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The Difference Between

POWER & AUTHORITY

By John Paul Jackson

In certain charismatic circles I'm probably known as the guy who says, "More power, God." So for me to preach this message is an admission that for at least a decade I was only partly right. We do need more power. "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you" is exactly right. But there is another aspect called authority, and authority is even more important than power. And I will prove that from the Bible.

Kings conquered with power but they ruled with authority. The right hand of the king issued a decree such as "Kill him" or "Let him live." Thumbs down. Thumbs up. The left hand of the king was the scepter, authority. This is the law.

When you read Luke chapter four, you find Jesus had so much of both that people marveled at both. It was not just, "Well, look at that power," they also marveled at His authority. They marveled at both. There was a distinction, then, between the two and both of them were very important. In Luke 4:32 we read, "And they were astonished at Jesus' teaching for His word was with authority." Verse 36 says, "Then they were all amazed and spoke amongst themselves saying, 'What a word this is, for with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits and they come out!'"

Now let's take a look how we can allow demons to be comfortable and how to make them very, very uncomfortable.

Exousia is the Greek word for authority, and dunamis is the Greek word for power. Exousia (authority) means the highest judicial control. It is an obvious supernatural force. It is the ability to move something. It is also that which is legislative in nature.

Dunamis, the word for power, is creative, disheveling, supernatural, miraculous strength. It is to noticeably change something. The people marveled at both the ability to command demons to leave and the ability to speak and create.

Why don't we see more authority today? Why don't we see more people respond like they responded to Jesus and gnash at Him with their teeth? Why doesn't that happen when you walk down the street? Is there a lack of demons? Is it, "Well, we just don't have those anymore?" I don't think that is true.

*"...for with
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Luke 4:36

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Rather, I think we have become acclimatized to them.

I know this, that in the Lord's grace, whenever, as part of my ministry, I walk into pagan settings, witchcraft festivals, New Age festivals, renaissance fairs, and so on, it's not unusual to have gnashing of teeth and hissing going on when you walk by people. It's not because you are being mean, but because you are simply walking by and they don't like it.

What is authority and power then? How do we pray the Lord's Prayer in Matthew six, "Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven?" It goes on to say, "For yours is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory." Note that it's the Kingdom and the power.

Ruling is the authority of the kingdom. It is that which causes the kingdom to be maintained, perpetuated, expanded and advanced. Kings rule through authority, they conquer with power.

The commanding of demons to leave is authority. They don't leave by power, they leave by authority. For example, when Michael and Satan were fighting over the body of Moses (Jude, verse 9) they faced off 'power to power' for each was created with power. It was a 'power encounter' with Michael's power versus Satan's power, and it resulted in a stalemate. The body of Moses is laying there. God wants that body so they can bury it, but nothing is happening until Michael says, "The Lord rebuke you." What did he just say? What did he just invoke that he did not have at that moment? Authority! Exactly. And when he invoked the name of the Lord with the authority of the Lord, Satan backed off. Then they took the body of Moses and buried it in Moab.

Authority is incredibly important. But we think authority and power are one and the same. They are not. One sign of authority is that which you exercise authority over. We just mentioned demons, but Jesus' commanding the storm to stop was not power—it was authority.

And following this, what does the Scripture say? The disciples said, "Who is this guy?" They had only been following Jesus for six to nine months and they don't really know yet that He is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Peter had not yet said, "Who is this guy that even the wind and the waves," what.... "obey Him!" You obey authority.

So many of us over the years, including me, have commanded the winds and waves to stop by power alone. When, all along, it was really not power, but authority that was needed.

When the centurion soldier came to Jesus and asked Him to go and heal his servant, Jesus said, "Yes. I will go and heal your servant." But the centurion said, "Wait a minute. You don't have to go for I am a man under authority." He didn't say "I'm a man under 'power,'" but, "I am a man under exousia and all I have to do is say to this soldier, 'go' and he goes, to this soldier, 'come' and he comes, to this servant 'do this', and he does it.... I just say it. Jesus, I see the authority you have in the invisible realm. All you have to do is say it and it will happen." Authority. The centurion didn't say, "I see the power." He said "I see the authority you have."

And the Scripture tells us that in that very hour, the moment Jesus said it, the servant was healed.

Before we go much further, let me give you something I have received from heaven.

What is the difference between healing and miracles?

I was brought up to believe that healings take time and miracles are instant, and that sounded really,

"the archangel Michael...
said, "The Lord rebuke you."

Jude 9



really good. The problem is that I don't see it in the Bible. When I look in the Bible where Jesus healed, it was pretty instantaneous. But if healings 'take time,' why then when Jesus did it was it done in an instant? And miracles were also instant. So how does this work?

I also realized that we need a redefinition here, and this is what I discovered with a hint from heaven.

Healings are always the removal of something.

Miracles are always the creation of something or the regeneration of something.

That's why when Jesus cast out demons, this act was put in the Scriptural category of 'healings:' "And he healed them and cast the demons out of them." Healing and deliverance were the same.

Why? It's the removal of something. You are removing a demon, you are removing a germ, you are removing a bacteria, you are removing a disease, you are removing an affliction, you are removing an infirmity. In every single case you are removing something. In Jesus' encounter with the ten lepers in Luke 17, He was removing leprosy from the nine. But then there was the tenth leper who came back and thanked Jesus. The other nine were healed of leprosy. Leprosy was removed, but the problem with leprosy is that it eats away stuff—it eats away your ear, eats away your toes, eats away your fingers, eats away your nose. It eats away stuff. So you can be 'healed' of leprosy and the leprosy can be removed, but you can still be missing that ear, or still be missing that nose, still be missing that thumb, still be missing your toes or your feet.

So the nine were healed, but one that came back and thanked Jesus. It says he went away, 'being made whole.' The Hebrew understanding of that is this: to be made whole was the same idea of a priest, who could not be a priest if he was not 'whole' in his physical body. In order to be a priest, you could not be missing a thumb or any body part. You had to be 'whole.' So this terminology of being 'whole' means all the body parts had to be there, (fingers, noses, thumbs, etc). Everything had to be there.



“...and he fell
on his face at
His feet, giving
thanks to Him.”

So with the leper who returned, we not only have the healing which was the removal of leprosy, but the miracle of the creation of toes or noses or ears. Although we don't know exactly what the man was lacking, we do know what leprosy does, and Jesus restored him.

So, authority and power.

Healing removes (authority).

Miracles (power) create.

Luke 17:15

Sometimes you need both. You can remove the cancer from the kidney, but if the kidney then only works ten percent of what it should, then you need a recreation of that kidney.

Miracles are creative. They are not just about the recreation of something that previously existed. It can be the vein being made whole, lepers being made whole, or it can be water turned into wine. It's creative. Every miracle in the Bible was creative, and every healing in the Bible was removal. It might help to know which you need when you pray for people.



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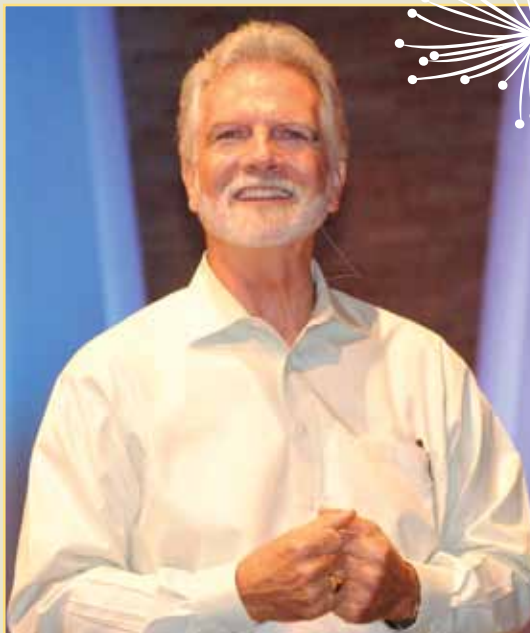
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To the Ends of the Earth

Acts 1:8

Holy Spirit Conference
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"To the Ends of the Earth"
Jenifer and Paul Hanson



"The offer of God's love is as powerful as the acceptance of it" (Steve Sjogren).



"We're better at sitting, than seeking
phrase isn't 'beautiful seat' it's 'beau
(Paul Anderson).





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Multiple felonies, addicted to heroin, next door in prison to Charles Manson, yet God never gave up on Bill Davis.

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