

TRANSFERRING AUTHORITY

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Well -- praise God! I want to talk to you about a subject tonight that will really bless you, especially the sense that I have received since I have come in here about the intercessory spirit and the prophetic spirit here. Really I am sensing in the Spirit that this is a battle-hardy group and I feel like He has shown me that you guys have been through some battles. I think you have put some dents in the enemy, that's what He's showing me. Not that you haven't had a few dents put in your armor, either. I'm seeing a little bit of that, but the thing is though, if you are in a battle and you get a dent in your armor, that just means it protected you! So that is good! But anyway, you put a few in him and I'm glad to hear about that.

I want to talk to you tonight about a subject that I call "Transferring Authority." I want to talk about spiritual authority and I believe that by going through some of this information it will help you to have strategy for the battle that you are in. Strategy for the spiritual warfare that you are waging. We can expend a lot of energy and feel good about that energy, but unless we have a strategy on where that energy is being extended, it may not be as effective as it could be.

I had a great example here a while back when we were as a group praying out in Drummons in the community center and one of our prophetic men had a vision. The Lord showed him something which he explained this way: He said if you have a safe, you can get into it if you have enough energy to expend, and I'm thinking dynamite! He said, "For instance, if you really wanted to get into that you could expend energy with a sledge hammer and you could get in there eventually." I'm thinking, "Ah, ha. Just use dynamite! That's lots more effective." He said, "But the Lord just showed me if we would use the key, we would expend a lot less energy." I'm thinking, "Oh, boy, am I glad I kept my mouth shut." But think of that. If we just had the key, a lot less energy has to be expended, right, because the key has authority behind it. Now we can get in there with the dynamite, we may ruin half of what it is we are trying to get after. We can get in there with a sledge hammer but it is going to weary us. And if we are not as strong as we think we are, we may never quite get in. We may just put a dent in the devil's safe, but we may never quite get in there. I think that has been happening too often in the Body of Christ. We have gone to battle, gone to war, the angels have gone before us, we get to the point where we are about to break through and we don't realize it because it happens in the spirit. We back off, so the angels back off. The devil gets his jackhammer out, or whatever he does to fix that safe, and he punches it back where it was. The next time the Lord inspires somebody, we come along and do the same thing. I think we have done that over and over again, generation after generation in some places. We can get in there with

the proper expenditure of energy if we will go to the Lord to get the key, and He has them.

In Matthew 28:18, after Jesus was raised from the dead, He came along and He said, "All authority has been given to me in Heaven and earth." Now this is real interesting. All authority had not been in one place since way back in Genesis when God gave authority on earth to Adam. So from that point in time who had authority on earth? Adam. Who still had it in Heaven? God. He had never given that away. But that meant whenever you wanted to do something down here on earth you had to coordinate between man and God. Sometimes man and God have a hard time coordinating, not because it is God's fault. But here we have Jesus raised from the dead and now He says, "All authority in Heaven and earth is being given to me." So now we have it all in one office again. So all we need to do is check in with the Boss. And it can be coordinated. He said, "Whatsoever things you bind on earth, will be bound in Heaven, whatsoever things you loose on earth, will be loosed in Heaven." It's in the same office now. All we have to do is enter His throne room to find out what needs to be done. It can be done so much more effectively and efficiently now.

Also, Jesus, by getting up from the dead, triumphed over all the principalities and powers. In Colossians 2:15 it says, "Having disarmed the principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it." Now if you understand the way it was in New Testament Bible times, and even before that in the Old Testament times, when one king conquered another king's army, then the king that was conquered would generally be brought into the victor's city in chains as a public spectacle unless they had a truce or something. If he actually conquered him, they would bring him in, in chains, many times under a heavy yoke, filthy, generally naked, beat up pretty bad, sometimes with a hook in his jaw, dragged behind a bunch of people, dragged behind a chariot, however it was, just to show everybody that he was totally conquered. Everything that had been his now belonged to the conquering king. He was brought in and paraded around. In Rome they would bring them into the Coliseum and parade him around and just show off how great the Caesar was or another king, whichever nation you might have been talking about.

This is what Jesus did to the devil. He conquered him, He spoiled him, and He made a show of him openly. And all of his princes, He made a show of them in the heavenly realms. Very clearly He showed that He had defeated the devil. Wow! Well also, in Hebrews 2:14 we see that through dying Jesus destroyed the one who had the power of death. It says, "In as much then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He himself, likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death." That is the devil. He had a plan. He was going to defeat the devil in the way the devil never thought He could by dying and getting up. That is exactly what He did! The devil was rejoicing when he killed Him. But he wasn't rejoicing three days later. He realized what the Bible says about him, that he is a fool.

In Proverbs there are two personalities shown: wisdom and the fool. Jesus is wisdom. The devil is the fool. The definition of a fool is someone who does not consider the end results of his actions. That is Satan. Let me tell you something about Satan, though. We battle against him, and I don't have to have a respect for him in the sense that I disdain him. But, I have respect for his power that he operates in because I have seen what it has done. Even though I call him a fool, and that's what I believe that is what he is, I respect

him. I don't come against him with an attitude because even if you take a fool and you teach him how to play chess and then you give him six thousand years to play and then you put him up against me, I'm going to lose because I haven't had that long to practice. That is the devil, he's not very bright because he went up against God Almighty. He used to be in Heaven and standing face-to-face with God Almighty and what happened? He got cast out because he forgot that there was God Almighty and that's not very bright. But, he has been playing this game a lot longer than I've been around so if I try to go up against him with my wisdom, my knowledge, my strength, do you know how long I'm going to last? Not very long at all. But, if I stand with the Lord Jesus Christ and in the power of His might, dressed with the armor of Light, I can never fail because "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." I need to learn that.

The devil has no keys anymore. Jesus has the keys. In Revelation 1:18 He said, "I am He who lives and was dead and behold I am alive for-evermore. Amen and I have the keys of Hades and death." Jesus has the keys. Remember what He said to Peter? He said, "I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of God." What does a key do? It opens the door. As we heard a minute ago, if we have a key we can open the door, we can get into whatever is in there. If we have the key to Heaven, we have the key to everything that is in Heaven. If we have the key to Hades and death, what do we have the door to? We can open the door to Hell and throw the devil back through it. If we have the key we can open the door, isn't that correct? If we want to close some of these door-ways that the devil has wouldn't it be wiser to use a key than to try to stick dynamite under the door? Or try to use that sledgehammer and have him sneak up behind you with a baseball bat? Why not just get the keys from Jesus and use those strategically then the authority that we are using channels the power from Heaven and we get the job done with a lot less expenditure of energy. By the time we are done with the first project we can go on with the next because we still have some energy left. Doesn't that make sense? Do you see why we need strategy in the Body of Christ? Because we have been working real hard and that's good. That shows our intentions, it shows our willingness, and it shows our commitment. It is time we grow up in all things unto Him who is the Head, even Christ Jesus and do it His way!

I want to go back in time to Genesis 2:7 to start. It says, "and the Lord God formed man out of the dust of the ground. Then He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living being." Okay, here he is, it is just a ball of dust. God puts him together, He forms it. Okay, the dust has already been created, here it is, dirt. Now He breathes into it the spirit of man and that man now becomes a living soul. A soul is made up of the body and the spirit that gives it life and then it becomes a living soul. In Genesis 3:14, after the Fall of man God is talking to the serpent and He says, "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle and more than every beast of the field. On your belly you shall go and you shall eat dust all the days of your life." Now, I don't know whether you have ever seen a snake go through the dust, but snakes don't eat dust, okay. Depending upon what kind of snake they are, they eat crickets, or they eat mice, or they eat rabbits, or whatever they may eat, but they don't eat dust. Here God says, "You're going to eat dust." Why does He say that? Because snakes go through the dust, but they don't open their mouth when they do that. So, if you are looking at that serpent and you are trying to figure out what God's talking about you need to think of "the" serpent and you need to understand what we are made out of, we are made out of the dust of the

ground, our bodies are. Our flesh is made out of the dust of the ground and what God is trying to show us here is, what does the devil feed on? He feeds on our flesh. Where does all sin originate? With the flesh. What did Paul say, "Who shall rid me of this dead body?", because that is where all of his frustrations came from. That's where all of your frustrations come from. That's where all of mine come from. What does the devil feed on? He feeds on our sins. He feeds on the things that come from our flesh which is made of the dust of the ground, that is what the serpent feeds on, the dust of the ground that we are made out of. Wow!

First Thessalonians 5:23 says, "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." So we know that we are made up of a spirit, a soul and a body. Now an angel is a spirit. You are not an angel. But angels are spirit beings. Now we are spirit beings but we are not spirits. We have a spirit. Now if you have a body, but you have no spirit in it then that person has died. There is no life in it. Is there any authority in that body? No authority in that body at all.

Angels are powerful. They have power, they have might. It says that they are sent to be servants to serve those, to be ministering spirits to those who are heirs of salvation, but do they have any authority to act without some empowerment from Heaven? They really need permission to do anything, because they may have power and might and one angel in a night can kill a hundred-thousand people if he is sent to do it, but he needs to be sent to do it. We are talking about spirit and it has no real authority of its own, either. The body has no authority, so where is the authority? The body is not the source of authority, and the spirit of man is not the source of authority, but it has been energized by the Holy Spirit when we are saved. The soul is the source of authority. It is the place where God put that dominion that He gave to Adam. The soul, when you become a living person that is where that authority lies on earth. The spirit gives empowerment to the soul, but the soul gives authorization to the spirit's power. Let me say that again. The spirit gives empowerment to the soul, but the soul gives authorization to the spirit's power. It's like the policeman, he's got some power, but not a lot compared to a Mack truck. Okay. But, when he puts his hand out and blows the whistle and says, "Stop!" That truck stops. The truck has more power than the policeman. What does the policeman have? Authority. In that, "Stop in the name of the law." He has power backing him up, all the power of the government, but he has no, or very limited, power of his own, but what he has is authority to call upon the name of the law. We are like the policeman. We have authority, but we don't have the power more than that Mack truck that wants to run us over, the kingdom of darkness has more power, but what we have that the devil doesn't have is authority to stop him. I like to say that he got a driver's permit from Adam when he caused him to sin and Adam transferred some authority to the devil, but Jesus defeated him, pulled him over, yanked him out of the car, I think he threw him under the wheel and drove him over. But anyway, it says, "He crushed his head and bruised His heel.." so it must have been like the Flintstones kind of car because it had to bruise Jesus' heel. But anyway whatever it was, I just got this mind-picture of this rattlesnake on the road, flat! I don't know whether that was God or me, anyway, oh, well. Jesus took him out. But what we've done over the years, the Bible says in John 10:10 that he is a thief and he has come to steal, kill and destroy. What he has done when our backs were turned was to climb back into the driver's seat and he has taken off with the car again. Why did he do that?

Well, he knows how to drive. He did it for four-thousand years before Jesus yanked him out, but he doesn't have a license to drive anymore. We have the right to pull him over and take him out, because he doesn't have a license. We have authority. We have the badge now. It says in the name of Jesus Christ, this child of God has authority over all principalities and powers. We can use that to pull him over and yank him out. Amen? Man is the only creature whose actions affect two realms: both the spiritual and the physical. He stands between the two realms. We are the bridge between the spirit and the physical. In Genesis 1:27, it says, "so God created man in His own image. In the image of God created He him. Male and female created He them." So what does that tell you? It says that when God created him, He was a Them. In God's eyes, they were one. Before the fall of man, Adam was two people. God created Adam in His own image. In the image of God created He him. He created them. Right? Amazing. Male and female he created them. Verse 28: "Then God blessed them and said to them: be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves on the earth." So, He made Adam, He says they are a "them." He says, "Have dominion, go subdue the earth and have fun."

Now, I would like to point something out here in this section. If you go back and read the beginning , "on the first day God created and it was very good... on the second day... and it was very good...God created ...on the third day...and on the fourth day...and on the fifth day...and on the sixth day...and God created all of these things each day and every day He said it was very good" Then when He was all done, He said, "He looked at what He had done...at the whole thing...and it was very good...and then He rested on the seventh day." So everything He did was good and when you put it all together in working order, and how it related, how it all worked together...and He said it was very good. So now you have these two people down here that He calls Adam, He says, "Go subdue the earth." Now, what does that mean to subdue? Subdue means to cast down, to put under , to push down. Now, if you have an earth that is very good, what do you think is there to subdue? I like the tee-shirt that says: "Earth First" on the front, on the back it says: "We'll log the other planets later." That is a way of subduing, but do you think that is what God was talking about? I don't really think so. He was telling them, I believe, to go out there and subdue something that He put down there, that He cast down there, that needed subduing. Man was put here for a reason. To fill the earth, to replenish the earth, and to go out and subdue the enemy of God. That's what sons do for their fathers. That's what Adam was to do. Whatever He guides, he provides, right? So when He gave them that job, He also gave them dominion, the authority, to carry out that job.

In Genesis 2:19, we have another sequence of events that happened on that same day. It says, "God brought the animals," God brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. Whatever Adam called every living creature, that was its name. Then it goes on down after he names the animals and says, "God said it was not good for him to be alone...He caused a great sleep to come on Adam and he slept and He took one of his ribs and he closed up the flesh in its place...and He made woman because He brought her from man...and Adam said this is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh and she shall be called woman because she came out of man." So what was her name? Eve? No is was "woman." She didn't get the name Eve until after the Fall. Eve means "mother of all living, or baby maker." But, she wasn't named that until after the Fall. Isn't that what

"mother of all living" means? But Adam said she is woman, she is bone of my bones, flesh of my flesh. This is part of me. That's my wife. That's the way God saw them, too. Isn't it. God said, "Adam is a them." See how different things were before the Fall. How differently man and woman saw each other.

There is an other interesting sequence of events that I want you to see between those two different records. Getting the sequences in different order or showing them in different emphases, but the same day. What you see, let me put you in order, God has man, He says okay I'm going to bring you animals and see what you name them. So, He bring the animals by and Adam names them. Then God says that it is not good for you to be alone, so He puts him asleep and takes from his rib, makes woman. Adam says, "Hey, this is alright. Think I'll name her woman. She is bone of my bones, flesh of my flesh." Then it says, "He told them to replenish the earth and subdue it." Then He gave them the authority and dominion to go do it. So, if you put the records from those two different chapters in order you see God had conversations with the man Adam before the woman was around. He [God] brought the animals to Adam before He gave them dominion, because the dominion was given after the woman was taken out of the side. You can see that in order now, so that dominion was given after there were two of them. Once God gave that dominion, did He have it? No, because He delegated that. Now God is still sovereign. It is still His, the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, but he gave it to Adam for a certain amount of time, for a job to be accomplished. Once He gave that He expected that job to be accomplished. He gave that, Adam had it, the two of them, and now they have to go do their job.

Interesting enough, when Noah built the ark after one-hundred-twenty years of working on his own then God said, "Okay, it is time, bring the animals in." And it says, "Noah was told to bring the animals in." Why is it in Genesis chapter one, God brings animals to Adam, but when you get to Noah in Chapter six, Noah has to bring the animals. Why is that? Because who has dominion? Noah does. He is the son of man. Now, if I was working on a project for God like that, I would use my authority and ask God if I couldn't borrow a few angels for a round-up. I don't know if that's what Noah did, but if I were him, I certainly would have tried it. But it does say that Noah brought the animals. Noah had the dominion. Noah had the authority to do that. God had the authority until He gave that authority. But, God still has the power, but man had the authority. Well, God said to man, "There are two trees in the Garden: The Knowledge of Good and Evil and the Tree of Life. If you eat of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, the day you eat thereof you will die." So what happened? They got to go eat, so the serpent comes in, he tricks them, they go over there, they eat. God comes along and says, "What are you guys doing hiding?" "Oh, well, we're naked." "Who told you that you were naked?" Well, then you know the whole story where Adam blames his wife and everything and God says, "You shouldn't have done that." Remember what His rule was? "On the day you eat thereof you shall surely die." But what happened? I mean they are there a hundred years later. They didn't die. What happened? Did God go back on His Word? No.

Well, there are a couple ways to look at this. One way I like to look at it is in First Peter where Peter says that a day with the Lord is like a thousand years and a thousand years is like a day. So if you understand the millennial week, in terms of each day of that millennial week being a thousand years, then the first day when Adam was created the clock started and then He had a thousand years of that particular day as far as God was

concerned and Adam did die during that day. Before a thousand years was up he died, during that millennial day. Many people believe that there are seven days in that millennial week. There were two thousand years from Adam to Abraham, we know that is true, and then you have two thousand years from Abraham to Christ, and we know that is true, then you have two thousand years from Christ until the beginning of the seventh day when the Lord comes to reign on earth and it is called the "day of rest." So we are coming pretty close to that ending of the sixth day and the beginning of the seventh, if you believe in that millennial week. We are coming up on the beginning of the day of rest when the Lord puts rest on the earth because He is in charge again, for a thousand years, it says. He throws the devil in the pit for a thousand years, but, anyway that is how that one goes. I like that anyway, because Adam did die in that day.

But there is another way to look at it, too, which is also accurate, they don't contradict. God is a just judge. He made the rule, but He also executes judgment. But, a judge has a right to interpret the law and to apply the law. If you get sent to a judge and you get found guilty of whatever it may be, and lets say it says you've got to serve ten years in prison. Now the judge can apply that to you. He can say, "Okay, I'm going to give you ten years with five years suspended." That means you've got five years, is what that means, is what you are actually going to pay. He can also say, "I'm going to give you no chance for parole, or he can say, I'm going to suspend it pending good behavior." So if you keep a clean nose for two years, lets say, there are lots of ways he can apply that to the situation and still be a just judge. He might say, "Alright, I'm going to give you nine-hundred hours of community service instead of three months in jail", or something like that, he could do it however he wanted to do it. He can bring in that justice in various ways, he can suspend it, he can put you on probation, but he can also give you substitutions.

In Genesis 3:30 it says, "and Adam called his wife's name Eve because she was the mother of all living. Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin and clothed them." Now where do you get tunics of skin in the garden? You don't go to the store and get them. You have to kill something. I don't know what they killed, I would bet it was a lamb of the first year, but I don't know that. But God had to kill something to make those tunics of skin. What happens when something dies? Blood is shed, and God said, "Alright, you guys have a death sentence, that means you die today, but, I'm going to substitute something else for you, beginning today." He killed those animals and substituted the death of those animals for their physical death on that day and every year they had to do that, to make substitution with a sacrifice, to make payment for that, right up until when? When Jesus came and made the perfect sacrifice, as the Lamb of the first year, crucified on Calvary. He paid it once and for all. He redeemed us back from the devil. Hey, isn't that great! I mean that is wonderful and Jesus did it for us!

Well the soul is the way we translate between one realm and another. When we receive a revelation, that is a transfer of knowledge from the spirit to the mind. Information is processed from the spirit to the soul through the mind. Our decisions determine our spiritual alignment and every decision we make affects one or both spiritual kingdoms. But the soul, being the connection, has the earth connection. It connects the spirit to the body. The body is made up of the dust of the ground. Our dominion is on earth, tied to the dust of the ground and if you'll see through that soul and through that body, we are sons of men. Through our spirit we are sons of God, once we are saved. But, if you will

look, for instance in Ezekiel, God spoke to them and He said, "Son of man, I want you to prophesy." The son of man had to intercede. Why did the son of man have to prophesy or intercede? Because he had an earth connection, he had authority on earth. He had a connection that could bridge the gap between the earth and the heavens and bring the power from heaven and release it on earth. So when Ezekiel interceded, God could take some action, because he was a son of man. How about Jesus? Jesus is the Son of God, but He is also the son of man. If He were not the son of man, He could not have paid the price for us. When He did miracles, primarily what you see is that He did them as the son of man. Because He was operating in that authority that He had on earth by having His connection with the Father through the Spirit that brought the power into this realm. But the authority was in that soul through the son of man for those great miracles to be done. Wow! Isn't that great?!

Our will has three parts: We have a spirit, we have a soul, and we have a body. Really, I've heard a lot of different stories, a lot of different arguments on where the will is and personally I think the will is in three parts just we have three parts. Your body has a will. As long as it is living it has a will. For instance, very few of you have been concerned about your breathing while you have been in here. Your body has a will to breathe. Now you can override that for a while, then there is a time when that bodily will overrides my soulish will. If I really have a strong soulish-will, I'll just pass out and my body will take over, God programmed my body that way. Now your soul has a will, too. You say, "Well, he has a mind of his own." That usually means he is getting in trouble. See your soul has a will to do what it wants to. Generally, it does whatever the flesh wants, whatever feels good do it. We as Christians, then, come into conflict with the will of our soul because we have a higher will that comes with the spirit. The process that the Bible calls the "salvation of your soul" is the process of transferring the Christ-in-you into the soul that is you. The Christ-in-you is perfect. When you were saved, you now have eternal life, that spirit is eternal. But your soul is just the same as it was a few minutes ago. It maybe happier, but just the same.

Now we have a process and we all know a process is not usually easy, many times there is a conflict, and we have a conflict then in these different realms: sometimes your body is conflicting with your soul, sometimes your soul is conflicting with your spirit, sometimes all three of them are arguing with each other. The goal is to have your spirit, the spirit of God, over all of them. That really is what it is to become a disciple, to be disciplined enough to allow the spirit to have its way in your life and not the will in your soul or in your body. Nevertheless, we do have those wills, they argue many times, but we make a decision eventually and what we decide determines our allegiance to one of the kingdoms, the kingdom of light or the kingdom of darkness.

When Adam and his wife sinned, they transferred the authority to the devil. Now they didn't transfer all of it, because if they did, what would have happened? I know the devil would have rolled over them with a rhinoceros and that would have been the end of the book and it would have been very short, one page is all we would have gotten in our Bible. So anyway, they transferred authority on earth to the devil but they didn't transfer all of it, I know they didn't because they still lived. He still had a job to do to try to kill them. He almost succeeded by the sixth chapter. God said, "I've had it. I'm going to drown them all." He did all except for eight people. But, even in spite of his attempts the devil couldn't do it because he never retained all. What he stole, he had and he has been

trying to steal more, and he has stolen more since. We have always retained some of it. It has been a battle ever since on who is getting what from whom. Basically, up until the time of Christ, we continued to lose and lose and lose. But, from the day that Jesus got up from the dead until now we have had the potential to take back everything. Jesus already took it back legally, now we are to take it back practically and go out into all the lands and preach the gospel to every creature. Whatever decisions we make, whatever will we allow to have dominance in our lives, shows who is going to be empowered in our lives. Where is the authority going to be transferred to and utilized in the life that we have and that we live. Man's repeated actions determine the spiritual atmosphere over his life, over his family, over his city, and over his nation. Our continual actions determine those things. Our lifestyle, our conversations, the choices we make and the words we speak, each transfer authority.

First Peter 2:5 says, "You also as living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is also contained in the Scripture: behold I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, that he who believes on Him will be no means be put to shame; therefore, to you who believe it is precious, but to those who are disobedient, the stone which the builders rejected as become the chief cornerstone. A stone of stumble and a rock of offense. They stumble being disobedient to the words which they were appointed. But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people that you may proclaim the praises of Him who is called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." We are a holy priesthood and we are a royal priesthood, this signifies our jobs, what we are called to be, and in Revelation 1:6 it says, "He has made us both kings and priests. To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever." Again in Revelation 5:10, "He has made us kings and priests to our God and we shall reign on the earth." We are both a holy priesthood and a royal priesthood. We are kings and priests. As kings we are to proclaim the virtues of Him who brought us from darkness to light. Kings make proclamations. Kings stand up and say, "Everyone's going to be saved in my town." Why? Because they have the right to proclaim. When Nebecanezzar said, "Everyone's going to bow down." Everyone hadn't bowed down. Do you think Neb was worried about it? He wasn't worried about it. He knew it was going to happen. Look how upset he got when it didn't happen. Right? Because he was king, he could proclaim it.

As priests we are called to offer an acceptable spiritual sacrifice. The best way for evil to prevail is for a good man to do nothing. It is time for us to mobilize, to be energized and then to go out after the devil and call down the power of God. If we won't do it, there is no one else who can. Not that there is no one else that will, we are the only ones that can, people who have the Spirit of God. We are the kings and the priests. Now how have the principalities and powers come into the position that they are in now, with their authority again? It is because man has voluntarily, or involuntarily given them power over their actions. I'm going to give some examples of how these transferences of authority occur. There are twelve different levels in spiritual warfare context of how authority is transferred. I first learned this by adding a few and changing a few, but when I received this, it was from a pastor in El Caberous who is the pastor of El Shadi Church in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

#1 - through karma or shock, this is generally an involuntarily transference, in other words sometimes physical trauma causes not good things to happen. Shock many times

causes transference of power. If you would get hit in a car accident, you have seen it where you have actually intercede for someone because the spirit of infirmity enters their body, it may have entered a part of their body, it might have entered their brain, their mind, there are different things that have happened, but if you have mastered it spiritually, there have been spirits that have had to be cast off just due to an accident or a trauma of some sort. This can happen. That person didn't go to a seance and ask that demon into their arm or their leg or what not. It happened through that shock or that trauma. It doesn't always, but that is one way it can happen.

#2 - "I have fears or anger." There is good fear and bad fear. There is good anger and bad anger. But they both transfer authority. Fear of the enemy puts you in a position where he can devour. The devil is like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. The story is that a lion roars before he pounces. The lion roars to frighten, to jump, but he can't bite you when he is roaring because his mouth is open, he can scare you. Anger. You burning with anger gives authority to the devil, it doesn't help you a bit. But, there is a good anger. There also is a good fear, the fear of the Lord. Proverbs 9:10 says, "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Ephesians 4:26 says, "be angry but do not sin. Do not let the sun go down upon your wrath." In intercession, there are times when you just get angry at the devil and you can turn that energy and God empowers things and you can break into new places with Him because you took that anger and turned it in a godly way, instead of taking it out over here in a fleshly way which only empowers the devil. So to be angry, but not sin actually transfers authority to the kingdom of heaven on earth.

#3 - our alignment or our loyalty to one realm or the other. To whom we give our loyalty determines whom we give the power of our souls. Isaiah 53:6 says, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own ways and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Not only did Adam sin, but we all have. The Bible says that anyone who says they haven't is a liar. Even now, when we have the Holy Spirit, do we still sin? I do. I don't try to, but sometimes I do. Why is that? Because I'm dressed in this earth-suit, this body, it's a constant battle, every day I'm getting better. I don't sin as often, but there is hope. God has found perfection in His Son and through His Son we still have access to our Holy Father. But, we need to be blameless, we need to stop messing up so often, and what we do need to do is we need to ask for forgiveness quickly. Identify our sin quickly after we do it and getting washed in the Blood quickly stops the devil from having time to do anything with that authority, taking it back. If we do that consistently, and we help one another to do that, we are making great headway against the kingdom of darkness. Praise God for what we have available through us in Jesus' name. We've all sinned, but Jesus has taken all of our iniquity and through Him we can continue to walk blameless in His sight.

#4 - Praise, You can voluntarily praise the Lord but you can also get caught up in things which transfer sins. Acts 19:29 says, "So the whole city was filled with confusion and rushed to the theater with one accord, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians, Paul's travel companions. What happened? Paul and Silas and those guys were having a great impact in the city of Ephesus, but the silversmith, Demetrius, especially was losing business. He didn't like it so he got everybody worked up, grabbed these guys, drug them in there, got everybody in there and then in verse 32 it says: "and some therefore cried one things and some another, for the assembly was confused, and most of them did not

know why they had come together." but, here is what they did, "But when they found out that he was a Jew, all with one voice cried out for about two hours, 'Great is Diana of the Ephesians!'" What is that if it isn't praise? And yet, most of those people didn't even know why they were there and yet they got caught up in that praise, and that transferred authority to that principality known as Diana of the Ephesians.

#5 - Worship - That is a product of our will, it transfers authority. Acts 7:42 says, "Then God turned and gave them up to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the Prophets: 'Did you offer Me slaughtered animals and sacrifices during forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? Yes, you took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, images which you made to worship; and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.'" God gave them up because they were worshipping the hosts of heaven. They were aligning themselves and giving their authority to the hosts of heaven. In Psalms 5:7, it says, "But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy in fear of You and I will worship toward Your holy temple." Our attitudes, our choice to worship the One True God, allows us to have that authority in the name of Jesus Christ operating on this earth. Spiritual homage is how we give power as a place of enthronement.

#6 - Sorcery and witchcraft; or empowerment of the Lord. They give power to an entity, many times they will build a monument, a memorial, could be an altar, idolatry using idols. This can even be done on a community basis, but you also see it throughout the Bible whenever God acted, the men of God would either put in an altar there or they would put a memorial or stone of remembrance, something to put a memorial to God that they could remember. That showed the empowerment of God and brought those things to remembrance as opposed to sorcery which has things that bring power from the dark side.

#7 - Jubilees, processions, pilgrimages, dedications, marches and parades, these things bring transferences of authority. In an area or city, etc., they may be dedicated to a power, to a saint, to a being or to God. They may be dedicated to something that is godly, like love or grace or truth. Then these covenants may be reestablished as time goes by. As the Body of Christ we are the only ones on the earth with the authority to break unholy covenants. We do it in the name of Jesus and by His Blood.

#8 - Feasts and Festivals or Solemn Assemblies. God originated this idea; the devil has corrupted it. A good example of this is in the Book of Esther. If you know the story of the Book of Esther, the whole Jewish culture was on the verge of being wiped out, due to the evil working of Mordecai, the enemy of the Jews. But, God changed it at the last minute and Mordecai and all the Jews became victorious through Esther and Haman was hanged on the gallows that he had built for Mordecai. Because of that Mordecai said, "We need to have a feast." They instituted the Feast of Purim which they have kept every year to remember God's deliverance. There are some interesting things about the Feast of Purim. For one thing the Book of Esther almost didn't make it in the Bible because in the whole Book of Esther God is not mentioned once. God is mentioned in every book in the Bible, but the Book Esther. The interesting thing about God is that He said back in Deuteronomy 4 to the Children of Israel, "If you guys turn against me then I will hide my face from you and I will not allow my name to be spoken among you, but I will still be with you even when you go into captivity." For years, the Book of Esther written about their time of captivity and you don't see God's name in there at all. But, interestingly

enough in the Hebrew, acrostically Jehovah is in there four times and it says, "I Am that I Am," one time. Acrostically is where you just look at the first letter of the word in a particular sentence. So the name Jehovah is hidden in the Book of Esther four times and the name "I Am that I Am," one time. For God hid His face from His enemies, but those that were His people could still find Him even in the midst of their captivity. Every year when the Jews celebrate the Feast of Purim in their Synagogue, they read the whole Book of Esther. Every time the name of Haman is spoken, they say, "Cursed be the name of Haman. May he rot." At the end when they are all done, they say, "Blessed be the name of Mordecai." Then they stomp the ground every time Haman's name is mentioned. Isn't that interesting? In the Book of Esther the king is mentioned 192 times in only 167 verses. He is mentioned by name 29 times and the kingdom is mentioned 26 times and yet God's name is not there at all, unless you understand the Hebrew language, it's that hidden. Isn't that amazing? But, it shows you when you go into captivity who has preeminence in people's lives. We don't want to see that. We want to pray that doesn't happen. We want to have a festival of not having gone into captivity, praise God!

#9 - Forums. They can be forums for cities that decide our destiny beyond the year 2000. One of the definitions of a forum is a public meeting or a presentation involving a discussion usually among experts and are often including an audience participation. Now in Missoula, we have forums fairly often which aren't really godly, but you can find them. We have gay-right forums, we have lesbian forums, we have witchcraft forums, we have a lot of these things that people overlook, but it's not hard to find them especially if you are down near the University and you want to read their advertisements. They are very well attended. These forums transfer authority to the kingdom of darkness. However, we also have forums, like the School of Prayer, we came together as intercessors and we decided some things for our city which brought authority, energized authority.

#10 - Covenants. God honors covenants. In Joshua 9:6 is the story of the man of Gibeon. They went to Joshua and said to him, "We have come from a far country; now therefore, make a covenant with us." But they lied, because they didn't come from a far country, that is where they lived, but they had heard about how tough the Jews were and how they had been whipping up on everybody and they didn't want to get whipped up on and they said, "hey, we are from a far-off country, would you make a covenant with us?" And it says, "but Joshua didn't enquire of the Lord." He just said, "Okay." He believed them. Verse 19 says, "Then all the rulers said to all the congregation, 'We have sworn to them by the Lord God of Israel; now therefore, we may not touch them.'" You see they quickly found out that they had lied to them. They dressed up, they wanted to look really poor, they said they were wood-cutters, they said they were from a far-off country, would you please make a covenant. Then, after he made the covenant they went back and put on their three-piece suits and they were looking pretty nice the next day. Then they found out, you guys live here? Yup. Joshua said, "What have you done? You lied to me." They said, "Yeah, well, but we've already made a covenant." So the people were really upset with the leadership. The leaders said, "You can be upset if you want, but we have already made the covenant." But, Joshua did tell them, "Because of what you have said, you guys have to be woodcutters from now on." So they were woodcutters. That's what they had to do for a living. But anyway, they didn't get killed. So what happened? In later years in Second Samuel 21, "Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year

after year; and David inquired of the Lord. And the Lord answered, 'It is because of Saul and his bloodthirsty house, because he killed the Gibeonites.' So the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them. Now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; the children of Israel had sworn protection to them, but Saul had sought to kill them in his zeal for the children of Israel and Judah. [This was Saul's version of ethnic cleansing.] Therefore, David said to the Gibeonites, 'What shall I do for you? And with what shall I make atonement, that you may bless the inheritance of the Lord?' That's serious business, God holds us to our word and He takes covenants serious, even when we didn't ask Him if we should make them. What do you think He thinks about all the treaties that we have broken with the Indians? He's not really happy about those. Covenants are made to be kept, made to be kept with God and if you represent God they are made to be kept, also. In this case, there was a famine on the land because of what Saul did, Saul wasn't even alive anymore. Who had to deal with it? David. I'll tell you what, there are curses on our land because of covenants which have been broken. Who is going to have to deal with it? The Saul's that made those mistakes and broke those covenants are long gone. Who has to deal with these things? We do. We are the only ones that can take action and break the unholy covenants and make atonement for the broken ones. We are also the only ones that can make holy ones that can start anew.

#11 - Sacrifices, especially blood sacrifice. Jesus is our Sacrifice, but there are others. Revelations 6:9, says, "When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, 'How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?' And a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed." When a saint of God dies for the gospel, God doesn't forget. I know that when Stephen was stoned and he said, "Forgive them," he saw the Son of God standing on the right hand of God. Now my Bible says that the Lord went up there and sat down at the right hand of God, so He didn't stand up unless He is mad. But He stood up for Stephen and He was ready to go to war, and Stephen says, "Forgive them." It is a good thing he did because there was a young man there that it says was holding the coats of those that stoned Stephen. His name was Saul, later Paul. If Stephen hadn't prayed that we would never heard about the Apostle Paul. God is saving that authority up to be used when He is ready. I don't understand it, but when He pours it out, it is going to make a dent in the devil's kingdom. I don't even know if the devil can calculate what he is up against. But, I know this is something that God has told those martyrs in heaven, He said, "Wait a little longer", then I'm going to take action on your behalf. For all this authority I have stored up on earth is going to come into use at one point.

One time I was preaching on Samson, the place when Samson was there between those two pillars and it says that when he pushed those pillars and that whole building came down, those Philistines that Samson killed in his death were more than he killed in his life. On the last seconds of his life he killed more of the enemy than he had on his long and fruitful service to the Lord. He killed quite a few earlier. Then the Lord spoke to me, "That is a type of what I am going to do, because I will bring more people into the Kingdom of God in the last seconds before I come than have been brought in since the

Day of Pentecost." Wow! A couple years ago after we were in North India and established a church in New Delhi, we were down in South India and did some work. We had one night off and we went down to the beach overlooking the Arabian Sea. There were four of us guys standing on the sand, praying, it was really dark, you could see the little fishing boats out there with their little lamps or candles in the front of those boats. It was wonderful. The Lord granted us a prophecy. One of the Words that He spoke was really an encouragement and reward to us for what we had accomplished. It was to encourage us, because we were kind of beat, we had worked hard. What He said was: "Even now I am raising up men and women, calling them out around the globe, men and women that the devil never thought that I would be able to use. And I am equipping them now so they may torment him now to give him a taste of what he is going to experience throughout all eternity." Oh, to be one of those who is tormenting the devil. How do you torment the devil? It says in 2 Corinthians 10:6, "...we can punish all disobedience when our obedience is fulfilled." So we have to fight with weapons of warfare that are spiritual warfare. We can torment him now. We don't have to wait until we hear him crackling in the Lake of Fire. We can get good on it now, as a matter of fact if we get at it now we'll probably get to have a poker then! Because we will have earned it. I want one of those. Praise God!

#12 - High Places - The gates of Hell will not prevail against the Church. High places, these are gateways. Some believe that the gates to Heaven as in Bethel, where Jacob was and he saw the ladder from the angels coming up and down, Bethel was a place where Abraham heard from God, where Jacob heard from God. It was a place where they built the memorial where they had an altar, it is where Jacob laid his head on a stone and had that vision of the angels. Babel was also created, it was supposed to be a gate to heaven through the works of man, trying to get up to heaven. He warns us basically the two types of religions: the religion of the works of man and the religion that has faith in God and trusts that He can do it, but both of them have gateways to the spiritual realm. Some high places are literally high in elevation. Other times they simply are gateways. In Isaiah 59:14, it says, "Justice is turned back and righteousness stands a far off for truth is fallen in the street and equity cannot answer." When you have an unholy gateway, a high place, equity, Godliness cannot enter because in a sense the door is shut to the things of God. God, throughout the Old Testament, when the Children of Israel would go off and sin and then would raise up a righteous king and the righteous king would tear down all the altars, then God would say, "But they took not down the high places." See they took down the worship, but they left the places of worship. But there was old Hezekiah. It says that he took down the high places. It says that there was no other king like him. We need to take down the high places. We need to find them and we need to tear them down. They're not always as obvious now days as they were back then, when they'd have an Ashoreth pole and an altar to Molech on top of a mountain. But there are high places in our communities. There are entryways to darkness. We need to take those things and tear them down without mercy. Not too long ago we were out there in Drummens, we sent a team over there, I say "we" teaming our group, because I wasn't able to go, we sent a team out there to pray with these guys from Drummen and many of them went up there on this rock, an outcropping above the city, and they found out that years ago, nobody knows who did it, but that this place had been named the devil's staircase. Well what do you think comes up and down a staircase that is called the devil's staircase? Angels? No.

Devils go up and down the devil's staircase. A couple of days later when I was talking to John and he was telling me the story, I felt we needed to rename the rock Jacob's ladder. He said, "Didn't anyone tell you?" I said, "Tell me what?" He said, "We already renamed it Jacob's ladder." I said, "I guess that settles that! God confirms His Word!" That gateway just happened to be almost exactly between Missoula and Helena and in a great place to have a staircase for the devil to come up and head to two of the most important cities and have it hidden way out there in that little community, but we took dominion over it, tore down that high place. Now we need to keep God's gateway there and keep using His key to where that is like Bethel where the things of God can be poured out. Now some people might think this is a bunch of hooky poop, but that's fine, they don't have to go do these things. But, some of us believe that you can do these things. What is there about holding your hands up in the air that makes an army win? God. He does things when we do things! There is nothing about Moses' hands going up in the air that you can tie in with those guys winning, but they knew when he put his hands down. You know there is no way, there is not a single prayer that has ever been that can be documented as having been answered, scientifically. Because you can't tie the two together scientifically. How do we know our prayer was answered? Because we prayed it and we have faith, and we saw it answered, so through faith we just know it was answered. But, scientifically there is no way you can prove that a prayer was answered. There is no way scientifically you can prove that Moses' hands in the air caused them to win the battle in the valley, but that's what caused it, that intercession empowered God to take some action. We did these things and they're coordinated with the Spirit and we can run around and do a lot of things in our flesh and God may say, "That's nice." But, that's like taking the sledgehammer to the safe. If we, on the other hand, let God show us the key, then when we do these things, something happens in the Spirit. So when they went up there and named that "Jacob's Ladder" that was great, because they felt that the Lord had spoken it to them. Then a few days later when I said the same thing, what did that do? It confirmed it. We have faith that really is God behind us, we don't see what's happening in the heavenlies, but we believe it is happening in the heavenlies, because His Word has been spoken and confirmed. So now we have faith and we hold fast and we tear down the high places and we have the gateways of Heaven where the gates of hell shall not prevail against us. We have the keys to the Kingdom and we want to open the doors to the Kingdom of God.

The greatest way to transfer authority is to make a covenant, seal it with a blood sacrifice, in a high place. Jesus made the new covenant, sealed it with His own Blood on Calvary. If we want to destroy the power of the enemy over a city or over an area, we must find it and break it. Jesus said, "We have to bind the strongman in order to spoil his goods." We need to go to the source and destroy the source of the power. We need to do it as John the Baptist said, "take the axe to the root." What we haven't been doing is going to the root. John Wesley has said, "For every ten men that are flailing at the branches of iniquity, there is one that has found the root." We've been expending energy, that's good, that makes us tougher. But it doesn't necessarily take down the tree of unrighteousness. By using the wisdom that God has given us, by taking strategy, putting strategy into place, we can dethrone the enemy, whom Jesus has already spoiled. We practically will carry out what He has already legally accomplished. That's our job and I say, "We can do it." And I can also say this: "We WILL DO IT!" If we don't do it in my generation, we're

going to do it in the next generation, but I think it is going to happen before too long because the Lord wants it done. I think it is time for His prayers, the ones that He prayed back in John 17, to be answered, that the world would know that He was sent here by the Father because of all unity, because of all love one towards another, that the world would know that we are disciples because of our love one towards another, that the devil would figure out that he never should have crucified the Lord of Glory, because of what we empower in this realm, because the angels that we allow to move out through the decisions that we make and the obedience that we have to the Father. This is our job and we are fully able to attain what He would have us to attain in this time, in this day, in this hour. Amen.