**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
	1. When we were born again, we were born to win.
		1. We have become spiritual freedom fighters in God’s invasion army.
	2. We are in a battle.
		1. We are in a fight to the finish against a sinister foe with no holds barred.
		2. We cannot be neutral, and we cannot call a truce.
		3. The victory is ours in the Lord Jesus Christ.
	3. Luke 10:17-19
		1. The Lord Jesus had commissioned seventy to go out and preach.
			1. He gave them authority, and the seventy came back with great joy.
		2. The word “devils” in this passage literally means “demons.”
		3. The word “power” is used twice here in the King James, but there are two different words for “power” in the Greek.
			1. The first word for “power” in this passage means “authority.”
				1. It may be translated, “Behold, I give you authority over all the power of the enemy.”
	4. The battle is not ours, but it is the Lord’s.
		1. 2 Chronicles 20:15
	5. Today’s message will share three things about kingdom authority.
2. kingdom authority has been sovereignly established
	1. “Authority” is the power or the right to command, to act, to enforce obedience, or to make final decisions; jurisdiction or to rule.
		1. It is also power as delegated to another; authorization.
			1. In essence, “He or she has my authority to do it.”
	2. All authority is rooted in God and comes from God.
		1. Kingdom authority has been sovereignly established.
	3. When God created Adam and Eve, He placed them in the Garden of Eden and gave them dominion over all the Earth.
		1. Genesis 1:26-28
	4. But Adam and Eve sinned and yielded their dominion to Satan.
		1. They became slaves of Satan.
		2. Satan became the god of this world.
	5. The Lord Jesus, the second and last Adam, came to this Earth as a man and bought back Adam’s lost estate.
		1. This dominion was legally lost and was righteously regained.
			1. Lost by a man, the first Adam.
			2. Regained by a man, the second Adam who is Jesus.
		2. Hebrews 2:14
			1. “Children” refers to us.
				1. We live in flesh and blood bodies.
			2. “He also Himself” refers to Jesus.
				1. Jesus also took part in flesh and blood when he was born.
				2. When Jesus died, He paid the penalty of sin and took the dominion from Satan and gave it back to us.

1 John 3:8

* 1. Colossians 2:13-15
		1. The word “quickened” means “made alive.”
	2. We, being slaves, were in bondage; but Jesus came to set the captives free.
		1. We were in bondage to spiritual death.
			1. Colossians 2:13
			2. If you are not a Christian, spiritually, you are dead.
			3. We were not just sick in our sins, but we were dead.
			4. Through the death of Jesus, we receive life and deliverance from the bondage of spiritual death.
		2. We were in bondage to staggering debt.
			1. Our sins are a debt that must be paid.
				1. Heaven has sued us for damages.
			2. We are in debt because of our sins.
			3. Jesus paid the debt on the cross.
			4. Colossians 2:14
				1. In Bible times, a handwriting of ordinance would be written against a person accused of a crime.

His indictment would be written down.

* + - * 1. This handwriting of ordinance would be delivered to a judge.
				2. There would be a trial; and if he were found guilty, then they would write the penalty of his crime on a certificate of debt.

They would write the debt that was due.

* + - * 1. This person would then be put into prison, and this certificate of debt would be nailed to the prison door, telling what he had done and what the judge had sentenced him to and what he must pay.
				2. Once the sentence had been fulfilled, this handwriting of ordinance would be taken back to the judge or king, and he would write on it, “Tetelestai.”

This word literally means “finished,” “paid in full.”

* + - * 1. The judge then gives the man that certificate so that if anyone were to accuse him of the same crime, he could show them the certificate that proves his debt was paid.
				2. If a man was to be crucified, they would take the certificate of debt and nail it to the cross.

When Jesus was crucified, there was a certificate of debt nailed to the cross above His head.

Jesus, King of the Jews.

Jesus was dying for insurrection.

He claimed to be the King of the Jews.

* + - 1. Almighty God took every sin from all of the ages and nailed them to the cross of Jesus.
				1. When Jesus died and bowed His head, He said, “Tetelestai” ““paid in full.”
			2. Satan is the accuser of the brethren.
				1. Revelation 12:10
				2. He will accuse us to God; but then our attorney, the Lord Jesus, appears with His certificate of debt showing that our sins are paid in full.

Colossians 2:14

* + - * 1. Romans 8:33
			1. Not only have we been brought out of bondage from our spiritual death, but we have been brought out of bondage from our staggering debt.
		1. We were in bondage to satanic dominion.
			1. Colossians 2:15
			2. When Jesus died on the cross, He ruined Satan.
				1. Satan has been spoiled.

The word “spoiled” in Colossians 2:15 literally means “to strip.”

It has the idea of disgrace; as in, when a military officer is being disgraced and is stripped of his medals.

It actually meant “to take the hide from an animal.”

* + - * 1. Satan has been shamed.

Colossians 2:15

“Made a show of them openly.”

He has been humiliated.

Satan has been stripped of his royal regalia.

He had dominion.

But when Jesus died on the cross, He stripped Satan of that and then made a show of him openly.

The emperor has no clothes.

* + - * 1. Satan has been subdued.

Colossians 2:15

“Triumphing over them in it.”

This refers to Jesus’ death on the cross.

* + 1. Our enemy has been stripped, shamed and subdued by mighty Calvary.
			1. Hebrews 2:14
	1. We should not let the devil intimidate us anymore.
1. kingdom authority must be strongly enforced
	1. Even though he has been stripped, shamed and subdued, Satan will not give up anyone or anything without a fight.
		1. He does not want us to understand the authority we have in Jesus.
			1. Luke 10:19
			2. This authority is not for everyone; those who reject Christ are still in Satan’s dark kingdom.
			3. To those that reject Christ, Satan is still the God of their world.
				1. 2 Corinthians 4:4
		2. Satan is not our God and we do not live in his kingdom.
			1. We live in the kingdom of God and, through Jesus, have kingdom authority.
	2. Why did Jesus Christ come to this Earth?
		1. Luke 4:17-18
			1. Jesus is in Nazareth, his boyhood home, and He enters the temple and begins to read a prophecy from the book of Isaiah concerning Himself.
		2. We were slaves to Satan and in bondage to his dark kingdom but Jesus came to set us free.
		3. What kind of people did Jesus come to set free:
			1. Those who are bankrupt.
				1. Luke 4:18
				2. “Poor” here refers to those in abject poverty; beggars.

This is not talking only about those who are financially poor, but those who are spiritually poor.

* + - * 1. Revelation 3:17
				2. We are bankrupt without Jesus.
				3. Jesus came for the bankrupt.
			1. Those who are brokenhearted.
				1. Luke 4:18
				2. People may be laughing on the outside, but that may just be masking the sorrow and emptiness on the inside.
				3. “Amuse” means “not to think.”
				4. Job 14:1
				5. Jesus came to those who are filled with sorrow.
			2. Those who are bound.
				1. They are slaves of Satan.
				2. Luke 4:18

“To preach deliverance to the captives.”

* + - * 1. 2 Timothy 2:26

These are people who have been taken captive by Satan.

* + - * 1. 1 John 5:19

The whole world lies in the bosom of the wicked one.

* + - * 1. They may not even realize it, but they are bound by Satan.
			1. Those who are blind.
				1. Luke 4:18
				2. 2 Corinthians 4:4

These are people who cannot see spiritually.

* + - * 1. 1 Corinthians 2:14

Do not argue with someone who doesn’t understand the Bible.

No one is ever argued into the kingdom of Heaven.

* + - * 1. John 3:3
			1. Those who are bruised.
				1. Luke 4:18

In the Greek, “bruised” literally means “crushed.”

* + - * 1. Satan is cruel, and he takes joy in our suffering and pain.
				2. Acts 10:38
				3. John 20:21

Jesus was sent by His Father, and He is the one sending us.

He has given us kingdom authority.

We can only come against Satan in the power of the Holy Spirit.

* + 1. Our problem is not with the government or Hollywood.
			1. We’re at war with Satan.
				1. We battle against principalities and powers and spiritual wickedness in high places.
			2. The reason we’re losing the fight is because we’re not showing up for the battle.
			3. We are fighting in the wrong places.
			4. We are fighting the wrong things.
		2. Matthew 16:22-23
			1. Jesus was not calling Simon Peter Satan.
			2. Jesus looked beyond Simon Peter and saw where the battle was.
			3. We are in spiritual warfare.
	1. If kingdom authority has been sovereignly established, then why does it need to be strongly enforced?
		1. Even though Satan’s defeat is absolute, it must be appropriated.
			1. Jesus’ death for sin was absolute.
				1. 2 John 2:2

Jesus died for the whole world, but the whole world is not saved.

* + - * 1. His death is only good to those who appropriate it.

John 3:18

A man does not go to Hell for his sins; those have been paid for, he goes to Hell because he does not appropriate what has already been done.

* + - 1. When the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost, God poured out His Holy Spirit to the church.
				1. We don’t need to pray for another Pentecost because the Holy Spirit has already come.
				2. This does not mean that every Christian is Spirit-filled.

Even though the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was absolute, it must be appropriated.

* + - 1. Satan’s defeat is also absolute, but we must appropriate it.
1. kingdom authority must be strategically exercised
	1. Don’t go against Satan if there is any unconfessed sin in your life or any spirit of rebellion.
		1. There must be the right person.
			1. People whose hearts are clean.
		2. We will never be over until we learn to be under.
		3. We will get into trouble if we try to fight spiritual battles with a wicked heart or rebellious spirit.
	2. Acts 19:11-16
		1. The seven sons of Sceva claimed to be able to cast out demons.
			1. With their false authority, they attempted to rid a man of a demon.
			2. The demon possessed man turned on them and beat them and stripped them.
			3. They were trying to take authority over the devil but they did not know God personally.
				1. They had second-hand religion.
	3. There must be the right position.
		1. Ephesians 2:6
			1. You must understand where you are as a Christian and speak from that position.
			2. Stop praying from Earth to Heaven and start praying from Heaven to Earth.
		2. When Jesus died, we died with Him.
		3. When Jesus arose, we rose with Him.
		4. When Jesus ascended, we ascended with Him.
		5. When Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father, we are in Him and He is in us and we are sitting together with Jesus in the heavenlies.
			1. Matthew 18:18
2. CONCLUSION
	1. Satan has been stripped, shamed and subdued.
	2. Luke 10:19
	3. It is time that we discover kingdom authority and put it to work.
	4. If you’ve never given your heart to Jesus Christ, He will save you today.
	5. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
	6. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
		1. Romans 3:23
		2. Romans 10:9-10
		3. Romans 10:13
		4. Acts 16:31
		5. John 3:16