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IT IS TIME TO STAND IN YOUR AUTHORITY

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Psalm 8:1-6

- 1 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.
- 2 ***Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength*** because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
- 3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
- 4 ***What is man, that thou art mindful of him?*** and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
- 5 ***For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels***, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.
- 6 ***Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands***; thou hast put all things under his feet:

NOTE: Mankind has been given authority and dominion over the works of His hands! What is man that God is so mindful of Him? That you think of him in such high regards...that you have placed him so high above all else?

BELOVED: God created mankind on a higher order than He created anything else...angels included.

Genesis 1:26 – “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”

Genesis 2:19 – “And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and ***whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.***”

God gave us the same authority and power that He has...the power to create and change things by our mouths.

Romans 4:17 – “(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, ***and calleth those things which be not as though they were.***”

(NASB) – “...who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.”

(NLT) – “...and who creates new things out of nothing.”

This is what faith is and how it works!

We get to and should operate as God operates.

Take a Look at Joshua and Caleb

Numbers 13:30 – “And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, ***Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.***”

UNDERSTAND: God had already given them the land...so THEY were able to take it!

BELOVED: What God has given you...is yours to take!

Joshua and Caleb were not moved by the size of what they saw...they were just moved by what God said!

Joshua and Caleb talked openly about the giants...they ***just were not impressed by the giants.*** They knew their authority to take them down! They had already seen God move on their behalf time and time again...the giants were just one more thing!

UNDERSTAND: We move into the territory of receiving the blessings and promises of God when we get to the point of not being impressed with the size of our giants.

Too many people are too impressed with how big their problems are.

Acts 10:38 – “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, ***and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.***”

Jesus never mentioned how big a certain disease or sickness was...He just told them to go!

Numbers 17:7-9

NOTE: Dad is getting upset! Have you ever been there in your life? Dad is getting upset and only you are the one who notices?

Moses, Joshua and Caleb are all noticing! They can feel the intensity of the moment!

7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land.

8 ***If the LORD delight in us***, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey.

NOTE: Say what God says and you will be good!

9 ***Only rebel not ye against the LORD***, neither fear ye the people of the land; ***for they are bread for us***: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: ***fear them not.***

All they had to do was stand in the promises of God...go up against the inhabitants...and they would win! Act like what God said was true!

“For they are bread for us” – we will eat them for lunch!

Bread is soft! Easy!

WE KNOW that they didn't go in...they decided to say...God got upset and they had to wander for 40 years in the wilderness.

Joshua and Caleb had to hold on to their vision...their confession...their authority for 40 years!

QUESTION: How long does it take for you to give up on your confession...your stand?

Joshua 1:6-9

“Be strong and of good courage” – hard headed and obstinate!

BELOVED: This is more than just us having a difficult mindset...it is an insistence on standing your ground and standing in your authority!

Knowing who and Whose you are...and standing in your dominion.

ILLUSTRATION: A policeman pulling someone over for a traffic violation. If he sits by the side of the road seeing people going 25 miles over the speed limit and just says, "They will never stop for me." It will get really dangerous on our roads.

6 ***Be strong and of a good courage:*** for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them.

NOTE: Stand in your authority regarding your inheritance...what you have been given by God!

7 Only ***be thou strong and very courageous,*** that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

NOTE: Stand in your authority regarding the Word of God...if He has said it...you can bank on it! Do it!

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: ***for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.***

NOTICE: Who makes your way prosperous?

ANSWER: It is you when you are standing in your authority!

9 Have not I commanded thee? ***Be strong and of a good courage;*** be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

NOTE: Stand in your authority and don't allow fear to keep you from standing in your authority!

Fear masquerades as wisdom! The children of Israel in Numbers looked like the wise ones...but they were actually the ones in fear. Afraid to stand in their God-given authority!

BILL JOHNSON: "If you live cautiously your friends will call you wise...you just won't see any miracles."

The Confidence of Knowing Authority

1 Kings 18:20-40

The confidence of Elijah when he was going against the prophets of Baal!

Had he seen fire come from heaven before? Probably not!

But he was going to see it happen this day!

Did he hear from God? It doesn't say!

But he knew HIS GOD GIVEN authority over nature!

He knew His authority!

NOTE: The next chapter he wanted to die...so you gotta stay on your authority.

THINK OF King David vs. Goliath. The confidence that David had in facing Goliath!

1 Samuel 17:45-47

45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands.

UNDERSTAND: David knew what was about to happen...because he was standing there under the authority of Almighty God!

BELOVED: Why should it be any different for us!

It is time to take our authority against the enemy!

Time for us to Take our Authority

Here is our problem!

2 Corinthians 4:4 – “In **whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not**, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”

UNDERSTAND: When you are struggling with your believing...it is because the gods of this world have blinded you by other things you have seen!

ILLUSTRATION: The man who quit the faith teaching because of tornadoes and lives lost...“We don’t have authority”!

Romans 8:19 – “For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.”

Creation is waiting for the sons of God to start acting like the sons of God!

Vs. 22 – They are groaning!

QUESTION: What happens when children are left unattended?

ANSWER: They begin acting up! They get, what seems like, good ideas!
That is what the weather is doing!

Mark 4:35-41

35 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, **Let us pass over unto the other side.**

36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, **so that it was now full.**

38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, **Peace, be still.** And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

MY QUESTION: What was Jesus’ first plan for defeating this storm?

ANSWER: Sleeping through it!

Don’t overlook that part! He has said they were going to the other side...they were going to the other side...He was going to take a nap!

UNDERSTAND: The winds and waves DID NOT IMPRESS JESUS!

Matthew 14:24-32

- 24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.
- 25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.
- 26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.
- 27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, ***Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.***
- THOUGHT:** What was Jesus' mindset with the winds and waves all around Him? Joy!
- 28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.
- 29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.
- 30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.
- 31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?
- 32 ***And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.***

AGAIN: Jesus was NOT impressed by the winds and waves.
He even tell the storm to stop until He got in the boat...and then it just stopped!

Luke 10:19 – “Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”

Authority...we can tell them what to do and they will do it!

We can tell them to stay away and they will stay away!

LIKE the Apostle Paul...we can shake off their attacks!

BELOVED: We have authority and dominion and it is time we start acting like it!

Matthew 10:1 – “And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.”

Matthew 28:18,19

- 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
- 19 Go ye therefore...
- What Jesus did...we can do...by the same authority!

Mark 16:17,18

- 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
- 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Matthew 16:19 – “And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

The centurion understood how to operate in authority...

Matthew 8:8,9

- 8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: **but speak the word only**, and my servant shall be healed.
- 9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: **and I say to this man**, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

If Jesus did it...we should be doing it!

BELOVED: It is time for the church to take her authority and dominion so that this world can have the move of God it needs!

When Paul was on the Island of Malta...

NOTE: He had already spoken what was going to happen!

Acts 27:22 – “And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.”

THEREFORE: When he got on lands...

Acts 28:3-6

- 3 And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.
- 4 And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.
- 5 And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.
- 6 Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

Four Keys to Moving into that Authority

Things you must understand in order to live in that authority.

Why so many Christians don't live in that authority...they don't have understanding (rhema) of these things!

Romans 12:2 – “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

God has given us these four weapons...keys...things...to allow us to walk in the authority.

1. The Word

Psalm 138:2 - “I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.”

John 17:17 – “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”

The Word of God is TRUTH...knowing the TRUTH gives you authority! You know the answer for everything.

ILLUSTRATION: If you went to a Physician who has to keep checking books and stuff during a check up to remember what to do...to know what is going on...to know medicines and their effects. Guessing about things!

Most of medical schooling is memorization! Knowing truth/facts!

When you KNOW the Word...you know the TRUTH...and you are NOT side tracked by the enemy's schemes.

Hebrews 4:12 - "For the **word of God is quick**, and **powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword**, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

The Word is a powerful weapon!

Used to know the difference and divide spirit, soul and body.

The Word gives you power!

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, **thoroughly furnished unto all good works.**

BELOVED: God has given us the Word, so that we can be ready to do anything that He has called us to do.

AGAIN: Not side tracked by the enemy's schemes to stop us and make us ineffective!

John 8:32 – "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 1:1 – "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

NOW: This Scripture has two points behind it...

- 1.) Jesus was active in creation.
- 2.) Creation what done through the WORD of God!
So, when God spoke something...it came to pass...even if it didn't exist before!

Isaiah 55:11 – "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

YOU MAY SAY: I don't know why I don't have the authority that the Bible says I have or that Pastor Thad says I have...

- a.) Do you know that authority?
- b.) Do you know (really know) the Word on that authority?
- c.) Do you stand on that authority? Or are you hoping it works?

BELOVED: If Jesus said it...we can say it too! He is the Word!

Storms? Peace by still.

Sickness? Rise up and walk.

Sin? Go and sin no more!

Psalms 107:20 – "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."

NOTICE: He gave us HIS WORD to have power over sickness, disease, pain and injury AND power over anything that causes destruction!

HERE IS THE KEY: You can't just know that it has power (as a fact); you must KNOW that it is your power! It has been given to you to use...not just enjoy and read!

Romans 1:16 – power of God unto salvation!

2 Timothy 3:5 – form of godliness, denying the power!

2. The Blood/Covenant

BELOVED: I cannot emphasize how important it is for us to know and walk in the power of the blood of Jesus.

When you plead the blood of Jesus, you are bringing your case to rest on a single point...His blood alone has done everything! Case closed!

I believe the best way to explain the power of the blood...blood covenant...is the original Passover.

Exodus 12:7,12-13

- 7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.
- 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.
- 13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

The BLOOD drew a line in the sand! Sickness, disease and destruction COULD NOT cross the line of blood!

(POSSIBLY add that the Lamb had to come into the house first and abide. There had to be a relationship with the Lamb.)

ILLUSTRATION: Chip and Billye Brim were confronted with a witch doctor that was demon-possessed...a group of pastors had spent about 5 hours trying to deliver her...not a lot of success...she continued to physically attack them and speak lies and vulgarities at them. After hours of prayer the lady spotted Chip Brim and began charging at him full speed, to attack him. Without having time to formulate a plan, it rose up inside of Chip to say, "I plead the blood!" Immediately she fell to the ground and grabbed her ears and screamed, "Not the blood! Not the blood!" Realizing the power in the blood, the ministers began declaring the blood and within 15 minutes she was totally free!

BELOVED: If the blood is something you just think about on communion days or Easter...you are probably not going to walk in the power that God says you can walk in!

The blood draws in the line that the enemy dare not pass!

Revelation 12:11 – "And they **overcame him by the blood of the Lamb**, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

KENNETH COPELAND: The power of the blood of Jesus has provided everything you need to live a life of victory, including redemption, fellowship, healing, protection and authority over the enemy.

GLORIA COPELAND: The blood that Jesus shed for you and me has enormous, great power and we need to be saying so and declaring it over our lives.

ONE MORE STEP IN THE BLOOD:

Ephesians 2:11-13

- 11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;
- 12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and **strangers from the covenants of promise**, having no hope, and without God in the world:
- 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by **the blood of Christ**.

The blood of Jesus brings us into a covenant relationship with Almighty God!

- * It gives us all that heaven has at its disposal!
- * We have everything that our covenant partner has!

ESSENTIAL: It is not good enough that you just know about the blood...you must KNOW that it has power...you must have it in your mouth!

You must full expect and rely on the fact that it works on your behalf.

REMEMBER: Jesus in the ship...His rest told you what He thought of the storm.

3. The Name of Jesus

Philippians 2:9-11

- 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
- 10 ***That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow***, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
- 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

ILLUSTRATION: Mark Boone and our bus wreck. He didn't have time to say an eloquent prayer...he only got out "JESUS"! It was enough!

Luke 10:17 – "And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are **subject unto us through thy name.**"

REMEMBER: He sent them out with authority over demons...to heal, etc.

HOWEVER: They had to use that name!

Acts 19:13-15 (Seven sons of Sceva)

- 13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.
- 14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.
- 15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

It is not enough to just have the name of Jesus at your disposal...you must KNOW the name! Know the authority...not to just try and use it as a formula!

Colossians 2:15 – "And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it."

Jesus, while He was alive, defeated the devil continuously based on the authority He had...but between His death and resurrection he made a show of them openly...defeated death, hell and the grave...then rose to life again!

THEREFORE: When you use that NAME...you have ALL THE POWER!

John 14:12-14 ("ask" – aiteo)

- 12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.
- 13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
- 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

"In Jesus' name" – is not just a salutation to your prayer...it is your authority to see that prayer come to pass!

4. The Holy Spirit

John 1:32 – “And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.”

So, Jesus is baptized in water...then the Holy Spirit comes and endues Him with power... consumes Him. Covers Him!

THEN: And only then...

John 2:11 – “This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.”

Some books tell us that Jesus went around doing miracles as a teenager...but it is clear through Scripture that this was the start...after He was endued with power!

Before being baptized in the Holy Spirit...you will not have the authority and power that Jesus had!

Acts 1:8 – “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

Luke 24:49 – “And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.”

Luke 4:14 – “And Jesus returned **in the power of the Spirit** into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.”

Everything Jesus did was about the power of the Spirit on Him.

Acts 10:38 – “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth **with the Holy Ghost and with power**: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”

KENNETH COPELAND: Believers today have vastly underestimated the power of the Holy Spirit.”

MARK LOWRY: It isn't fair...the Pentecostals get all the miracles and us Baptists we don't get miracles!

Luke 1:35 - “And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee**, and the **power of the Highest shall overshadow thee**: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.”

Romans 15:13 – “Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, **through the power of the Holy Ghost.**”

You Must Move Your Mouth to Move in Authority

The ultimate point that I want to bring to you in this series is that YOU ABSOLUTELY cannot operate in your God-given authority without it being in your mouth.

You can know it...think about it...wish it...but if you are not saying it, you will not operate in it!

- * The Word must be in your mouth.
- * You must speak the blood of Jesus over your life...your families life.
- * You must use the name of Jesus.
- * You must speak in your heavenly language!

If you want authority and power...you must use your mouth.

Proverbs 18:21 – “Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.”

Genesis 1 – “**the power of BE**”

NOTE: I heard someone say once (being funny), who was God talking too? Wasn't he the only one there?

He was talking to LIGHT, LAND, WATER, etc.

Romans 4:17 – call those things that BE NOT as though they were!

He was speaking to what WAS NOT there and telling it to BE!

(AMP) – “...Who gives life to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed.”

Joshua 10:6-13 (five kings went up against Gibeon)

6 And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us.

7 So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour.

NOTE: Remember in Joshua 9 Gibeon deceived Joshua into making a covenant with them...so Gibeon called VOCALLY on covenant!

8 And the LORD said unto Joshua, ***Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.***

NOTICE: Joshua got his Word from the Lord!

9 Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night.

10 And the LORD discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Bethhoron, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah.

11 And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Bethhoron, that the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.

God is raining hailstones down on them and killing the enemy!

The only problem? Israel had the five kings and their armies on the run, but they were running out of daylight. What to do?

There are only so many hours in a day! Right?

12 Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, ***Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.***

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

NOTE: God did not tell him to speak those words...he had just been told that he was going to win. In order to win and not let the enemy to regroup he realized he just needed a little bit more sunlight....

He did NOT complain about how close it was...he just spoke more sunlight and it was given to Him.

Numbers 20:8 – “Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, **and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes**; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.”

This is the SECOND TIME that the children of Israel were thirsty in the middle of no where...this is the second time that there was a large rock nearby.

HOWEVER: The first time God told MOSES take the Rod and strike it!

THIS TIME...was different, take the Rod and SPEAK TO IT!

- 1.) The Rod is a picture of the Word of God! That is why he had to have the Rod in his hand.
- 2.) The rock represented Jesus...who was struck ONCE on the tree to give us authority and salvation.
- 3.) No need to strike Him again...just speak what has been provided.

BELOVED: The cross gave us victory...we just need to speak the victory.

BELOVED: All authority had been given to Jesus...

Acts 10:38 – “How **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power:** who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”

...in order for Jesus to operate in that authority, He had to speak it out!

- * He spoke to the winds and waves (Mark 4:39).
- * He spoke to the dead boy (Luke 7:14,15).
- * He spoke to Lazarus (John 11:43,44).
- * He spoke to the little girl (Mark 5:41,42).
- * Among so, so many more!

Conclusion

BELOVED: God has given us the SAME authority that Jesus walked in, on this earth! We have dominion over all things.

HOWEVER: We MUST know that authority...take that authority...live in that authority...SPEAK that authority.

We have been given everything we need for that authority...we need to just put it to work!