

USE IT OR LOSE IT!

God has given us His authority to use, if we do not use it we lose what He has done for us.

Authority: exousia – the power of choice, delegated *influence*: - authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Luk 10:19 Behold, I give unto you **power** to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the **power** of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Power: the ability given to accomplish - Authority: the power to rule, control, and influence.

God knows what we need before we ask Him, but He wants us to “ASK” Him for what we have need of – but to do it His way -

Mat 7:7 **Ask**, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

1Jn 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we **ask** any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we **ask**, we know that we have the **petitions** that we desired of him.

Mat 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall **ask** in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Go to God and **ask** Him one time – then trust, believe, receive and *speak what you have*.

DO NOT CONTINUE GOING TO God AND OVER AND OVER TO ASK HIM FOR WHAT HE ALREADY GAVE. –

Mat 6:7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

Mat 6:8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

- Pray without ceasing, ongoing, everyday, all day - Prayer is a two way conversation with God.

Proper use of the authority of God –

God please heal me – Wrong

- God I thank you that I am healed, thank you for your love for me. I now speak to “cancer” and command it in Jesus name to leave my body and be dried up at the root and never return. I am healed.

Does God want us to pray and ask Him to do something of give us something that He has already done.

This is in reality – **unbelief and doubt**. (if we have something we do not need keep asking for it)

SPEAK TO THE PROBLEM WITH THE AUTHORITY OF GOD, NOT SPEAK TO God ABOUT THE PROBLEM.

ASKING God TO DO WHAT HE HAS ALREADY DONE BLOCKS THE RESULT –THE ANSWER!

- Jesus had just said His house was to be a house of “Prayer” – (Worship) unto God -
- They saw the fig tree which has dried up from the roots and mentioned it to Jesus.

Mar 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. (or have the God kind of Faith)

What is the God kind of faith? (one translation calls it the God-Life!!

Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Rom 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. (belief without physical evidence)

Rom 12:3 God gave each of us (a measure of His faith) to begin our life of faith.

Mar 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; **and shall not doubt in his heart**, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Mar 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, **believe that ye receive them**, and ye shall have *them*.

Jesus was saying use the God kind of faith that you have. USE IT or LOSE THE BLESSINGS.

TROUBLE IN PARADISE – God speaks to Moses -

Num 20:8 Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and **speak ye unto the rock before their eyes**; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

Num 20:10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?

Num 20:11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

Num 20:12 And the LORD spoke unto Moses and Aaron, Because **ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel**, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them. (at the root of all disobedience is unbelief)

Moses was angry with the people. He did not do what God said.

The principle is the same with us – God has already done “ALL” – we must speak what God has done, not come to Him with whining, begging, complaining for Him to do something – He told us to “SPEAK” to the mountain, just like He told Moses to “SPEAK” to the rock – Water represents life of God and the Word of God. It was enough for all

His disobedience kept him out of the “PROMISE LAND” – when we do not do what God says, we will not experience the “PROMISE LAND” either. (Our requests are blocked and the promises are delayed.)

Jesus spoke to the fig tree to die – why – it had not fruit. – it dried up from roots at the word he spoke. He was setting the example of how we should live and do with the authority He put in us.

BOTTOM LINE – DO WE BELIEVE God ENOUGH TO WALK IN THE AUTHORITY HE HAS GIVEN US -

If God did it, we SHOULD, MUST believe it –end of story –

When we believe& our minds are renewed with truth we will **pray rightly and speak to the mountains.**

FROM THE PRAYER Jesus TAUGHT THE DISCIPLES -

Mat 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

Mat 18:18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall **bind on earth** shall be **bound in heaven**: and whatsoever **ye shall loose** on earth **shall be loosed** in heaven.

What does this mean??

Mat 18:18 Truly I tell you, whatever you **forbid** and **declare to be improper** and **unlawful on earth** must be what is already forbidden in heaven, and **whatever you permit and declare proper and lawful** on earth must be what is already permitted in heaven.

OUR AUTHORITY – HOW WE USE IT -

SPEAK TO THE PROBLEM WITH THE AUTHORITY OF GOD, NOT SPEAK TO God ABOUT OUR PROBLEM.

Your mountain knows your voice –

We abuse the authority in us by not using it AND we mis-use it by using it wrongly.

Too many times we say what we have, instead of saying what God says we have.

We have to learn, study the word and know where we have authority to speak, pray, be quiet, etc.

All promises are yes, all things that we need for life and godliness is ours – God's authority is one of those things yet we live as though we have no say in anything – **WRONG -**

Simply stated we have not lived in the place God has set us – We need to step up and be who we are.

Read Isaiah 60:1,2