



S P A C E F O R G O D

True Authority



"Authority exercised with humility,
and obedience accepted with delight
are the very lines along which our spirits live."

—C.S. Lewis



PREPARATION

- IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT •

Now Christ has gone to heaven. He is seated in the place of honor next to God, and all the angels and authorities and powers accept his authority.

1 Peter 3:22



WORSHIP

As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him.

His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed.

Daniel 7:13-14



CONFESSION

But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic.

For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.

James 3:14-16



MEDITATION

Mark 1 : 21 - 28 *

Read. *Slowly, Several Times.*

Reflect. *What Does The Text Say?*

Respond. *How Do I Relate To It?*

Receive *God's Healing And Renewal.*

Jesus and his companions went to the town of Capernaum. When the Sabbath day came, he went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike the teachers of religious law.

Suddenly, a man in the synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit began shouting, "Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

Jesus cut him short. "Be quiet! Come out of the man," he ordered. At that, the evil spirit screamed, threw the man into a convulsion, and then came out of him.

Amazement gripped the audience, and they began to discuss what had happened. "What sort of new teaching is this?" they asked excitedly. "It has such authority! Even evil spirits obey his orders!" The news about Jesus spread quickly throughout the entire region of Galilee.



ANCHORING PRAYER

You are my ultimate authority in all matters.



EXAMEN OF THE HEART

When did I sense, accept, or exercise spiritual authority recently?

When did God's will appear to interfere in my affairs?



WISDOM

For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:12

Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons.

1 Timothy 5:1



TESTIMONY

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TODAY?



INTERCESSION

FOR THE CHURCH—FOR OTHERS—FOR ME.



BENEDICTION

Now all glory to God, who is able to keep us from falling away and will bring us with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault.

All glory to him who alone is God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time!

Amen.

Jude 1:24-25 (adapted)

SPACE FOR GOD *DAILY*

Be still and quiet before God.

Seek the filling and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Speak, act, and serve from a listening heart.

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