

IS THIS THE ONE?

Lesson 8 – Outline

I. God is a Spirit, and He gave dominion over this earth to physical human beings (John 4:24 and Gen. 1:26-28).

A. In doing so, He limited His own dominion and authority.

B. If we don't cooperate with God, we can limit Him.

Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

Psalm 78:41

C. Even the Lord Jesus Christ had to have cooperation from people to release His power into their lives.

He could there do no mighty work...because of their unbelief.

Mark 6:5-6

D. God has the power, but He gave dominion over this earth to physical human beings.

E. Because of His own integrity, He will not overstep that authority and violate His own Word.

II. God is a God of Authority.

A. He set structure in place, and He's not going to circumvent it.

B. He would not intervene in the affairs of man until He became a man.

- C. Once He took upon Himself the form of flesh, then He had the authority to take it to the devil.
- III. The power and authority that Satan has used to rule this earth has been man's authority that God gave him.
 - A. Understanding that Satan can do nothing in your life without your consent and cooperation puts him down on a plane where he isn't a superior foe.
 - B. As a master deceiver, he's still a threat because he can lie to you.
 - C. You must know the truth and be on guard—but you can resist him.
- IV. Isaiah 14:15-17 prophesied how people would eventually respond to Satan:
Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?
 - A. Of course, all this has come to pass now that Jesus has literally destroyed the devil through His death, burial, and resurrection.
 - B. When we see Satan as he really is, we'll say, "Is this the one who intimidated me? Is this the one I allowed to ruin my life? Is this the one I let keep me in bondage—this nothing, this zero?"
 - C. The only power Satan has came from man.
 - D. Satan is a factor, but it's only because people yield to him.
 - E. If you know the truth, the truth will make you free (John 8:32).

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Lesson 8 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to James 4:7, who are we to resist?
2. If we submit to God and actively fight against the devil, what will he do?
3. Who does he flee from?
4. James 2:20 reveals that faith without works is _____.
5. What does John 4:24 say we are to do in spirit and in truth?
6. Genesis 1:26-28 tells us that God gave us dominion over every living thing where?
7. The Israelites turned back and tempted whom in Psalm 78:41?
8. Who did they limit?
9. What caused Jesus to marvel in Mark 6:5-6?
10. What does Isaiah 14:12-17 describe Lucifer as the son of?
11. According to John 8:32, what shall we know?
12. What shall the truth make us?

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Lesson 8 – Answer Key

1. The devil.
2. Flee from us.
3. You.
4. Dead.
5. Worship Him.
6. That moves on the earth.
7. God.
8. The Holy One of Israel.
9. The people's unbelief.
10. The morning.
11. The truth.
12. Free.