

Defeating Jezebel

Week 10 – Authority Over the Nations

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches (Revelation 2:7)

I have opened up every lesson with the scripture mentioned above. Have you taken some thought to it? Jesus is communicating to us here very clearly, undoubtedly and very distinctly, and is encouraging us, urging us, warning us....to listen. Not with our natural ears, but our spiritual ears to what it is He is saying. Jesus said in *Mark 4:23*, “*If any man has ears to hear, let him be listening and let him perceive (discern, grasp) and comprehend (mentally understand)*”. We are wise to listen closely and with understanding.

So open up those ears ladies!

My son loves super heroes. He thinks they are the coolest things in the world. He came to me one day and asked me to pray and ask Jesus to give him power. It was an opportunity to explain to him as simple as I could that Jesus does give us super natural power, and then an opportunity to pray over him in faith believing that this little 4 year old would receive the power of the Holy Spirit at this very young age and also that he would understand it!

When you first asked Jesus Christ into your heart, and repented of your sins, you received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. And in His Name and by the power of the Holy Spirit you have been given authority, which means the power or right, **spiritually, mentally and in ability over any and all power** that the enemy might possess over you and through you! Again, Satan and his workers of evil may be super human, but they are not all powerful. If you have not asked Jesus Christ into your heart, you can do so now. “If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus Christ and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9). It is as simple as that! You only need to believe in your heart and confess with your mouth!

Luke 10:19 says, “Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and [physical and mental strength and ability] over all the power that the enemy [possesses]; and nothing shall in any way harm you” (Amplified).

After Jesus commended the church of Thyatira for their love for God, their service to others, their faith in Christ, and their patience in the midst of difficulties, He then addressed that they were spiritually housing the spirit of Jezebel who seduced His church, and led them in idolatry and sexual immorality (Revelation 2:18-20).

Jesus warned the church that unless they repent of these things, Jezebel and her followers would be judged. And He said to those who are disciples of Christ, to remain faithful,

*“And he who overcomes (is victorious) and who obeys My commands to the [very] end [doing the works that please Me], I will give him **authority and power** over the nations; And he shall rule them with a scepter (rod) of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, and [his power over them shall be] like that which I Myself have received from My Father; And I will give him the Morning Star” Revelation 2:26-28 (Amplified).*

Jesus encourages us, and expects us to stand against the spirit of Jezebel and what she has to offer. When we follow what Jesus teaches in His Word, there are benefits, not only for this present life but also for our eternal life which is to come (authority over the nations)! *James 1:17 says, “Blessed is the man*

who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him”.

Jennifer LeClaire says that, “I learned that you can submit to only one spirit at a time. In other words, you cannot submit to both the Holy Spirit and the Jezebel spirit at the same time. You have to choose”.

I truly believe, and I speak from my own personal experience that part of the enemy’s strategy is to keep people unaware of the power that they possess over him and all the spirits of darkness. Jesus Christ paid a high price on the cross for us to be passive in our spiritual authority.

Reflect – Life can be overwhelming at times. It can feel as though you are one cup of spilled milk, one more visit to the doctor, one more argument with your spouse, one more withdrawal from your bank account for an unexpected expense, one more disappointment away from a complete nervous breakdown!

You have power and authority Beloved! Power over rejection! Power over depression! Power over suicidal thoughts! Power over sickness and disease! Power over idolatry! Power over sexual immorality! Power over anxiety! Power over addictions!

Fill this in “I have power and authority over _____!”

And not only does Jesus place this authority in our hands, He gives us the mental and physical ability to overcome the demons in our lives, and to also overcome our flesh! Jesus has given us all the tools necessary to overcome, to be faithful to His teachings, and the ability to stand in and for truth.

Confess – Jesus guarantees us that “if we endure we will reign with Him” (2 Timothy 2:12). This is what Jesus was telling the church at Thyatira. If you are faithful to walk with Jesus no matter what the cost will be for you, He will reward you! Fight the good and faithful fight Beloved! Be blessed!