

Authority of the Believer  
**2. Who has Authority on Earth!**

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**1. The Bible teaches that God gave people authority in the earth**

The truth on our AOB is a **vital subject**; it is an **non-negotiable** if God's children are to grow to the FULL measure of the stature of Christ. (Eph 4:13)

Colossians 1:26 ... *the mystery which has been hidden from Ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.*

Psalms 24:1 *The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.*

Psalms 115:16 NIV ... *the highest heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth He has given to man.*

**2. God created 'man' to have authority over the earth**

Genesis 1:26-28 ... *"Let Us **make man in Our image, according to Our likeness let them have dominion over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.**"* <sup>27</sup> **So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.** <sup>28</sup> *Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

God **made** his body from the dust of the ground and **created** his spirit when God breathed into him the breathe of life.

**Note: man is a 3 part being ... (spirit, soul, physical body) - animals are 2 part beings (soul and physical body)**

Psalms 8:1-2 *O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!* <sup>2</sup> *Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger.*

Psalms 8: 3-6 KJV *When I behold Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place – 4 **what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?** 5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honour. 6 **You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet ...***

This word '**angels**' use in Ps 8:4 is NOT the Heb. word for '**angel**', it is the word – **elohim** – the word used for the **Trinity, God the Creator!**

**3. God "crowned 'man' with glory and honor" (Psalm 8:5)**

**'crown'** – *'the top most part, the summit, head, monarchy, kingship, represents authority and power'*

- i. God created His 'man' to be the 'top most part' of His creation
- ii. Angels as powerful and magnificent as they are, were not created or given the status that God gave to 'people'. God made angels to 'serve' us! (Heb. 1:14)
- iii. God create 'man' like Himself, *we are 'speaking spirits'*. We create our world with our words!

**4. God made 'man' to have dominion over the work of His hands (Psalm 8:6)**

Genesis 1:26, 28 ... *let them have dominion over all the earth ...* <sup>28</sup> *subdue it; have dominion .... over every living thing that moves on the earth.*

**5. Man's dominion was for 6 Days – 'Earth Lease' (Parallels to the 7 Days of Creation)**

Dakes Study Bible and a number of Bible Theologians talk about The Earth LEASE: It states: God leased the earth to 'man' for a period of 6000 yrs. After that time Jesus Christ will return to set up His 1000 year reign.

While the lease is in place 'man' has LEGAL authority to make DECISIONS on what will or will not take place on the earth.

**6. Jesus referred to this 'Earth Lease' in Mark 12 & Mark 13:37**

Mark 12:1-8 NLT **A man planted a vineyard.** *He built a wall around it, dug a pit for pressing out the grape juice, and built a lookout tower. Then he leased the vineyard to tenant farmers and moved to another country.* *At the time of the grape harvest, he sent one of his servants to collect his share of the crop.* <sup>3</sup> *But the farmers grabbed the servant, beat him up, and sent him back empty-handed.* <sup>4</sup> The owner then sent another servant, but they insulted him and beat him over the head. <sup>5</sup> *The next servant he sent was killed. Others he sent were either beaten or killed,* <sup>6</sup> *until there was only one left—his son whom he loved dearly.* The owner finally sent him, thinking, 'Surely they will respect my son.' <sup>7</sup> *"But the tenant farmers said to one another, 'Here comes the heir to this estate. Let's kill him and get the estate for ourselves!'* <sup>8</sup> So they grabbed him and murdered him and threw his body out of the vineyard...

... **A man planted a vineyard ...** refers to God ... **vineyard ...** refers to creation ... **he leased the vineyard out to tenant farmers ...** earth lease, ... **and moved to another country ...** God returned to heaven

Mark 13:34-35 *It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. 35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—*

## 7. God instructed 'man' to 'watch' – to 'guard' the earth

Genesis 1:28 *God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over ...*

*'subdue' – kabash – 'subdue, bring into subjection, keep under, force'*

*'dominion' – radah – 'rule, reign, dominate, tread down'*

Part of Adam's role as the authority ... was to 'keep watch, guard the earth.

Genesis 2:15 NLT *The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it.*

*'watch' – shamar – 'to keep watch, guard, give heed, observe'*

God was letting Adam know that there was an enemy roaming the universe! Lucifer (Ezk 28:11-19, Isaiah 14:12), he had gone after **God's throne** and God cast him out of Heaven. He would come after Adam's throne!

Genesis 2:16-17 NIV *The Lord God commanded the man, "you are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."*

Lit. ... **in dying you shall die** – in dying spiritual, you will die physically.

## 8. Satan entered the earth!

Genesis 3:1-5 *Now the Serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"<sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;<sup>3</sup> but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'<sup>4</sup> Then the serpent said to the woman, "you will not surely die.<sup>5</sup> For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

- i. They already ... had the knowledge of ... GOOD ...
- ii. Satan was offering them the ... *knowledge of evil*.
- iii. God had told them! There is a '**knowledge**' out there that you don't need to '**know!**'

## 9. Adam didn't guard himself, Eve or the earth – death entered the earth (Romans 5:12)

### 10. Satan gained control of the earth

*...the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving... 2 Corinth's 4:4*

*... the ruler of this world John 12:31 / John 14:30*

*... the prince of the power of the air Ephesians 2:2*

*... the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one 1 John 5:19*

## 11. How would God restore His 'creation' (from the curse of sin & death) & take the authority back from Satan!

God was on the outside of the earth looking in on the situation! The 'man' God created was now UNDER the curse of death.

- i. God couldn't come into the earth and cast the devil out ... **because Adam had allowed him entry.**
- ii. God couldn't start over and create another man from the dust of the ground ... **because the ground was cursed.**
- iii. God couldn't come into the earth take back the authority from Satan ... **because Adam had given his authority to Satan.**

## 12. Man still has authority on earth because 'he' / 'we' are born here

- i. God *made* man's body from the dust of the ground which gives him legal authority in the earth.
- ii. Spirit beings are limited in what they can do on earth **because** they are not made of the earth, they are spirit beings. They need a physically body to operate through!
- iii. When Satan gained Adam's authority, he still needed a physical body to work through.
- iv. **God is the same! Because God is Spirit ... He looks for people on the earth whom He can work through ...**
- v. **God becoming a 'Man' (the MYSTERY) gave God legal entry into the earth so He could undo/destroy the works of the enemy**

1 John 3:8b NKJ/Ampl *For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might undo destroy, loosen, and dissolve the works of the devil.*

Matthew 28:18 ***All authority is given to Me in heaven and on earth...***

- i. Jesus is the Head of all things and has delegated His to His body, the Church.
- ii. He Satan has been stripped of authority but continues to operate in the earth until the Body of Christ, The Church uses our authority and quotes ... It is written and executes on Satan the judgment written.

We use our authority by coming under the highest authority God, Jesus Christ and the WORD who is the Supreme and final authority!

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