

THE AUTHORITY OF THE BELIEVER

Part VI

Luke 10:19-20

Introduction: The lubricious canards of the enemy attempt to dissuade believers from being cognizant of how God has anointed them with the Holy Spirit to be the managers of the kingdom of God on earth. As such, they have been mandated to use His authority and power to carry out the work of the kingdom on earth. This unequivocal Heavenly assignment that they are issued is undergirded and validated by the covenant that God has made with man.

I. The covenant

- A. The five things that make up a covenant made with man by God are these: 1.) The date of the covenant; 2.) The parties involved; 3.) The subject or scope of the covenant; 4.) The time and operation of the agreement; and 5.) the signature or endorser of the covenant.
 1. God's Name is always stamped indelibly upon His covenant with man.
 - a. Because of Christ's work at Calvary, the covenants are signed with the blood of Jesus Christ.
 2. In Genesis, the title of "God" is used 32 times. The Hebrew word "*Elohim*" is a uni-plural word denoting the unity in plurality of the divine Persons.
 - a. The word *Elohim* means objects of worship (the Trinity).
 - b. "El" in the singular means "*the strong one, the mighty one*"; *Elohim* in the uni-plural form involves the three Persons in the Godhead, the covenanters as seen in Genesis 1:26-27.

II. God's covenant with the church

- A. When God spoke to Moses out of the burning bush, He said, "*I am the God of your father – the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob ...*" Exodus 3:4.
 1. The revelation was that He was the God of covenant.
 2. In the Old Testament, "*Lord God*" inculcated all the truths of redemption and grace.
 3. In the New Testament, the "*Lord Jesus Christ*" combines everything that God the Father revealed Himself to be in the Old Testament.
- B. Our connection with the Covenant Name
 1. Matthew 20:21.
 2. Galatians 3:13, 14, 16, 29; John 14:12.
- C. As managers of the kingdom of God on earth, what should we be doing?
 1. Mark 16:15-20.
 2. Cast out demons. Ephesians 6:12. Matthew 16:18 (gates of Hades).
 3. Heal the sick. Matthew 10:7-8.
 4. Raise the dead. Matthew 10:8.
 5. Bring peace. Matthew 10:13.
 6. Minister the baptism into the Holy Spirit. Acts 19:6.
 - a. Power from Heaven. Acts 1:8
 7. Meditate on the rapture of the church.
 - a. Brings comfort. 1st Thessalonians 4:18.
 - b. Our blessed hope. 1st Thessalonians 4:13.
 8. Unambiguously and boldly proclaim the truth of the Word of God.
 - a. Mark 16:15-16.
 - 1) Verse 1 (Amplified): "*And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach and publish openly the good news (the Gospel) to every creature [of the whole human race].*"
 - b. 2nd Timothy 4:1-3.
 - 1) Verse 2 (Amplified): "*Herald and preach the Word! Keep your sense of urgency [stand by, be at hand and ready], whether the opportunity seems to be favorable or unfavorable. [Whether it is convenient or inconvenient, whether it is welcome or unwelcome, you as preacher of the Word are to show people in what way their lives are wrong.] And convince them, rebuking and correcting, warning and urging and encouraging them, being unflagging and inexhaustible in patience and teaching.*"

Conclusion: For committed Christians, these are the most exciting days to be alive in the history of the world. What may seem to be problems to the world are only challenges waiting for us to solve. We have the greatest opportunity in history to gather in the ripened grain ready for harvest for the Lord (Luke 10:2). Now is the time to be encouraged because the time is short. Jesus is about to return for us. What we do, we must do quickly.