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## MY DECLARATION OF THE BIBLE AS GOD'S HOLY WORD

This is my Bible! It came from the Breath of God! It is His Holy Word spoken to me! It is the wisdom of God revealed to me! I reign in life by its kingdom revelations! I am everything it says I am! I can do everything it says I can do! It is a guide to my life! It lights up the pathway I walk! It is absolute Truth! It brings Life!



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## 1. Man was created position required man to have authority in the earth:

- a. Genesis 1:26–28 (NLT) 26 Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground." 27 So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."
  - "reign": to exercise authority over (Bible Sense Lexicon); dominion (TWOT); to manage or govern (Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains); to tread (Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon)
  - ii. "govern": to subdue, bring into bondage (Brown, Driver, Briggs Lexicon)

- b. Psalm 8:4–6 (NLT) 4 what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? 5 Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. 6 You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority
  - i. "charge": rule, reign, have dominion (BDB; CHAL; TWOT)
  - ii. "authority": foot/feet (TWOT; ESL; BDB)
    - a) Being under the "foot" of someone indicates authority over them or having dominion where one travels
    - b) Psalm 91:13 (NLT) You will trample upon lions and cobras; you will crush fierce lions and serpents under your feet!
      - a) TPT: Psalm 91:13 You'll even walk unharmed among the fiercest powers of darkness, trampling every one of them beneath your feet! (The Hebrew includes the words for "lions," "snakes," and "dragons" as the three great symbols of satanic power.)

## 2. Jesus confirmed this authority in man

- a. 1 John 3:8 (TPT) —The reason the Son of God was revealed was to undo and destroy the works of the devil.
- b. Luke 10:19 (NLT) Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you.
  - i. "Authority": exousia -the power or right to give orders or make decisions. (Bible Sense Lexicon); jurisdiction, power over (Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains: Greek)
  - ii. "snake": evil person (DBL Greek)
  - iii. "scorpions": supernatural power (DBL Greek)
  - iv. "crush": trample; conquer (DBL Greek)
- c. Romans 8:37–38, 39 (ESV) 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,...will separate us from the love of God

### THE POWER AND AUTHORITY OF THE BELIEVER

Authority is the *right* to influence or control thought, opinion or behavior. Power is the *strength*, ability, might to do what we are to do.

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Luke 10:19 translated

I have given you the legal jurisdiction over all the supernatural power of the devil, and you also have the ability to tread, trample and conquer all the evil forces and Satanic powers of darkness

ONLY GOD AND HUMANS HAVE POWER AND AUTHORITY

## WHERE IS THE PROBLEM? THE ANSWER REVEALED...JOHN 14

- Jesus has told His disciples that He is leaving and that His peace is being left with them. He explains the role of Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit will be with them as Jesus was with them: counselor, teacher, guide.
- John 14:30 (AMP) —I will not talk with you much more, for the prince (evil genius, ruler) of the world is coming. And he has no claim on Me. [He has nothing in common with Me; there is nothing in Me that belongs to him, and he has no power over Me.]
  - Jesus calls Satan the "ruler of the world" because Satan was handed over man's rule, reign authority through the 'injection' of sin and disobedience.
  - Satan gains a foothold where there is sin present because of commonality.
  - Satan had no power over Jesus because Jesus had no sin. (commonality)
  - Sin give Satan access to our life and deprives and depletes us of God's power working through us. We become weakened by sin.

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  - Sin contamination gives the devil a "claim" on us
  - Sin contamination gives us something "in common" with the devil
  - Sin contamination robs us of power
- 1 Peter 5:8 (AMP) Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant and cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [in fierce hunger], seeking someone to seize upon and devour.



When a virus enters the body, it will attack healthy cells and replicate itself. The only defense against a virus is a strong physical immune system. Viruses weaken the body and cause sickness and death.

When sin enters a body, it will attack and replicate itself. The only defense against sin is a strong "spiritual" immune system. Sin weakens the life of the believer and causes defeat and death.

#### 1. Avoid the Contaminated Environment.

Do not participate in the world's ways.

- 1 John 2:16 (AMP) For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh [craving for sensual gratification] and the lust of the eyes [greedy longings of the mind] and the pride of life [assurance in one's own resources or in the stability of earthly things]—these do not come from the Father but are from the world [itself].
- **Titus 2:12** (NLT) —And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God,

### 2. Supplement Your Life with God's Prescribed Methods

Protect the "heart" by continuously transforming your mind

Romans 12:1–2 (NLT) — 1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

## 3. Live a Consistently Balanced Life in All Things

Be well balanced, temperate, sober minded at all times

- 1 Peter 5:8 (TPT) Be well balanced and always alert, because your enemy, the devil, roams around incessantly, like a roaring lion looking for its prey to devour.
- Hebrews 6:19 (TPT) We have this certain hope like a strong, unbreakable anchor holding our souls to God himself. Our anchor of hope is fastened to the mercy seat which sits in the heavenly realm beyond the sacred threshold,
- Hebrews 13:15 (AMP) Through Him, therefore, let us constantly and at all times offer up to God a sacrifice of praise, which is the fruit of lips that thankfully acknowledge and confess and glorify His name.

## 4. Follow a Healthy Life Plan

Humbly submit to God and His Word

- James 4:7 (NLT) So, humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- Revelation 12:11 (TPT) They conquered him completely through the blood of the Lamb and the powerful word of his testimony. They triumphed because they did not love and cling to their own lives, even when faced with death.
- Mark 9:29 (TPT) He answered them, "This type of powerful spirit can only be cast out by fasting and prayer."

#### 5. Choose To Live!

#### Make a Decision

- Deuteronomy 30:19 (NLT) "Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!
- **Deuteronomy 32:46–47** (NLT) he added: "Take to heart all the words of warning I have given you today. Pass them on as a command to your children so they will obey every word of these instructions. 47 These instructions are not empty words—they are your life! By obeying them you will enjoy a long life in the land you will occupy when you cross the Jordan River."