

How Big Is Your God Part 6

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The Manifest Presence of God

- **Matthew 7:28-29**

“And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.”

- **Matthew 28:18-20**

“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The Authority of Jesus — A Leper (Purity)

1. A Leper (Purity)

- **Matthew 8:1-3**

“When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.”

The Authority of Jesus — A Centurion (Ethnic)

2. A Centurion (Ethnic)

- **Matthew 8:5-13**

When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith...And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.”

The Authority of Jesus — Mother-in-Law (Gender)

3. Mother-in-Law (Gender)

- **Matthew 8:14-17**

“And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a

fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”

The Authority of Jesus — Nature (Earthly Realm)

4. Nature (Earthly Realm)

• Matthew 8:23-27

“And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. And behold, there arose a **great storm on the sea**, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing.” And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?” Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. And the men marveled, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?”

The Authority of Jesus — Demons (Spiritual Realm)

5. Demons (Spiritual Realm)

• Matthew 8:28-34

“And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, **two demon-possessed men** met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, “What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?” Now a herd of many pigs was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, saying, “If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of pigs.” And he said to them, “Go.” So they came out and went into the pigs, and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, especially what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their region.”

• Luke 10:19

“Behold, I have given you **authority** to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the **power** of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.”

The Authority of Jesus — Forgive Sin

6. Forgive Sin

• Matthew 9:1-8

“And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, some people brought to him a **paralytic**, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has **authority** on earth **to forgive sins**”—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.” And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such **authority** to men.”

The Authority of Jesus — Call Men (People)

7. Call Men (People)

• Matthew 9:9

“As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.”

The Authority of Jesus — Death

8. Death

• Matthew 9:18-26

“While he was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his garment, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. And when Jesus came to the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. And the report of this went through all that district.”

The Authority of Jesus — Blind

9. Blind

• Matthew 9:27-30

“And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” Then he touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” And their eyes were opened.”

The Authority of Jesus — Mute

10. Mute

• Matthew 9:32-33

“As they were going away, behold, a demon-oppressed man who was mute was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke. And the crowds marveled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.”

The Authority of Jesus — Given to us

1. A Leper (Purity)

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• **Matthew 9:35-38**

“And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, *he had compassion for them*, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.””

• **Matthew 10:1, 5-8**

“And he called to him his twelve disciples and **gave them authority** over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.” “These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. **And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons.**”

Discussion Questions

1. How is the delegated authority of Christ stronger than the power of the enemy?
2. Discuss Matthew 8:5-13. Do we need to be present to see someone healed? Have you had experience with this?
3. In Matthew 9:35-38, Jesus says to pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out laborers into His harvest. Does this include you — right now, as in individual?
4. Matthew 10:1, 5-8 says that He gave us authority to do the same things He had been doing. Do you believe He can work through you to do those things?
5. What is the difference between:
“Not having faith in *your* faith in God,” and
“Having faith in the person of Jesus.”

**CONCERT OF PRAYER
FOR OUR NATION
A CITY-WIDE GATHERING OF WORSHIP & INTERCESSION**

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

6:30 p.m.

Grace Chapel Sanctuary