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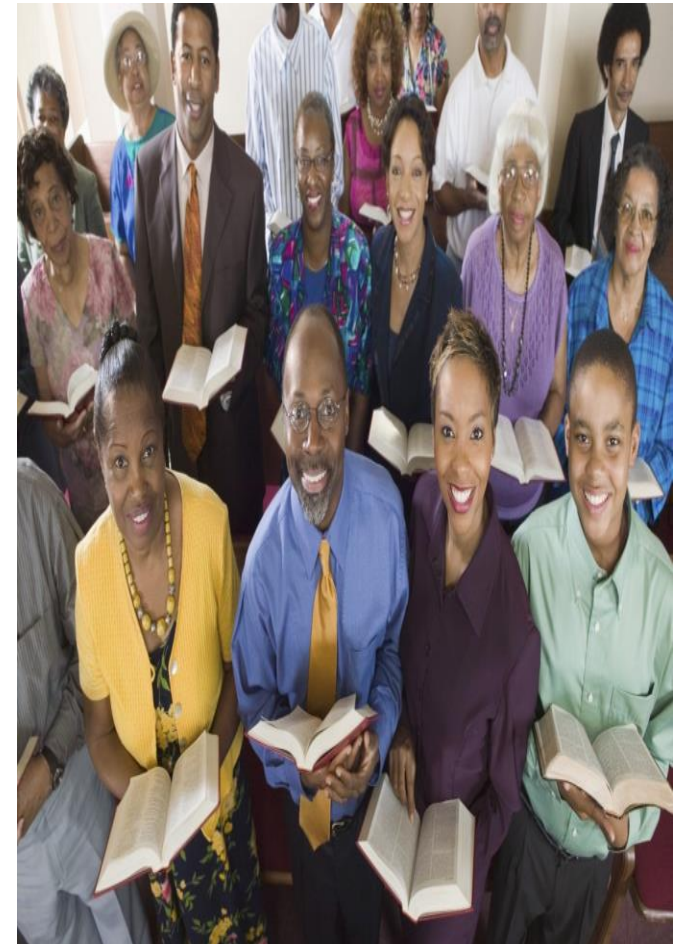
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THE
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THE AUTHORITATIVENESS OF CHRIST

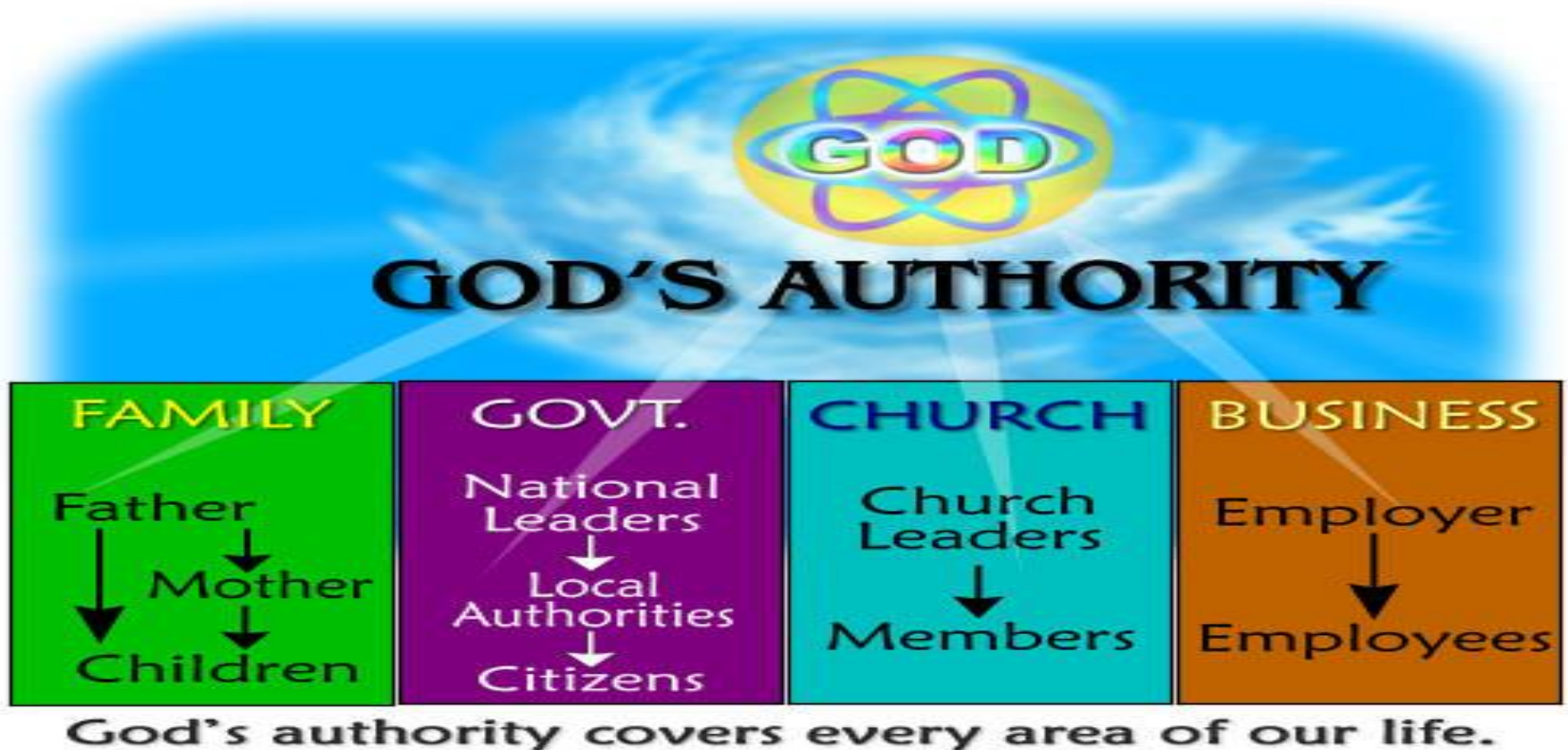


Healing Of A Demoniac in the Synagogue by James Tissot

**The Casting Out Of The Demon In The Synagogue At Capernaum
Mark 1:21-28; cf., Luke 4:31-37**

INTRODUCTION

- We are living in a society that has a very dangerous disrespect of legitimate authority.



- **Disrespect of legitimate authority is dangerous because it leads to lawlessness, anarchy, chaos, social disorder and confusion.**

I believe in a
lively disrespect
for most forms of
authority.

Rita Mae Brown

There are two types of authority that we deal with every day

- Veracious authority
- Imperial authority.



- **Veracious authority** is based upon the knowledge that one has in a particular field or subject and is recognized by others as an “authority” on that particular subject (e.g., a doctor, professor, dentist, electrician, financial planner).
 - One who has veracious authority has the capability to prescribe a belief and/or action based upon knowledge that exceeds that of most others.
 - However, the one who has veracious authority has no legitimate power to enforce that belief or action (e.g., a doctor can prescribe a medication, but he cannot force you to take it).

- **Imperial authority** is based upon the **position** of authority that one has (e.g., an elected official, a judge, a policeman, a manager).
 - One who has imperial authority has legal, governmental **jurisdiction** vested in their position.
 - One who has imperial authority has the **legal right** to **enforce** an action upon another (e.g., the policeman has the legal right to take you to jail for violation of laws and ordinances).

- **Problem:** We are living in times where all legitimate authority, both veracious and imperial, are disrespected.
 - e.g., a certified electrician warns you not to rewire your home with uncertified electrical parts, but you do it anyway—causing a fire in your home.
 - E.g., your sub-division has laws against having goats and chickens in the back yard, but you get them anyway—causing you to get fines and your home to have a lien place upon it.



The children now love luxury, they have bad manners, contempt for authority, they show disrespect for elders and love chatter in place of exercise. Children are now tyrants, not the servants of their households. They no longer rise when elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble up dainties at the table, cross their legs, and tyrannize over their teachers.

(Socrates)

When we oppose
God's delegated
authority, we
oppose God
Himself.

John Bevere

- **Note carefully:** The Lord Jesus Christ has both veracious and imperial authority! He has all authority!!
- **Lesson:** In order to truly respect Christ, one must understand the authoritativeness of Christ (i.e., The Lord Jesus Christ is authoritative in everything He says and in everything He does).
- From the miracle of the casting out of a demon at the synagogue in Capernaum (in Mark 1:21-28 cf., Luke 4:31-37), we will observe three key features of the authoritativeness of Christ

THE AUTHORITATIVE DECLARATION: THE DOCTRINE

- **THE CONTENT OF HIS DOCTRINE**

- Since Jesus was considered a rabbi (i.e., teacher), when He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, the chief ruler of the synagogue asked Him to be the messenger for the day.
- The Temple in Jerusalem was too far for many Jews to travel for regular worship, so many towns had synagogues which served both as places of worship and as schools.
 - Beginning in the days of Ezra, about 450 B.C., a group of ten Jewish families could start a synagogue.
 - During the week, Jewish boys were taught the O.T. Law and Jewish religion (girls could not attend).
 - On the Sabbath, the Jewish men would gather to hear prayers, the Scriptures read, and an interpretation from a teacher.
 - Because there was no permanent teacher, it was customary for the synagogue leader to ask visiting teachers to speak. This is why Jesus often spoke in the synagogues in the towns He visited.
- Notice that it was the Lord's habit to be in the place of worship!
- We are not told what Jesus was preaching about that Sabbath in the synagogue (i.e., the message was not the emphasis, the miracle was)

- **THE CHARACTERISTIC OF HIS DOCTRINE:** Jesus taught as one having authority.
 - Jesus taught with authority because He is the authority: He is the Creator, the Sustainer, the Protector, the Provider, the Sovereign Ruler, Lawmaker, and Judge!
 - As a result, Jesus taught with confidence, with conviction, and with boldness.
 - His teaching was unlike the Jewish rabbis who often quoted from other well-known rabbis to give their words more authority.
- **THE CONSEQUENCE OF HIS DOCTRINE:** The people were astonished at His teaching.
 - Jesus did not give watered down suggestions, advice or opinions .
 - Jesus gave authoritative commands and exhortations (i.e., He told them what God wanted them to do, not what men wanted them to do—and He was specific and clear)!

THE AUTHORITATIVE DENUNCIATION: THE DEMON

- **THE DESCRIPTION OF THE DEMON:** Christ's authoritative teaching aroused a demon who lived in a man present in the synagogue service.
 - **Demons are real beings (i.e., they are not T.V. cartoons)**
 - They are angels who were created by God
 - They fell when they united with Satan in rebellion against God, now they are fallen angels, or demons.
 - Some demons are chain in Tartarus (cf., 2Pet.2:4), some are free and dwell among men, and some even have access into heaven (cf., Eph.6:12)
 - They know clearly who Jesus is, what He came to do, and what He going to do!
 - They are presently deceivers of mankind--deceiving man into willful, deliberate, and open rebellion against God, thereby leading him into a false trust of anything and anybody other than God.
 - Demons are uncomfortable with the presence and teaching of Jesus (e.g., they seek to either distract men from it or distort it)

– **THE DECLARATION OF THE DEMON:** His goal was to distract people from the teaching of Jesus.

- “Let us alone!” (i.e., implying that there was more than one demon and that they felt that Jesus was picking on them)
- “What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth?” (e.g., this was the same phrase that Jesus said to His mother at the wedding of Cana)
- “Did You come to destroy us?” (e.g., Jesus came to save the lost, which would in turn would destroy the work of the devil and seal his eternal doom)
- “I know who You are—the Holy One of God!”
- **Note:** The objective of this demon was to distract the people from the teaching of Jesus and cause them to question the purpose and motives of Jesus (note: Why didn’t the demon keep his mouth shut?!)

- **THE DENUNCIATION OF THE DEMON:** Jesus commanded the demon, “Be quiet, and come out of him!”
 - **Note carefully:** The demon’s testimony that Jesus was the Holy One of God was true, but it was unacceptable.
 - This was because it was not a testimony of faith, but an acknowledgement of facts.
 - The purpose of the demon was not to lead men to Christ, but to distract them and lead them on a trail that lead to hostility, criticism, ridicule, and rejection of Jesus. The demon’s testimony was deceptive in nature.
 - **Remember:** Without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb.11:6); genuine faith leads to obedience, loyalty, devotion, and service.
 - Faith without facts is wishful thinking
 - Facts without faith is rebellion

THE AUTHORITATIVE DEMONSTRATION: THE DELIVERANCE

- **THE CURE:** At the command of Jesus, the demon convulsed the man and cried out with a loud voice and come out of the man.
 - The demon pouted and had a temper tantrum, but he obeyed the command of Jesus.
 - Note carefully: The very word of Jesus has power and authority.
 - Usually, the one in authority has to back up his authority with forceful actions (e.g., such as a beating, a firing, or some other form of discipline or punishment).
 - Note very carefully: The Lord can and will back up His authority with forceful divine action (e.g., disaster, affliction, destruction) upon anybody, at anytime, in any way, anywhere, using anybody and anything!
 - If that demon would have attempted to refuse the command of Jesus, the power of Jesus could have and would have forced him out!!
 - **Bro. Smith's advice:** Jesus is meek, mild, kind, compassionate, gracious, merciful, and loving—but don't push your luck with willful open rebellion, disobedience, injustice, oppression, deception, exploitation, or with a smart mouth!

- **THE CONSEQUENCES:** The People were all amazed.
 - The people question among themselves, saying “What new doctrine is this?”
 - The people asked this question among themselves because they realized that with authority Jesus commands even unclean spirits and they obey Him.
 - The people learned a new doctrine: Jesus is authoritative is what He says and in what He does.
 - The “new doctrine” implies that Jesus is to be respected, revered, honored, and obeyed.

A CHALLENGE FOR YOU

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE AUTHORITY OF THE
LORD JESUS CHRIST?



RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR
SAVIOUR TODAY!!



- 1. Acknowledge** that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, **died** on the cross for your sin, and that He **arose** again from the dead on the third day.
- 2. Admit** that you are a sinner, **guilty** of sin and **responsible** and **accountable** to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
- 3. Accept** the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.