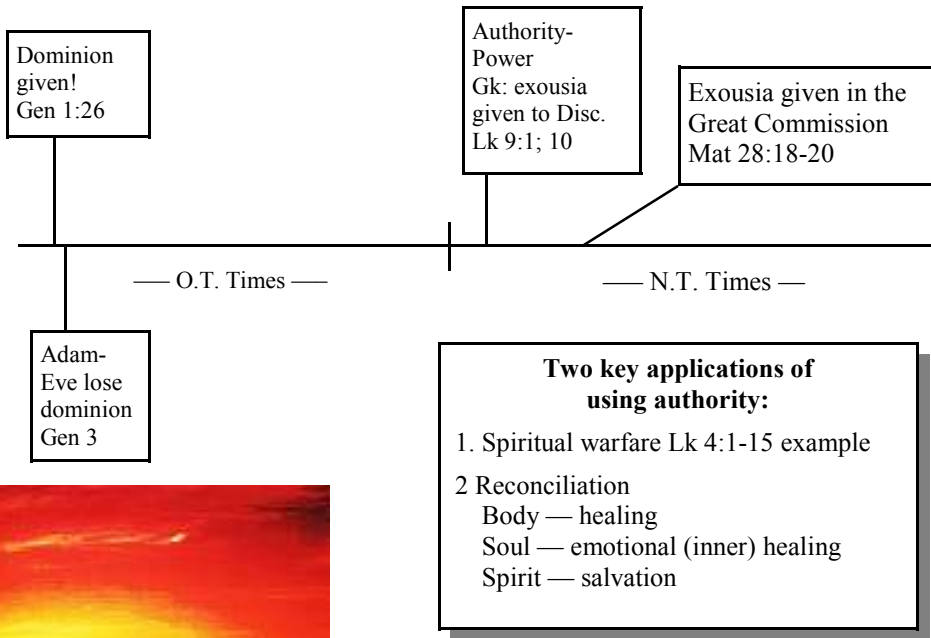


"Who Will You Serve?" Message Notes Luke 4:1-15

Introduction—Review—Chart



Who Will You Serve?

Luke 4:1-15

Who you serve will determine the kind of power and authority available to you! Serve anything or anyone other than God and you fall short of what you were created for.

A. Use it or Lose It: My Responsibility James 4:7; 8-11

1. Submit yourselves therefore to God.
I MUST do this first or resisting will be useless!
2. Resist the devil...
If I don't resist—he will NOT flee!
3. ...and he will flee from you.

James explains some of what is meant by 'submit to God' in verses 8-11. If I am NOT submitted to God in these areas—they become open doors for the attack of the enemy.

- **Jam 4:8** Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.
- Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and
- purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded.
- **Jam 4:9** Lament and mourn and weep!
- Let your laughter be turned to mourning and *your* joy to gloom.
- **Jam 4:10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.
- **Jam 4:11** Do not speak evil of one another, brethren.

NLT Jam 4:11 Don't speak evil against each other, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God's law. But your job is to obey the law, not to judge whether it applies to you.

1. Review last week...

NT Power and Authority

There are four Greek words in the New Testament that are translated either power, authority, strength or might. The two primary words are:

1. **Dunamis:** Most often translated 'power' and it means the ability to do something. Literally, the manifested power of doing something! *Acts 1:8*

Exousia: Translated as 'power' or 'authority' and means the legal right or privilege to do something. *Luke 10:19*

With authority comes responsibility...

When Jesus came He had authority over heaven and earth—Jesus gave us authority—His authority including over the demonic realm. ***Our authority is superior to what Adam had. We have authority over demonic powers.***

2. OT—NT revelation.

How come we have this knowledge in the NT but did not in the OT?

Would not have done OT saints much good—they did not have the authority to rebuke the enemy.

In OT by yielding their actions to God it empowered God to move in their lives and limited what Satan could do.

In NT we have an authority over the demonic powers.

B. How Jesus Resisted Satan *Luke 4:1-15*

Empowerment: Jesus was both the ‘Son of God’ and the ‘Son of Man.’ *Son of Man* generally refers to the Messiah’s humanity. He lived His humanity the same way we do; in the ‘empowerment of the Holy Spirit.’ *Luke 2:21-22; Luke 4:1; John 5:27; Phil 2:5-11*

- **Luk 2:21-22** And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. **Luk 2:22** Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present *Him* to the Lord
- **Luk 4:1** Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,
- **Joh 5:26-27** For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, **Joh 5:27** and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.

1. Satan’s power: Deception

- If you are... :3 ...*command!*
- If you will... :7 ...*all will be yours!*
...*I will (Satan) give you authority :6*
- If you are... :9 ...*throw Yourself!*

Each “**if**” statement is a temptation to use ‘power-authority’ for a selfish gain. *1 John 2:16* The enemy also uses ‘if’ statements with us to cause ‘doubt’ (*unbelief*) about who we are in Christ.

- **1Jo 2:15** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **1Jo 2:16** For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

2. Jesus power: The TRUTH (Word of God)

Note: Even Satan can use scripture—but he will always use it in a deceptive manner. *4:10-11*

Write your name in each blank below!

- It is written... :4 *See Deut 8:3*
Man (____) shall live by the Word of God!

Deu 8:3 So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every *word* that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.

- It is written... :8 *See Deut 6:13*
Man (____) shall worship and serve 'only' God!

Deu 6:13 You shall fear the LORD your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name.

- It has been said... :12 *See Deut 6:16; Ex 17:1-7*
Man (____) shall NOT test/tempt God.

Deu 6:16 "You shall not tempt the LORD your God as you tempted *Him* in Massah.

Exo 17:1 Then all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped in Rephidim; but *there was* no water for the people to drink. **Exo 17:2** Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink." So Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the LORD?" **Exo 17:3** And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, "Why *is* it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" **Exo 17:4** So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!" **Exo 17:5** And the LORD said to Moses, "Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go. **Exo 17:6** Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. **Exo 17:7** So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

17:1-7 At **Rephidim** the people **contended with Moses** because of a shortage of **water**. The Lord instructed Moses to proceed to the general area known as **Horeb** (meaning *the desolate place*) and to **strike the rock** with his **rod**. When he did, water flowed from the rock—a picture of the Holy Spirit, who was given on the day of Pentecost as the fruit of Christ's being struck on Calvary. **Massah** (*tempting or testing*) was where they tried or tested God. **Meribah** (*chiding or strife*) was where they strove with Moses.

Along with authority comes responsibility—what if we stop using it? We stop God from intervening through us.

What if Jesus had not used the authority of the WORD?

Mike shall live by the WORD of God.

Today Father I will read your Word, speak your Word and walk your Word.

Mike shall worship and serve ONLY God.

Today I will live by faith in the Son of God and will remember that I am on this earth to serve Him and do what I see Him doing.

Mike shall NOT tempt God.

Today Father rather than complaining—I'll praise Your NAME for all that you have provided.

C. Taking Responsibility *Rom 6:16 NLT*

Don't you realize that you become the slave (servant) of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin (serve sin), which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God (serve God), which leads to righteous living.

NKJ Rom 6:16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness?

Mat 6:24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Mat 7:18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit.

**Who or what you choose to obey
will determine what the rest of your day
and maybe the rest of your life will be like!**

Romans 6:16 It is a simple fact of life that when we submit ourselves to someone as our master we become that person's slave. Likewise, if we sell out to sin, we become **slaves** of sin, and eternal **death** lies waiting at the end of that road. If, on the other hand, we choose to obey God, the result is a holy life. Sin's slaves are bound by guilt, fear, and misery, but God's servants are free to do what the new nature loves. So why be a slave when you can be free?