

Spiritual Warfare

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Outline

The Authority of the Believer

Worship as Warfare

God is Sovereign

The Two Hands Needed

God is God; I'm Not

Jehoshaphat





Introduction

- Howard Hendricks
- My month

The Authority of the Believer

In Ephesians 1:17-18

Paul is praying that God will enlighten us to the hope of the riches of our inheritance.

What does he want us to “get?”



The Authority of the Believer

Ephesians 1:19-23

Berean Study Bible

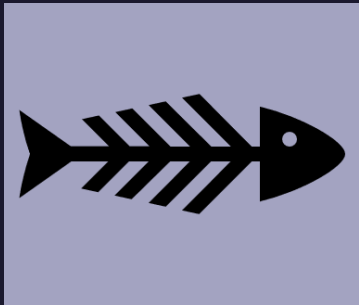
"And what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of his might. Which he brought about in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named."

Ephesians 1:19

From Josh Mc Dowell's "The Authority of the Believer" article available @ CRU.org

Surpassing greatness of His power	<i>dynamis</i>	personal power
In accordance with the working	<i>energeo</i>	activity
Of the strength	<i>kratos</i>	God exercising his great strength through us
Might	<i>ischuo</i>	Great inherited strength
Toward us who believe!!		

We identify with Christ



Dead

2: 4-5

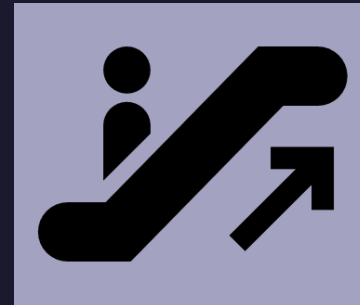
But God, rich in mercy, ... even when we were dead in our sins,



Made Alive

5-6

made us alive together with Christ



Raised w/ Him

6

and raised us up with him



Seated w/ Christ

6

and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ

Co- with Christ



Co-buried

Strauss Western



Co-resurrected

Brooke Bledsoe



Co-ascended

Philip Myrtpor



Co-Seated

Amber West

This seat is a place of God's POWER

“far above all rule and power and authority and dominion and every name that is named.”

*“... For God to exhibit the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us
in Christ.”*



In order to STAND and KEEP STANDING!

Ephesians 6



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Worship as Warfare

LOOK UP!

Ps. 118:24 “This is the day that the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!”

Ps. 8:1-2 (NIV)

“LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory in the heavens.
Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.”

God is SOVEREIGN

John 10:11

*The thief may come to steal,
kill, and destroy,
but GOD
is the GOOD SHEPHERD
Who lays down his LIFE
for his sheep.*

James 5:11

*Behold, we consider
those blessed who
remained steadfast.
You have heard
of the steadfastness
of Job, and you have
seen the purpose of
the Lord, how the
Lord is
compassionate and
merciful.*

Even when it hurts

- God is good
- God is compassionate

To SUBMIT



Takes
HUMILITY

The 2 Hands of Authority

James 5:6-7

“God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

Submit yourselves therefore to God.

See also: Col. 3:12-17 for instructions on what to put on: compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, and love.

The 2 Hands of Authority

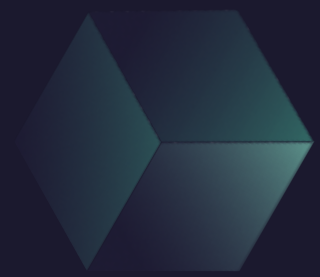
RESIST
and
he will flee!

James 4: 7b

Resist the devil:

**Taking our authority in Christ
and he will flee from you.”**


... That's a promise



God is God; We're Not

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DESIRE AND AUTHORITY

- ASK God for many things;
Only take authority over what is promised.
- We're not owed anything.
- God is most glorified through our surrender to his will, like Christ in the garden of Gethsemane.
- How, when, where – is God's call.

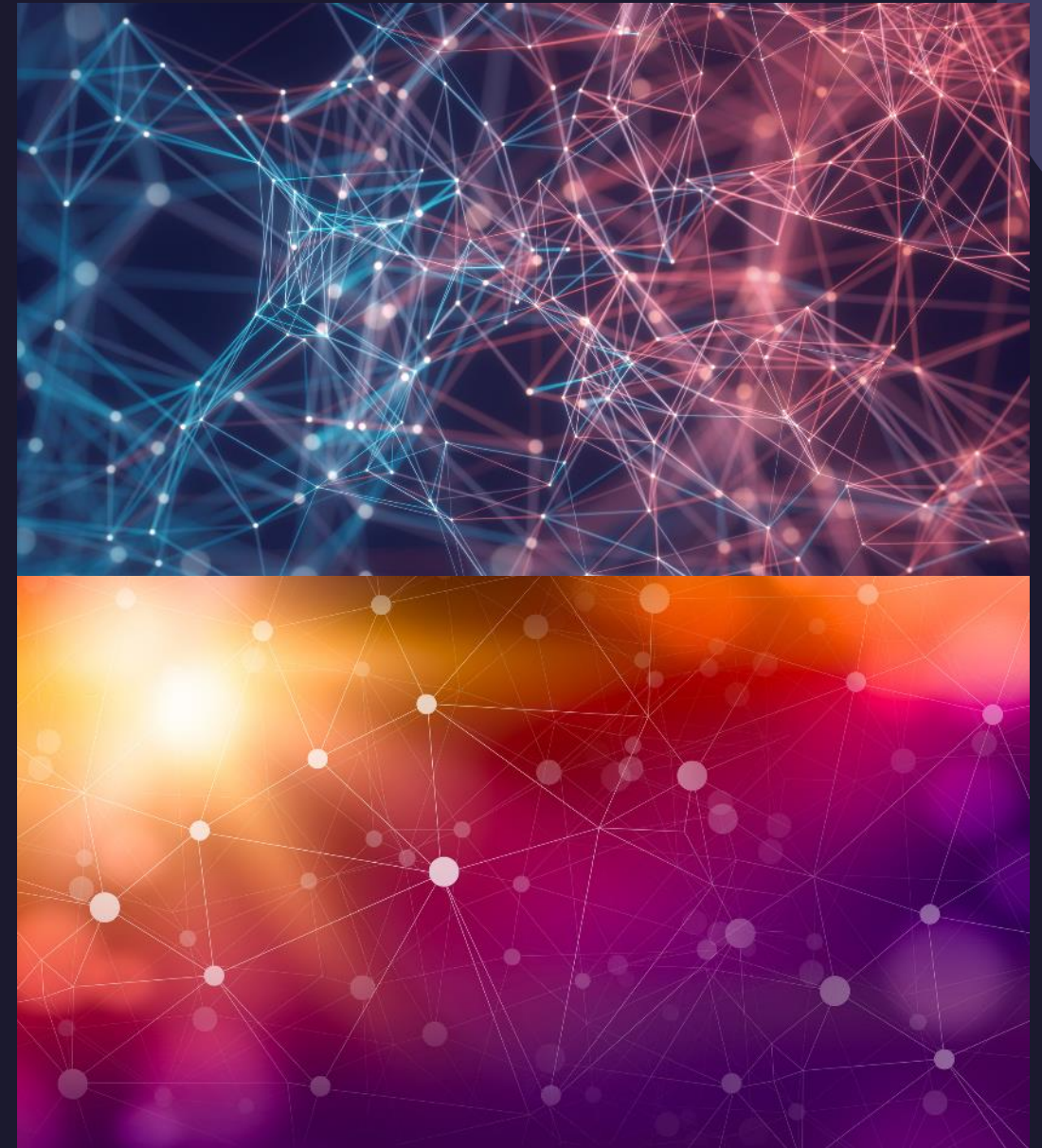
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- Clay Bergen: “I stand against a spirit of division / rebellion”
 - Abraham was willing to offer Isaac as a sacrifice

(Howard Hendricks: “That living sacrifice keeps crawling off the altar!”)

A few examples:

Romans 12:18 *“If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”*

Uniting on a prayer walk, taking authority over our property



Jehoshaphat led Judah to Victory



II Chron. 17-20 He submitted to God, then he didn't, but when he called on God, he answered

LOOKED UP

- Sought God,
- Fixed their eyes on God,
- They worshipped
- Led their army with praise
- They believed God

HUMBLLED THEMSELVES

- Gathered Judah in unity
- They fasted
- They admitted their own powerlessness,

TALKED TOGETHER

- J sought counsel
- They reminded God of his promises
- They reminded God of how He delivered them before

**... and God fought the battle for them: the enemies turned on each other!
God's people just had to stand. (Eph. 6)**



Summary

We are . . . Co-buried, co-raised, co-ascended, and co-seated with Christ:
A place of authority---IF we humble ourselves and submit to God.

Not as victims, but as OVERCOMERS, we worship a sovereign God
--in the good and bad.

And the enemy will wish he hadn't messed with us!

Thank You

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