therefore, when you say, "I rebuke you, Satan," you'd better know which realm you're talking about.
- Whether you're talking about the cosmos, the second heaven, or the space between the mountains (like the Greeks tell us), we have been dancing around in the realm of the spirit, not knowing what we're doing.
- Jesus is sitting there making sure that He destroys rulers, powers, principalities, and the spirit of wickedness—not the same thing. And then, He's dispatching you to engage it—to take back dominion, hand it to Jesus, and Jesus will hand it to the Father. *That's* what we're doing. Yet, we're busy [crying out to Jesus] about our own desires.
- God is busy cleaning house. He is reconciling everything so that He can have a portfolio to give to the Father who will reign supreme over everything everywhere. So, even Jesus is saying, "I have a time by which I must gather the earth back into order."

- So, just know that when you're praying to Jesus, He's busy trying to create order, as you're trying to create order in your own life. So, the will of God is in the understanding of what God is doing with you in the context of reestablishing the earth.
- Therefore, He sent His disciples to go because if you remain in one place, you can't go and reclaim. God wants you to be more than a conqueror in every sector because every sector is a battle. Every place that you find yourself in is a representation of the Kingdom of God taking back what Satan believes is his.
- Satan owns nothing, but he will never tell you that; he will act like everything is his. When he came and told Jesus, "I will give you the earth," at that time, he did have the power—he's the prince of the power of the air. Those are principalities between the third heavens, the cosmos (the one the angel had to fight when Daniel was praying).
- Jesus is the center of Christianity, not you. You're wanting anointing is none of His business until you are part of the "clean-up crew." You want anointing when you're ready to clean up.
- That's when you're ready to reconcile the earth under the feet of Jesus, not just setting people free. It's reconciling the earth under His feet so that He can hand it over to the Father, so that the Father will be supreme over everything everywhere.
- That's why He's the first fruit—He's the first human of His kind, and we are derived from that first fruit who is Jesus.
- Next week, I'll show you where you are in the structure of the heavens; and when I show you, I hope that it will change how you think because you cannot be a powerful clean-up person unless you are ready to get dirty.
- The anointing is only for those who are ready to subjugate everything to the feet of Christ, but the first thing they must use the anointing for is on themselves. Unless you have been subjugated, there is no anointing coming because you can't overcome yourself; so, what will you do with it?
- So, the structure is as follows: The Father sent Jesus (100% God, 100% Human), and the human side of His identity is at work through His authority to make sure everything is under His feet, so that He can hand it over to the Father.
- The next time you are praying for your needs, ask yourself: How does the answered prayer to your needs help with the clean-up crew? How does it help with the clean-up of the earth? The next time you're complaining about a job, are you willing to take over territories?
- The next time you're praying for a spouse, are you praying because it is now time for you to have children, or is it time for you to take over the kingdom of darkness together? That means that you already know the part you play in the clean-up crew with a spouse.