

## **Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying**

### **Message 6 : Christ as the One Who Has All Authority in Heaven and on Earth**

#### I. Overview:

We must recognize that God is the supreme authority; He has all authority. God's authority represents God Himself; God's power represents only God's works. God's authority is actually God Himself; authority issues out from God's own being. In our relationship with God, nothing is more important than touching authority. God requires that we submit not only to Him but to all the delegated authorities. Those who do not submit to God's indirect authority cannot submit to God's direct authority. The center of dispute in the universe relates to who has authority. We must contend with Satan by asserting that authority is with God. A person who represents God with authority must submit to authority, must be one who denies the self, must be one with the Lord and live in constant and intimate fellowship with the Lord. The most important prayer and the most spiritual prayer is the prayer of authority. The prayer of authority is a command based on authority; the prayer of authority is a commanding prayer. The prayer of authority has two aspects—binding and loosing. If we would pray the prayer of authority, we must first submit to God's authority ourselves; unless we submit to God's authority with respect to His position and submit to His authority in our daily living and in all practical matters, we cannot pray with authority.

#### II. Truth and Enlightenment:

##### Day 1 —

##### A. Explain that all authority is from God.

God is above all authorities, and every authority is under Him. Once we touch God's authority, we touch God Himself. Basically, God's work is not carried out by power, but by authority. He upholds everything by the word, which is of His authority. Creation came about through the word of His authority. His word is His authority. He knew that all authority was in the Lord's hand.

##### B. Expound that being involved in the Lord's work, the first thing we touch is the matter of authority.

We must be touched and smitten at least once by authority. Only then can we work the work of God. In our relationship with God, nothing is more important than touching authority. Once we touch it, we will see it wherever we turn. Only then can we be restricted by God, and only then can we begin to be used by God.

##### Day 2 —

##### A. Expound that by submitting to the authorities, the members may receive spiritual supply.

We need to receive the function of the other members. When we submit to the authority of the seeing function, we will have no barrier with the Head, because the supply is in the authority. Whoever has the gift has that ministry; and whoever has the ministry has the authority. God's appointed ministry is His authority. No one should reject it.

##### B. Explain how to reach the Body of Christ becoming one.

In order to have the oneness of the Body, there must first be the life of the Head and then the authority of the Head. Without the life of the Head, there is no Body. Likewise, without the authority of the Head, there is no oneness of the Body. We must allow the life of the Head to rule so that the Body can become one. requires that we submit not only to Him, but also to all His deputy authorities.

##### Day 3 —

##### A. Expound how God doing to the universe being affected by the fall of the angels and man.

How much the universe was affected and how big a problem this made for God? God desired that His creatures would accept His authority; however, both kinds of creatures rejected His authority. Nevertheless, God did not call back His authority. On the one hand, God maintains His system of authority, and on the other hand, He establishes His kingdom. The church today must also allow God's authority to have a free way and manifest His kingdom through submission.

##### B. State that the center of disputing in the whole universe relates to who has the authority.

We have to contend with Satan by asserting that authority is with God. We have to set ourselves to submit to God's authority and to uphold God's authority. Before Paul realized authority, he wanted to eradicate the

church from the earth. But after he met the Lord on the way to Damascus, he realized that it was difficult to kick against the goads with his feet. He immediately fell down, acknowledged Jesus as Lord, and submitted to the instruction of Ananias in Damascus.

Day 4 —

A. Expound as a deputy authority must know that all authorities come from God.

A deputy authority must first remember that all authorities come from God. If there is any authority in a man at all, that authority comes from God. There is no inherent authority in a person, and no one can appoint himself to be an authority. Our personal opinions cannot become others' law. We can only ask others to submit to the authority in us which comes from God.

B. Explain the man as a deputy authority needing to deny himself.

Before one is clear about God's will, he should not open his mouth and should not exercise any authority.

God's deputy authority must not only know His authority on the positive side, but must learn to deny himself on the negative side. Please remember that neither God nor the brothers and sisters treasure your opinion. If you think God treasures your opinion, and that the brothers and sisters honor your idea, you are living in a dream.

Day 5 —

A. Explain a prayer of authority.

The Bible contains a most lofty and spiritual prayer. But few people pray this prayer, and few pay attention to it. It is the "prayer of authority." A prayer of authority is a commanding prayer. This is the most crucial and most spiritual prayer in the Bible. This kind of prayer is a sign of authority and a declaration of authority.

B. Expound the two aspects of a prayer of authority.

A prayer with authority has two aspects. One is to bind, and the other is to loose. What is bound on earth will be bound in heaven, and what is loosed on earth will be loosed in heaven. Matthew 18:18 tells us that whatever the earth does, heaven will also do. In verse 19 there is the matter of prayer.

Day 6 —

A. State that the church can rule over Hades when it prays with authority.

Since Christ has transcended over everything and He is the Head of the church, the church can rule over the demons and everything that belongs to Satan. If the church did not have the authority to rule over the demons and if the Lord had not given this authority to the church, the church could not even survive on earth. The church is able to survive on earth because it has the authority to rule over every satanic thing.

B. Differentiate between an ordinary prayer and a prayer with authority.

Ordinary prayer is directed from earth to heaven. A prayer with authority has heaven as its starting point and the earth as its destination. In other words, a prayer with authority is prayed from heaven to earth. If a man has never learned the prayer that prays downward, he has never learned to pray with authority. In the spiritual warfare, the kind of prayer that prays downward is very important.

III. Conclusion:

Prayer has only one position, which is the realm of ascension. Whenever you leave the heavenly realm, you lose the position of prayer. Prayer is not just about dealing with situations; it is also about dealing with positions. Only within the realm of ascension can there be a position for prayer, allowing for a prayer of authority to be uttered. Only then is one truly a person seated on the throne, able to send forth prayers from the throne. We need to see the vision of the ascended Christ and learn a prayer with authority. For two thousand years, these things have been neglected. In these latter days, it is essential to recover them. Too often, we fail to apply Christ's position of ascension and not to apply what He has obtained and attained. This is the highest peak and the highest mountain of the Promised Land. We must realize this fact, apply this position, and apply what He has obtained and attained. This is a prevailing prayer of the church, this is a prayer of this age as well.