

YEAR OF GLORY TO GOD:

“HOW WILL MY TESTIMONY MAKE THE "GLORY LIST OF 2021"?”

“KEEP YOUR NATURAL STATUS” ... PART 1 (JUNE 20, 2021)

“EXERCISE YOUR AUTHORITY IN JESUS CHRIST” ... PART 2

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Recap of Part 1: Keep Your Natural Status

Brethren, as we saw, we have a natural status: Sated in Genesis 1: (NLT)

²⁶ Then God said, “**Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us.** They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.”

²⁷ **So God created human beings in his own image, both** male and female

²⁸ **Then God blessed them and said,** “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it.

Brethren, in our natural status, we are meant to bear fruit, dominate and govern. We must, therefore, do everything required to retain this position. We are required to be **saved** (receive and believe in Jesus) and be righteous (obey the word of God and keep your commitments).

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Brethren, once we are in our Natural Status, we should exercise our authority in Jesus Christ.

1. In Mark 16:17-18, Jesus said:

“These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages.” ¹⁸ they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”(NLT)

___ **Call problem by name; and say “I cast you out into the bottomless pit to never return!**

Brethren, the things that trouble a child of God are demons. They come in different forms.... push you to sin, emotional instability, fear, loss of confidence, financial lack, sickness etc. (anything you are struggling with **is a demon, cast it out**).

Reason bible says in **Ephesians 6:12** “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark

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world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

Brethren, the only condition for us to be able to cast out demon is to “**Keep Our Natural Status**”. **Ephesians 6:11** says “Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” “**13**Therefore take up the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you will be able to stand your ground.”

Full armor of God (in Ephesians 6) is what we already took up to enable us move into our Natural Status. This includes:

“**14** ...the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, **15** and the gospel of peace. **16** the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows (doubts) of the evil one. **17** the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. **18** And pray in the Spirit on all occasions.”

2. In Mark 11, Jesus said”

23“Truly I tell you that if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ **and has no doubt** in his heart but believes that it will happen, it will be done for him.” ___ **Command the mountain off your way!**

Brethren, once we are in our Natural Status, the only thing that can make our faith weak is lack of knowledge of our authority in Jesus Christ.

Reason bible says in Hosea 4:6 “My people perish for lack of knowledge.”

Yes, we are His people (because we are now in our Natural Status) BUT we need to know our authority in Jesus Christ.

Devil does not want us to know our authority, so he makes every effort to keep us away from the word of God or at least from understanding the word of God.

2 Corinthians 4:4 says “Satan, ...has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Word of God – the Good News.” This blindness comes in various forms. For instances, **Matthew 13:22** says

someone could hear the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.

Matthew 28:16–17 says it can come in the form of doubt:

“Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw Him, they worshiped him; **but some doubted.**”

1 Peter 5:8 warns us to “Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”

And James 4:7 tells us to RESIST THE DEVIL and he will flee.

“⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

3. In Matthew 21, Jesus cursed the fig tree

_____ we have authority to do the same:

“Jesus Curses the Fig Tree (NLT)

¹⁸ In the morning, as Jesus was returning to Jerusalem, he was hungry, ¹⁹ and he noticed a fig tree beside the road. He went over to see if there were any figs, but there were only leaves. Then he said to it, “**May you never bear fruit again!**” And immediately the fig tree withered up.

_____ **Brethren**, we can curse our problems “**May you never trouble me again**”.

²⁰ The disciples were amazed when they saw this and asked, “How did the fig tree wither so quickly?” ²¹ Then Jesus told them, “**I tell you the truth, if you have faith and don’t doubt, you can do things like this and much more.** You can even say to this mountain, ‘May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and it will happen.

²² **You can pray for anything, and if you have faith, you will receive it.”**

4. In Matthew 21, warns us that even The Authority of Jesus Was Challenged (NLT), we should be ready for challenge. “²³ When Jesus returned to the Temple and began teaching, the leading priests and elders came up to Him. They demanded, “**By what authority are you doing all these things? Who gave you the right?**” ²⁴ “I will tell you by what authority I do these things if you answer one question,” Jesus replied. ²⁵ “Did John’s authority to baptize come from heaven, or was it merely human?” They talked it over among themselves. “If we say it was from heaven, he will ask us why we didn’t believe John. ²⁶ But if we say it was merely human, we’ll be mobbed because the people believe John was a prophet.” ²⁷ So they finally replied, “We don’t know.” And Jesus responded, “Then I won’t tell you by what authority I do these things.

Brethren, when Jesus was using His authority, people around Him did not understand it. So when you are using your authority in Jesus Christ, expect that people around you will not understand it also.

5. Matthew 28: 19-20 Authority to Make Disciples

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

6. Hebrews 4 – We Have a Great High Priest

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ **Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence**, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

7. We are

Conclusion

2 Corinthians 5 says “²⁰ We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us.”

In Luke 10:19 Jesus said “Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall in any wise hurt you.”

So, let us go and exercise our authority in Jesus Christ.

In using it, “Use it to bring glory to Jesus Christ.”. (John 12:28-30).

Brethren, “from now on, let no one trouble you, for you bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus (Galatians 6:17).

God Bless You!