

The Authority Given to Mankind



Deaf and partially blind for many years. Instantly healed by Jesus during outreach on the streets of **Ullan Bator, Mongolia August 1992.**



CHAPTER 6

Why Did Jesus, God The Creator, Need To Be Born On Earth?

1 John 3:8 states, *For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might **destroy the works of the devil**.* Jesus is called the second Adam. The first Adam lost so much when he gave his authority to Satan in the beginning but when Jesus defeated Satan at the cross and rose victoriously much of it was restored. After being raised from the dead, Jesus said, “*All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth*” (Matthew 28:18). Then He gave it to us and restored to us our inherent authority. (see Mark 16:15-18, Matthew 28:18-20).

Religious tradition and many Christians claim that Jesus performed miracles and cast out demons because He was God in the flesh, or that He was the divine Son of God, thereby

exonerating themselves from the need to walk in the same power and authority He did. This is partially true. But this is how Satan operates, he puts out truth mixed with lies and slowly believers are taken off course from what the Word says. Jesus **was God** in the flesh, He **was the Son of God**, but He did not perform great miracles as a result of those reasons. That would have been contrary to His word in Genesis 1:26-28. Every person born on Earth was given authority on the Earth. That is why Jesus had to be born on this Earth to have authority. He performed these miracles because of two reasons; first, **He was born on this planet**. Second, He was **anointed by Holy Spirit** to use that authority. We have access to the same. We will touch on the second reason later.

First of all, the scripture shows us plainly that He did not operate as God in the flesh while on the earth. Phillipians 2:5-7 says, *let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be **equal with God**: but **made Himself of no reputation** and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was **made in the likeness of men***. Here it states He had no problem being God but **made Himself of no reputation with God**. The word **no reputation** in the Greek is the word **Kenoo**. It means to make void, of none effect, laid aside equality with or the form of God, deprive of force, render vain, useless, of no effect, cause a thing to be seen to be empty,

hollow. The American Standard Bible states in verse 7 **but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men. Jesus laid aside His privileges** of being God. The New International Version says *rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.* Jesus referred to Himself as the Son of man more than He referred to Himself as the Son of God. Jesus did not operate in divine power but from the position of being born here and being anointed by the Holy Spirit, through the baptism of Holy Spirit. The sons and daughters of man are the ones who have authority on this earth according to Genesis 1:26-28 and Psalms 115:16. That is one reason Jesus laid aside His privileges of being God when He came to Earth.

Genesis 1:26 says God made us in 'His image and **likeness**' (Hebrew- an exact duplicate in kind). Notice Philippians 2:7 says that Jesus, God our Creator was made in the '**likeness of men**' (an exact duplicate of man). God made us in His likeness and then came to earth to identify with mankind by becoming a man, taking on man's likeness. Philippians 2:8 says *And being found in the appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death of the cross.* Think of the price the God of creation made to become a man and pay for our salvation spirit, soul, and body. He was beaten, lied about, spit upon, punched, mocked, a crown of thorns shoved through

his skull, whipped 39 times with a cat of nine tails, spikes driven through His wrists and feet and hung on a cross. All the while *He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent* (Isaiah 53:7). What a price our humble God paid to become like us and redeem us!

However, Jesus needed more than just an earthly birth to use His authority over the works of the devil. He also needed the anointing of Holy Spirit. Matthew 3:16-17 shows us the turning point in Jesus' ministry where the power of God was unleashed upon Him. It says, *and Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the **Spirit of God** descending like a dove, and **lighting upon Him:** and a voice from heaven, saying, "this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."* Until the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in Matthew 3:17, there is not one recorded miracle performed by Him. His miracle working power came after the Holy Spirit came upon Him, when He was 30 years old.

If Jesus performed miracles because He was God in the flesh or the Divine Son of God as tradition teaches us, why didn't He do miracles before Holy Spirit descended on Him in Matthew 3:16-17? Surely He was just as much God in the flesh and the Divine Son of God before this event took place. Did Jesus perform miracles as a teenager? No! Did Jesus perform

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miracles in His 20s? No! Why? Two main reasons! He had to operate under the authority given to a man, born on the earth. He also needed to partner with Holy Spirit in order to carry out His authority. He was not baptized in Holy Spirit until He was 30 years old. He put Himself in that place because of what He stated in the creation of mankind (see Genesis 1:26-28). He was unable to perform miracles even though He was God and was the Son of God. He laid His deity aside when He came to earth as a man, operated in the authority of a man born here, and was anointed by the Holy Spirit to perform miracles. This is the pattern He set for each one of us to follow.

It was at the Jordan River where the Spirit of the Lord came on Jesus and anointed Him to preach and do miracles. After Jesus was baptized in Holy Spirit and was in the desert fasting and praying for 40 days He returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee (ref. Luke 4:14). This was when His miracle ministry began. Jesus stood up and said at this time: *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord... Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing”* (Luke 4:18-20). From then on miracles and healings were a regular occurrence in Jesus’ ministry.

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Acts 10:38 shows us how this power came into operation in Jesus' life and ministry. It says, *how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the **Holy Spirit** and with **power**, who went about doing good and **healing all who were oppressed** by the devil, for God was with Him.* A study of the scriptures clearly show Jesus needed to be born on earth to have authority on the earth and then be baptized in the Holy Spirit to legally take back our authority, which had been lost to Satan and for miracles to flow through Him on a regular basis.

Look again at Hebrews 2:14, it says *Inasmuch then as the children have **partaken of flesh and blood**, He Himself likewise **shared** in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.* Jesus Himself had to be a partaker of flesh and blood in order to do miracles on the earth. He had to die and rise again to release the body of Christ to do greater works and redeem us from the works of the devil.

The same miracle working power Jesus operated in is available to every person born on earth who has made Jesus Lord of their lives. It is not just for Jesus and a few selected followers. 1 John 2:6 says, *He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.* And just how did Jesus walk? He walked in authority, humility, boldness, integrity, love, while casting out demons, and healing the sick and infirm. We are to do the same. Jesus gave us the Great Commission in John

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20:21 (Amp). *Then Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you [as My representatives]."*

Jesus said in John 14:12 *"most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the **works that I do he will do also, and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.**"* What happened when Jesus went to the Father? He sent Holy Spirit to earth so we can perform the same miracles today and even greater ones through His name, in order to fulfill the Great Commission. Notice how John 14:12 does not end with a question mark. It ends with a period. Many believers can't comprehend how we could do greater works than Jesus, and question this statement made by Jesus. They say "how can we do greater miracles than Jesus?" There are more miracles happening on earth now than any other previous time in history. Even more than when Jesus walked this earth in the flesh! Stop questioning the power of Holy Spirit and start tapping into His power. Some think it is arrogance to think we can do greater works than Jesus. It is arrogance and pride to question His word and put limits on Him. Stop questioning His Word and start acting on it with authority and faith believing.

When believers start understanding their God-given authority, who they are in Christ, and start partnering with Holy Spirit, we will see more miracles, healings, signs and wonders than any other time in history. What an exciting time

to be alive serving Jesus!

Our Authority In Three Realms

Jesus gave us the use of His name after ascending from Hell. We read in Mark 16:17-18 *And these signs will follow those who believe: **In My name** they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.*” Through His name we have authority in three realms. Look at what Philippians 2:9-11 says about Jesus and His name. *“Therefore God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**, of those **in heaven**, and of those on **earth**, and of those **under the earth**, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*” The name of Jesus is higher than demons of cancer, blindness, deafness, paralysis, or any other sickness or bondage. We have the use of the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out our God-given authority. Through His name we have authority in heaven, earth and in hell.

Jesus was one who walked in authority. When praying for the sick or demonized, many do not comprehend how to use their authority and the name of Jesus. Many people, while ministering to the sick, have turned it into a prayer meeting

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thinking praying louder or longer will cause God to answer them. Some who pray are very insecure or lack confidence and because of this see no real results. When it comes to healing, some pray: "Lord if it be your will." They sound religious but that is not how you operate in authority and faith, when it comes to healing the sick or casting out demons.

*And the **prayer of faith will save the sick**, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven* (James 5:15). It is the prayer of faith, not the prayer of uncertainty that makes the difference! All we need to do is look at how Jesus prayed for the sick and demonized. He did not lay hands and pray over someone until he wore every hair off the top of their head. He never prayed for healing with the phrase 'if it be your will.' Jesus did not yell or scream to cast out demons until His voice went hoarse. He spoke to the sickness and/or demon with authority, commanding it to leave. Sickness and/or demons obeyed His command! Why not follow his lead and pray with authority like He did? We can do the same, since we have the same Holy Spirit and the use of the name that is above all names, the name of Jesus.

Notice how Jesus, most of the time, spoke the end results and what He spoke came to pass. At times Jesus touched people or people touched Him without saying a word, virtue flowed out of Him and they were instantly healed. Once my wife

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Sharmila, a tough woman who loves weightlifting, slipped on ice and fell while she was walking our dog in the hills behind our home. She was in a lot of pain. At times it brought her to tears. We prayed at times when the pain was intense and she would get some temporary relief but the injury still caused a lot of pain. A short time later we were in Redding, California to get ordained and licensed by Randy Clark and Bill Johnson. Randy introduced both of us to Bill and he shook our hands. When he shook Sharmila's hand something happened. As soon as he left she said "**My back is on fire.**" I felt her back and sure enough it was on fire and soaked in sweat (in January). Later that afternoon we were listening to Randy Clark teaching at the conference when Sharmila said, "*by the way, my back does not hurt anymore.*" She was completely healed just by a simple anointed handshake! This is a good example of walking in authority without even saying a word or speaking it. Just understanding authority can set you up for divine appointments like this.

Once, while teaching pastors and leaders in Mount Haugen, Papua New Guinea on the Baptism of Holy Spirit and authority, I demonstrated how to use our authority by praying over those ministers who needed healing. One minister, Nagalu Gangabu, was completely deaf in his right ear since 1976. As a demonstration of how to use our authority, I laid hands on him and commanded the deaf spirit to leave in the name of Jesus

and his ear to open. He heard instantly! Many others were healed as well. This inspired the ministers that they could do the same. Then I taught them on the Baptism of Holy Spirit. Many of these ministers had never heard of this before. Many were baptized in the Holy Spirit for the first time in their life. Later I asked the ministers to put into practice what was taught. We saw tremendous results at that conference.

One powerful testimony I recalled hearing was about two of these ministers who had just learned the principles and were baptized in Holy Spirit. They made their way home through the jungle and got lost. They met an old man and asked for directions. Turns out the man was born deaf and mute. Acting upon their faith and authority, they rebuked the deaf and mute spirit, taking authority over it in Jesus' name and the man heard and spoke instantly. Then they had to do some explaining at the local village of what Jesus had done to the old man! Those ministers are just two of many ministers who have seen results as they put into practice these principles. You too can have signs and wonders following as you act upon the Word and use the authority God has instilled within us who are born on planet earth and have come into partnership with the Holy Spirit through faith in Jesus.

Dual Meaning Of The Word Power

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There are two Greek words used in the New Testament for **power**. The first Greek word for power is **EXOUSIA**, which means authority, privilege, right, liberty, jurisdiction and strength. The other word is **DUNAMIS**, which means mighty work, strength, miracle, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature and power for performing miracles. **Dunamis** is also the root of the word dynamite. By understanding these words we can see the power God gave us in Genesis 1:26-28. We can also understand why we need the Holy Spirit to carry out that authority. Let's look at these words in different passages.

Exousia is used by Jesus in Luke 10:19 He says *"Behold, I give you the authority (**exousia**) to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power (**dunamis**) of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."* The word authority here is **EXOUSIA**, the authority we were given in Genesis 1:26-28.

A good example of this kind of authority and power would be of a police officer directing traffic at a busy intersection. That police officer is given the power or authority to direct traffic. Let's say a driver does not want to stop his truck when the officer signals him to do so. Could that officer physically stop this truck? Of course not! The truck would flatten him if he tried to do that. He would have to move out of its way. The officer you could say has the authority (**exousia**), but not the might or power to enforce physically (**dunamis**). That is where

the power of the law comes in and **the laws** of that land **are enforced!** The trucker is arrested and made to pay the penalty for his crime.

Within ourselves we cannot carry out our authority. Just like the officer in the example has authority to direct traffic but does not have the physical might or power to stop the truck, we have the authority but need the might and power (dunamis) of Holy Spirit to enforce our authority. Jesus said in Acts 1:8 *“But you shall receive power (**dunamis**) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses (Greek-**someone who verifies his testimony with an exhibition of evidence, something evidential, with proof, vouch for, prove, guarantee, bears witness by death and martyr**) to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”* Here the word for power is different. It literally means **miraculous ability**. When we are in partnership with the Holy Spirit, He gives us the ability to carry out our God-given authority through His **mighty power**. He is the miracle worker.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is something that comes after salvation. Jesus is the one who baptizes us in the Holy Spirit when we hunger for the power of the Holy Spirit to be His witness. John the Baptist said this about Jesus: *“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry.*

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11). Just like the heavens were opened and Jesus was baptized in the Holy Spirit at the Jordan River in Matthew 3:16-17 to begin performing miracles and to carry out His authority, we need the same heavenly experience and power (*dunamis*) too if we want to see miracles and healings on a regular basis.

Jesus said *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled* (Matthew 5:6). If you want to see the authority you have been given by God released in your life there needs to be a hunger to be filled, immersed, and baptized in Holy Spirit by Jesus. Whatever you hunger for you will be filled with that. You should hunger for the power of Holy Spirit in your life! If you have not experienced this yet, press in for this heavenly experience. You won't be disappointed (see Luke 11:9-13). In the book of Acts, three out of the four times it mentions being filled with the Holy Spirit it is accompanied by speaking in tongues. Being able to pray in tongues has helped release my faith and authority to perform miracles and healings in Jesus' name. Jude verse 20 says *But you, beloved, **building yourselves up** on your most holy faith, **praying in the Holy Spirit.*** Praying in tongues is praying in the Holy Spirit.

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