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#### God Is Reigning, But Is He Reigning In You?

#### Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Reign—Exercise of sovereign power as by a monarch.

Monarch— A hereditary sovereign, such one that presides over and rules.

When looking at the natural, one would think the only ones that have power are those that are rich, famous or well educated. Mind you, all these things are a blessings, and should be desired to have them, but if we have the things we desire and don't have God as the center of our life, the worldly things we have will not give us joy and power that comes from God.

We're spiritual beings in a world that will soon come to an end. What we're seeing with our natural eyes will someday fade away. Too many times we're concentrating on the things we can see rather than the things we can't see. We can't see God, but we can hear Him as well as feel Him as the Spirit of God moves upon us and throughout our bodies.

God has promised, once we receive the Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost we shall receive power. This power you can't see with the natural eye, but when activated with faith, it will produce a life changing

experience in our behavior, character and desires. The old desires will fade away as we submit to God.

The Holy Spirit wasn't just given to us in order for us to speak in a language we can't understand or to jump, shout and run around the church, but God placed His Spirit within us to enable us to fulfill His calling for our lives as well as assist others to fulfill their calling.

There is nothing greater than speaking to the Father in our heavenly language, praising and worshiping Him in the Spirit. It's a blessing to dance before the Lord, but once we finish dancing and speaking in tongues, do we have the power to set ourselves and others free from the bondage of Satan?

We must utilize the power God has given us. Many Christians have the Spirit of God living within their being and they are still suffering from the "I can't help it". There is nothing going on with us or our love ones that God hasn't given us the power to overcome the enemy.

Our empowerment comes through submitting ourselves to God, and in return, He gives us a portion of His Spirit, by the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer, reading and studying the word of God will enable us to fight the good fight of faith. Every time we read the word of God, we're filling ourselves with ammunition. Every time we fast, we're submitting ourselves more and more to God until it be no more us, but the Christ that lives within us.

We're fighting an adversary that has been around for thousands of years. Satan is not stupid, and he also has power. His power is not overpowering God, but don't be foolish and think that Satan can't use the power he has to influence and attack.

The woman that was bent over for eighteen years was bound by a spirit of infirmity. Satan attacked her physically. The man that was possessed by demons in the country of the Gergesenes was fierce, and people were afraid of him. When people can do harm to themselves as well as to others, they are possessed by evil spirits, but God has given us power to cast them out through the name of Jesus.

Saints aren't possessed by demons, but they can be oppressed and suppressed by them. We must know when it's a demonic spirit or a physical illness. Every sickness or disease isn't satanic, but we must know the difference, whether it's physical or demonic. God has given us the power through His Son to be healed, if its God's will for us to be healed. There are times people will not be healed of their diseases and sickness.

Elisha died from his sickness, but the anointing that was upon him, brought life to a corpse that was placed in Elisha's grave (2nd Kings 13:14, 2nd Kings 13:21). Apostle Paul had a thorn in his flesh, whatever it was, he didn't get healed of it. As Christians we will suffer from sickness at one

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time or another. There will be times we will be healed, and there are times we will not be healed, and God will let us know whether or not we will be healed.

God has promised whatever we bind on earth, would be bound in heaven, and whatever we lose on earth will be loosed in heaven. We need to know when to bind and when to loose, this comes by having a relationship with God. He will teach us how to fight in the Spirit.

When going through trials, test and tribulations, we must allow the peace of God to be in our mind, heart and spirit, if not, Satan will bring depression, oppression, and suppression.

God has given us a portion of His Spirit to help us obtain everything we need in life. The reason why some of us aren't reigning in different areas of our life is because we're not willing to fight for it.

When God gave the children of Israel the land of Canaan, a land flowing with milk and honey, God didn't move the enemy, but He told the children of Israel to go in and take the land. Too many times we lose what God has given us because we're not willing to fight for it.

We fight by prayer, fasting, reading and studying the word of God, submission to the word of God. Binding the spirit and the actions, loosing the blood of Jesus and the word of God against the enemy. Confess the word of God over every situation and circumstance, and believe you shall see a manifestation of what you're confessing.

Confessing and not believing what you're confessing will bring the negative and not the positive. We can't fight spirits with unbelief

as well as living a life of hypocrisy. In order to fight against spiritual wickedness, the power of God must be residing in the believer's life. When we submit ourselves to the word of God, the Holy Spirit will come and live within our human body (Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him—John 14:23).

We're in a war we can't see with the naked eye, we're spiritual beings fighting a spiritual war. We need the Holy Spirit living within us to fight this war.

I'm not saying every time we go through something all we have to do is bind it and go about our business. No, there will be times we have to wrestle like Jacob in the spirit and tell the Lord, I'm not going to let you go until you bless me, deliver me, heal me, save me, and fill me.

There will be times we may have to wait longer than we wish, but in our waiting it will build our faith in God as well as having faith in ourselves knowing that we're the children of God and we don't have to faint in our tribulation.

Jesus came that we may have life, and have it more abundantly. This goes for our physical health, spiritual health, marriage, family, finances. God wants to reign in every area of our being, but He can't if we don't allow Him too.

God gave dominion to Adam and Eve, they lost their authority when they disobeyed the instructions of God. When we except Jesus not just as a Savior, but make Him Lord of our life, He returns the authority back to us that was given to Satan through Adam and Eve.

Bad habits must bow and come subject if God is reigning in us and we're using the authority that Jesus has given us. The "I can't help it" should be coming subject when God is reigning.

Bad tempers should be coming subject if God is reigning in us. The Fruit of the Spirit should be in manifestation if God is reigning in us. Forgiveness should be oozing out of us if God is reigning. Love and compassion should be overflowing if God is reigning.

Backbiting, and gossiping should be a thing of the past if God is reigning. Cursing shouldn't be in us if God is reigning. Fear can't reign if God is reigning.

In order for God to reign in us, there must be a daily submission to God and His word, if we don't then our fleshy desires will be reigning. God and Satan can't reign in the same body.

We as the people of God have almost forsaken the things that will help us to grow in God. In order for the body to be healthy, we must eat the proper foods, take vitamins and nutrients. Get enough sleep and rest. In order for our spirit to grow, we must read and digest the word of God. If we don't when we hear the word of God, we will hear it, but not be doers of it.

We must stay prayerful, and fast. Fasting help us to dominate our fleshy desires. Our flesh is studying dictating what its wants, but it must come subject to the word of God. Our spirit, soul and body must be holy to the Lord (And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ—1st Thessalonians 5:23).

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The only way we're going to win the war for ourselves as well as our love ones, we must come submitted to the word of God, prayer and fasting.

There are many things that the people of God are going through because some may not have totally submitted and there are those that really don't understand the power that lives within them.

Every one of us will have trials and tribulations, but some times we go through things that weren't ordered by God. They were ordered by Satan to try to turn our faith from God. The Bible teaches through many tribulations shall we enter into heaven (Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God—Acts 14:22).

There will be suffering, distress, rejections and sometimes shame. The instructions and teaching is in the manual (Bible). In order to operate according to the manual, it has to be read and the instructions has to be followed.

Stop giving Satan more power than you give God. In order for Satan to attack us, he has to receive permission from God. When he receives permission, know that you are already a winner because God has promised He will not put more on you than you can bear. If the trial or test is strong than God knows you can handle it.

God wants to be glorified through His people. Jesus said we would be a witness of Him, the witness is not going to door to door or telling people we're saved. It's the outer appearance and the inner manifestation of the power of God working through us to reach the lives of others.

God's word never changes, His principals never changes. We must come subject to the word of God if we want to experience the manifestation of His power.

God will never lead us to a trial or tribulation and not give us the power to endure the task. God will never leave you nor forsake you. Allow Him to clean the inner man, so that His image will be manifested in your character and behavior.

Someone is reigning in you, Is it the Father, Satan or self-will, whose reigning?

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