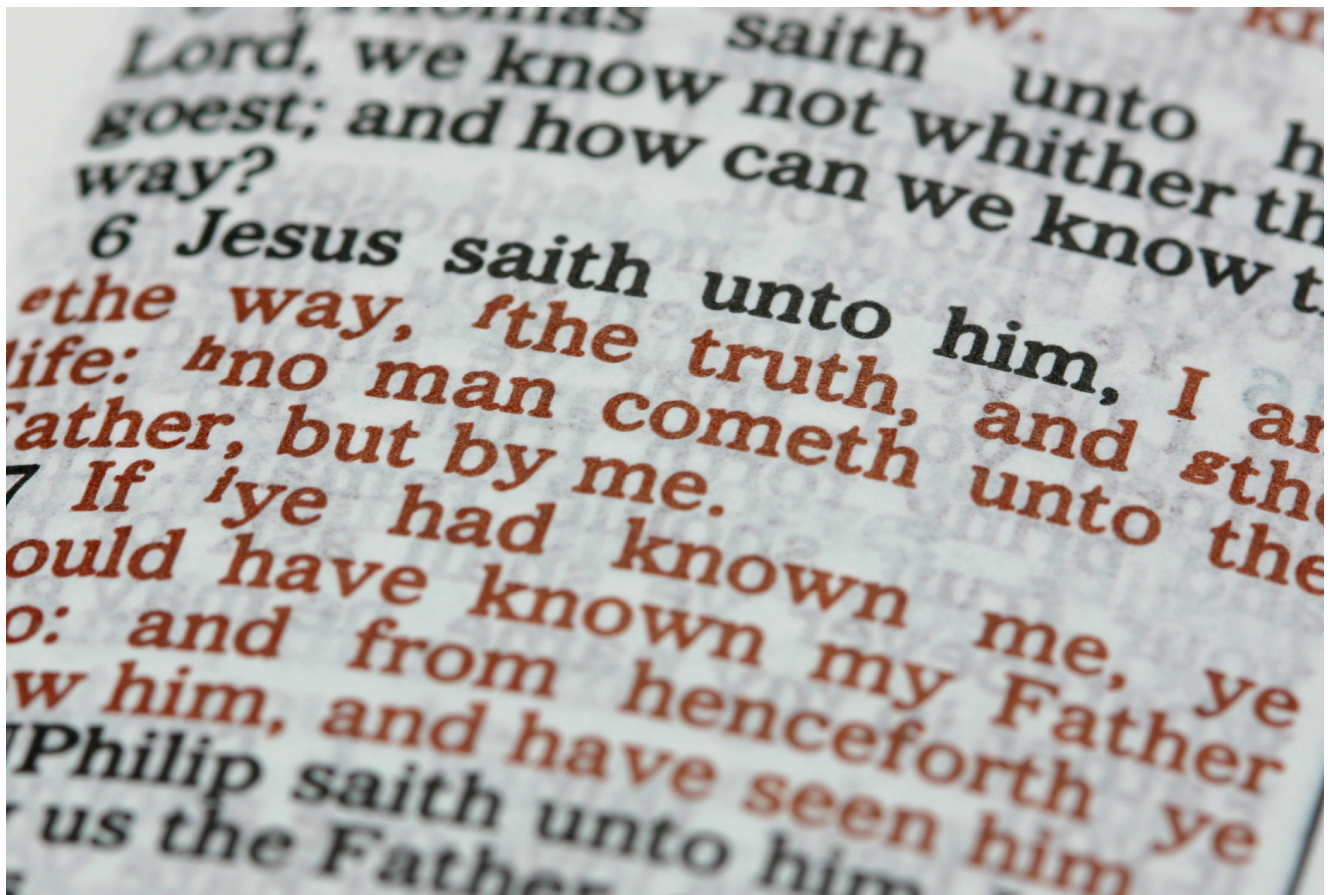


STUDY GUIDE

The Kingdom Manifests by Authority

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Christ Proclaimed the Good News of the Kingdom

The Lord has been making the Scripture in Matthew 9:35 very real to me: “Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom.” I love this emphasis that Yeshua (Jesus) was proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom. We must keep this idea alive in our hearts that what Yeshua was speaking and preaching and proclaiming was the Kingdom of God. When we talk about the gospel, *euaggelion* in the Greek, we are talking about the “good news.” So Yeshua was proclaiming the good news and His excitement about the Kingdom. He was telling everyone that it was time for that Kingdom of Heaven to begin manifesting on this earth. And by calling it the gospel, Christ was saying, “Hey, this is good news. This is wonderful!” So Yeshua went into all the cities and villages teaching in all their synagogues this good news about the Kingdom of God. And as He did that, He was “healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd” (Matthew 9:35–36). Yeshua’s heart was breaking over the condition of the people that He was coming in contact with because He saw that mankind was in distress. He saw them downcast. He saw them like sheep without a shepherd. So He came to them proclaiming this great news about the Kingdom. And we find ourselves proclaiming the same thing that Yeshua proclaimed, “It is time for the Kingdom of God!” It should be exciting to us that the Kingdom of God is coming into this earth.



We Have a Lot of Work to Do

After looking at the people and seeing their distress, how downcast and oppressed they were, Yeshua turned to His disciples and said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest” (Matthew 9:37–38). Keep in mind that what Christ is saying to His disciples was born out of this picture He was seeing of mankind being distressed. As Yeshua looked at the world condition, His heart was breaking for the downcast people who were distressed and without a shepherd. So He addressed the disciples and said, “Listen, this harvest is great. There is going to be a lot of work here.” He understood that bringing the Kingdom of God into the earth was a big job and that workers were needed. In John 4:35, Yeshua said, “Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.” Christ was saying, “Be perceptive about what is before you. The fields are white for harvest, and it is time for you to begin harvesting.” The harvest is plentiful and the labor is great, but not many people are really ready to work on this project. What is the project? It is manifesting the Kingdom of God in the earth. We have a huge job before us!

The Body of Christ must wake up to this reality that there is a tremendous harvest to bring in, but there are very few workers. We are not together just to play church. We are here because of this great harvest. We must come together because of this wonderful news about the Kingdom of God. When we see the revelation of the Kingdom of Heaven and then look at the world around us, we feel like Yeshua. It is almost despairing to see the world in the condition it is in. There is no shepherd; there is no voice; there is no Word from God; there is no deliverance. There are very few workers.



We Have Authority Over Unclean Spirits

So in working with His disciples, Yeshua was driven to change this situation. He summoned His twelve disciples together and began to equip them with authority.

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MATTHEW 10:1

He gave them what they needed to change this picture of the world that He was seeing. On one hand, you have this fabulous news about the Kingdom of God. On the other hand, you have this picture of humanity and the world the way it exists. There is such a disparity between these two pictures. So Yeshua was driven to do something about it and said, “Listen, pray that there be those who are ready to change this picture.” And we should be changing this picture in our communities and in our nations—but we are not going to solve this problem by ourselves. It is going to require the whole Body of Christ coming together in order to change this picture.

But more than just having a great number of people come together, there is something else that is required. Yeshua had to equip the disciples. Those who answered the call to be laborers in the field still had to be equipped. So Christ imparted to them His authority. Yeshua gave them authority over unclean spirits and the ability to cast them out. He gave them the ability to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

MARK 16:15–18

Yeshua gave them that authority. He knew that the answer for the Kingdom of God coming and this good news manifesting was found in the impartation of authority to cast out the unclean spirits. We are not just talking about little demons; it includes satan himself because he is the number one unclean spirit. So Yeshua gave them authority over satan himself: authority to cast him out, authority to bring an end to his reign in the earth, authority to stop his oppression of the sheep, and authority to stop him from cutting mankind off from being shepherded.



His Authority Breaks the Cycle of Poverty and Depression

After the resurrection, the eleven disciples went to Galilee to the mountain where Yeshua had designated for them. When they saw Him, they worshipped Him and Yeshua said:

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

MATTHEW 28:18–20

This authority is what the Great Commission is all about. In the name of Yeshua we have authority over the unclean spirits, authority to cast them out, authority to heal every kind of disease and sickness. You have that authority! It is the authority of Christ. And Christ has all authority in heaven and in earth. So you can step out in faith and in faithfulness. I expect tremendous things to begin to happen. It is an authority that is necessary in the earth.

And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to their number, to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on any one of them. Also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all being healed.

ACTS 5:14–16

If we open our eyes and look around, we will feel like Christ felt and have His compassion. When we look around at the youth in our surrounding communities, we see the same picture. We see people in distress. We see people who are downcast and oppressed. We see a people who are without shepherds and without a Word from God. Yet here we have this fantastic, good news about the Kingdom of God. We must change this picture, especially for this generation of young people. We have to break Satan's power that holds them in bondage, whether it is drugs or alcohol or social media or whatever. We break the cycle of depression and poverty that holds this generation captive and oppressed. God is doing something, but it will take authority.





His Authority Heals the Nations

The Body of Christ must have a united oneness that moves in authority in a way we have never seen before. We knit our hearts together in this oneness that brings a change to the nations. We are living in the moment of the Scriptures in Matthew, Luke, and John about the great harvest (Matthew 9:37–38; Luke 10:1–9, 17–20; John 4:35–38). It is time for the Kingdom of God and its good news to be proclaimed (Luke 4:43). But for it to work, there must be those with Christ’s authority; there must be those who know how to cast out the wicked one. There must be healing and deliverance from every kind of sickness and disease. And that is what we look forward to seeing happen. It is the working of Yeshua to impart authority to His Church. Now is the time!

The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” And He said to them, “I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.”

LUKE 10:17–20

Lord, we believe that You have given us Your authority, and we declare that this authority is functional in casting out satan. It is effective in healing disease. It is effective in covering the sheep. No longer will people be like sheep without a shepherd. But there will be a spiritual covering that comes over every geographical region by this impartation of Christ’s authority.

I declare an impartation of faith and authority into our lives that we will be able to bind and to loose and to call into being those things which do not exist (Romans 4:17). We knit our hearts together in authority and oneness to see this tremendous, good news of the Kingdom of God manifest on this earth in the name of the Lord. Amen.



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