

The Secret of the Seat

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Disclaimer

This is the second most important message that you can ever hear in your life - next to having a relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - the second most important thing you can learn.

Personal journey/testimony of Pastor Faisal with this topic

How does God work in our every day life?—WHAT ARE HIS WAYS?

David - why did he struggle so long? though he was a man after God's heart, anointed etc. Yet David could not fulfil his call.

GOD's answer:

"Son, you can be CALLED. You can be ANOINTED.

You can have a HEART AFTER ME. You can even have MY KIND OF HEART...

**!! BUT YOU WILL NEVER FULFIL YOUR ASSIGNMENT IN LIFE
IF YOU DO NOT GET INTO YOUR SEAT OF AUTHORITY !!**

GOD HAS A WAY ABOUT HIM

Psalm 25:4

Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths.

David asked: God, show me your ways. And God shows His ways to the humble and meek.

WAYS = The way God does and thinks.

He has a way about Him.

When we learn HIS WAYS, we learn to walk with Him.

We learn **how to cooperate with Him.**

Today we talk about "The Secret of the Seat" which is a WAY OF GOD.

This means: This is how God functions.

One of God's Ways

God is not a respecter of persons but God is a RESPECTER OF AUTHORITY

Genesis 1:26-28

*Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; **let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over [g]all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then **God blessed them**, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; **have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

The first thing God gives to mankind is *DOMINION = Rulership with Responsibility.*

**AUTHORITY is always TO SERVE OTHERS
AUTHORITY IS RESPONSIBILITY**

God gives man authority so that he can have responsibility to carry out.

GOD'S VERSION OF RESPONSIBILITY IS AUTHORITY

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So God gives mankind *AUTHORITY*

In Genesis 1:28 God *blesses* mankind - man and woman.
And when He blesses them, He gives them this dominion.

BLESSING IS THE CONDUIT THROUGH WHICH AUTHORITY FLOWS

Blessing is connected to *AUTHORITY*. - Psalm 133

Psalm 8 says...

GOD HAS GIVEN MANKIND DOMINION OVER THE WORKS OF HIS HANDS

Psalm 8:6

*You have made him to have **dominion over the works of Your hands**;
You have put all things under his feet,*

*Everything God has created He has given man **DOMINION, RULERSHIP** with **RESPONSIBILITY** over it (Genesis 1).*

When God gave Adam this type of *AUTHORITY* - did God name the animals?
No, He didn't. God had Adam name the animals!

Why did God have Adam name the animals? Because He gave man - "Adam" - *AUTHORITY* and *DOMINION* over the works of His hands.

God created them. He made them. Then He says:

*Adam, this is your **JURISDICTION**. This is your **AUTHORITY**.
I am not a respecter of persons, but now you need to learn this principle:
I have given you this **AUTHORITY** therefore you name them **!!***

So He gave man *AUTHORITY* over all the works of His hands.
So Adam named all the animals.

So even GOD respects this process
though He himself is one who has ultimate supreme *AUTHORITY*.

Ephesians 1:16-21

*do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the **hope of His calling**, what are the riches of **the glory of His inheritance in the saints**, 19 and what is the **exceeding greatness of His power** toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead **and seated Him** at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 **far above all principality and power and might and dominion**, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.*

This passage talks about *SEATING*!

JESUS HAS BEEN SEATED ALREADY FAR ABOVE PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS

There is opposition. There is resistance.
BUT !!... SEATS OF AUTHORITY ARE VERY KEY !!

Jesus has been SEATED far above principalities and powers.

And God made JESUS to be HEAD over all things.

Ephesians 1:22-23

And He put all things under His feet**, and gave Him to be **head over all things** to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him **who fills all in all

JESUS was made HEAD of all.

THE SECRET TO THE FLOW

Ephesians 2:4-5

*But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, **made us alive together** with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and **raised us up together**, and made us **sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus**,*

In God's picture we are all together...

- Making us alive
 - Raising us up
 - He seated us
- TOGETHER !!

SEATED TOGETHER

Often times, most times what we're learning about in christendom is making us alive. We're not even together. We just talk about salvation. We don't talk about what it means to be raised up - together. We don't talk about what it means to be *SEATED* - let alone *TOGETHER* on the very right hand of God.

So this word "*SEATED*" is very important!

Jesus is SEATED on the right hand of God

Back to Adam...

HERE IS THE "SECRET OF THE SEAT"

Adam's entire form of resistance - the entire motivation of the serpent, whose body satan borrowed to deceive Eve, to tap Adam so mankind would fall and be in rebellion to God - was all based on one specific motivation and one specific strategy:

!! And it was all about DECEIT !!

BECAUSE ADAM HAD A SEAT OF AUTHORITY

- He was, no doubt, *created in the image of God*.
- He had, no doubt, a relationship that was *intimately connected to God*.
- He *could see into the Spirit realm* 24 hours a day.
- In fact he could not see in the natural realm, but *through the Spirit realm he could become aware of the natural realm*. That's all he could see. That's why he didn't know that they were naked.

Here is Adam who has an incredible relationship with God, walks with God in the cool of the day on set appointed times with God Almighty.

- He can *SEE Him*
- He can *HEAR Him*
- He can *WALK with Him*
- He *knows HIS PRESENCE*. He is so *aware of God*
- He *knew the GLORY of God*

What an intimate beautiful relationship to have!

But he also had AUTHORITY.

And one of the first things God gave man was the **responsibility to cultivate the garden**.

He knew God's words. He knew God's presence. And he knew his responsibility.

And then God said: It is time to have a wife. For God would rather a man like that not left alone.

When you know God's word, His presence and your responsibility, God will say:

I will get you a help mate.

And He made him this wonderful woman who became his help mate.

And they together became the *recipients of God's BLESSINGS* and *DOMINION, AUTHORITY* and *RULERSHIP*.

GOD GAVE MAN A SEAT OF AUTHORITY

***But satan came for one purpose only -
and that was to take and steal Adam's SEAT OF AUTHORITY***

ALL THE OPPOSITION WAS
ABOUT **THE SEAT !!**

That's what satan was after.

And that is what he got - according to 2 Cor. 4:4 where it says that ...
"...satan is the god of this world". That means...

SATAN TOOK ADAM'S **SEAT OF AUTHORITY**
HE WAS FROM THE SECOND HEAVEN DOWNWARD
!! HE STOLE ADAM'S SEAT !!

2 Corinthians 4:4

*whose minds **the god of this age** has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the
gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.*

We talk about redemption as it relates to the forgiveness of sin, the regeneration of the human spirit,
to be born again, to be a new creation in Christ Jesus.

And we forget about the SEAT :-)

And everything God did in Christ exceeds what Adam had in the first place.

In fact, if you say that you have been restored to the image that Adam had,
that is not the New Testament at all.

The reality is...

- The first Adam was created *in the IMAGE OF GOD*.
= All mankind are created in the image of God
- When you receive Jesus, you are **BORN OF GOD !!**
= you carry the residue of the image but now you are *BORN of God*.

That is a higher status. You're literally **BORN OF GOD !!**

Adam could not say that he was born of God.

Everything in the New Testament is greater than what the Old Testament used to offer.

*So the definition of RESTORATION, in God's eyes,
is exceedingly greater and better than ever before.*

That's why, when God brings restoration into your life,
He does something better than you ever thought possible.
It looks better than it used to be.

When you begin to experience the anointing and the restoration in your life,
and He'll begin to release of the Holy Spirit into your life,
you will begin to see *RESTORATION occur in ways that you never thought possible.*

But here we have the SEAT.

AND SATAN GOES FOR MAN'S SEAT OF AUTHORITY !!

Adam loses his Seat of AUTHORITY - And we have the Great Fall.

Satan has always been like this. — In fact, before Adam was created...

Isaiah 14:12-13

"How you are fallen from heaven, O lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'

Lucifer had a throne—even before Adam was created.

He had authority—he had a throne—but he wanted to take GOD'S THRONE

his sin was that he wanted God's seat of authority to be like the Most High.

!! THE WHOLE PROBLEM WITH LUCIFER WAS !!

— THE SIN HE FELL,

HOW THINGS WENT WRONG IN HIS HEART—

THAT HE WANTED !! GOD'S SEAT OF AUTHORITY !!

He had a delegated SEAT OF AUTHORITY under GOD'S AUTHORITY but it wasn't enough for him :-)

*This root of ambition and pride is an expression and manifestation of **REBELLION against AUTHORITY**.*

This original sin is REBELLION.

Rebellion (Definition)

- NOT recognising the AUTHORITY of God Almighty
- And any AUTHORITY He puts in place

So REBELLION is a condition of heart.

And the moment Satan rebelled in his heart, his REBELLION was motivated by ambition and pride. Ambition starts to blind you.

PASSION versus AMBITION

And that's why we have to be careful in the Kingdom that we don't take the world's ambition and make it our aim. Because the world teaches ambition.

- AMBITION is of the Soul. Ambition is the counterfeit soulish expression of genuine Passion in the Kingdom. <—> **PASSION comes from your Spirit**.
- Ambition comes from your soul. AMBITION is about you and self-motivated. <—> **But PASSION is about HIM and is moved by HIM**

Paul, the apostle, had a **PASSION for Jesus**.

Passion is very different. It might look like ambition temporarily, because passion originates in the Spirit but it is expressed through the soul.

- But Ambition is not that deep.
- Ambition is about your vision.

PASSION IS ABOUT HIS VISION—PASSION IS ALWAYS ABOUT HIM

It is about LAYING YOUR LIFE DOWN FOR HIM and HIS CAUSE and HIS VISION

- Ambition is about laying other people's lives down for your vision, for your cause

Big difference in the Kingdom!

You see: This all came from satan.

You want to see what satan is doing day and night?

he's got only ONE vision: **TO SOW REBELLION**

That is why the greatest judgement in the Bible is for the Sin of REBELLION

There is no greater judgement in the Scriptures.

Even what's going to happen to satan, is already written in the Scriptures.

his judgement will be severe and harsh.

It's a judgement for the sin of rebellion.

REBELLION IS ALWAYS CONNECTED TO SEATS OF AUTHORITY

THE WAY OF GOD

There was satan who wanted GOD'S SEAT OF AUTHORITY.

And the moment he went for GOD'S SEAT OF AUTHORITY, out of ambition and pride - what an arrogance! "I will ascent up to the heavens"... "I will enthrone my throne"...

And then God is looking at his heart and knows what's going on

What happened?

LUCIFER who become satan, went for GOD'S SEAT OF AUTHORITY and **he failed!**

And he got fired from heaven... he even got fired from the delegated authority that he had.

Jesus references this - when His disciples came back from ministry and were excited that even demons were subject to His name. Jesus makes this amazing statement:

Luke 10:18

And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

Jesus is referencing Isaiah 14. Isaiah, the prophet, is getting a glimpse - by the mantle of the prophet - beyond time into eternity past.

Jesus is saying: I was actually there!...

...when satan decided to exalt himself over GOD'S SEAT OF AUTHORITY

he never got GOD'S SEAT OF AUTHORITY!

I saw him fall like lightning!



Jesus was SEATED and saw something:

satan went to get God's seat of authority and **he DIDN'T get it!**

satan went for ADAM'S SEAT OF AUTHORITY and he got it.

Jesus said: Don't get excited about demons being cast out in My name.

Be excited that your name is written in the book of life.

Because that gives you much more authority in the future than satan ever had

Luke 10:19-20

*Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but **rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.**"*

SATAN WENT FOR GOD'S SEAT OF AUTHORITY AND GOT FIRED!

He went for ADAM'S SEAT OF AUTHORITY and got it...

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Because God already *delegated* and gave the **AUTHORITY TO ADAM**,
Adam turned around and **surrendered it to satan**

So all the authority of satan in the planet, and what he is doing,
is all due to the benevolence of Adam.

And then Jesus comes to earth and...

JESUS Himself has to walk in the principle of the SECRET OF THE SEAT

We have **great Destiny and Potential** in our Lives.

But we will never be **able to realise it** if we don't understand the **SECRET TO THE SEAT** — and
God's **DIVINE PROCESS** that brings us unto the **SEAT OF AUTHORITY**
so that we can carry out our **DIVINE ASSIGNMENT**.

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And Jesus is the Head, we are the Body. - Flow of authority

David said:

Psalm 110:1

The Lord said to my Lord, "**Sit at My right hand,**
Till I make **Your enemies Your footstool.**"

THIS WHOLE "SEAT" STUFF IS RELATED TO DEALING WITH ENEMIES OF GOD!

There are enemies of Jesus, enemies of the corporate body, enemies of God's purposes.

There are two types of OPPOSITION

- **PERSONAL Resistance and personal Opposition**
Basically that means: *The devil just don't like you! he is not fond of you!*
he doesn't like you! Don't be flattered by him.
So you experience personal opposition
- **CORPORATE Resistance/Opposition**

"You are **SEATED IN CHRIST** in heavenly places." (Ephesians 2:6)

There are two expressions of AUTHORITY

- **PERSONAL Authority**
 - **CORPORATE Authority**
- to carry out His mission on the earth

There is a personal Authority of a believer (in your home, family, life etc.)

You need to exercise that "Exousia" (Greek), that authority.

There is another authority given through Jesus to us to carry out HIS divine assignments - His
headship operating through US to carry out His Mission on the planet. That authority is
CORPORATE Authority.

*And that Authority functions from practical SEATS OF AUTHORITY that GOD puts people in so that
they can carry out His mission, His assignment.*

Like there is two types of Authority, there is Two types of RESISTANCE

- **PERSONAL Opposition/Resistance**
- **CORPORATE Opposition/Resistance**

CORPORATE RESISTANCE (Definition)

is against God's purpose and plan being carried out in time - that started already generations before you and will continue generations after you.

That kind of OPPOSITION cannot be dealt with personal Authority!

If it could, why don't we just get up and set this world straight with that Authority?

Why could none of the great men of God get up and set the whole planet straight?

How come they couldn't shut down the false gods, the demonic agendas, deceitful strategies of satan?

The Bible always talks about the CHURCH resisting this, not any one person!

→ **IT TAKES CORPORATE AUTHORITY TO RESIST
THESE CORPORATE DECEITFUL STRATEGIES OF SATAN!**

Ephesians 6:12

*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, **but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.***

"We wrestle not against flesh and blood." Human beings are not our problem! But we wrestle with deceitful strategies of the devil! We don't even wrestle with the devil. **We only wrestle with his deceitful strategies** that he is communicating through *USURPING AUTHORITY* and *using Seats of Authority in the world*, to go ahead and let his deceitful strategies permeate through our culture and our world.

We live in a world sometimes where this is one of the most difficult things to do in our life, and that is to understand and *ALIGN WITH SEATS OF AUTHORITY*. "*HONOR those that are in authority. RESPECT and DISCERN Seats of Authority around us*" - because we live in a corrupt and fallen world. But yet God challenges to understand these things.

We all go through times in our lives where **satan is trying to enlist our REBELLION.**

satan always up to two things...

1. he either wants **you to rebel against God-given seats of authority** over your life
2. or he wants **those IN AUTHORITY to rebel and abuse the authority** that God has given them when they were appointed into authority

This is happening in the secular world, governments being messed up and corrupt. There could be tyranny, corruption. What do you do?

If you begin to *WALK IN GOD'S WAYS* - that is the hard part! It's easy to rebel!

Especially when you have been through a difficult circumstance in your life that starts with our family. Father was absent, abusive. Father did not set a stage of safety in your home. And as a young child it starts to foster in you a *mechanism of protection* to protect yourself.

Because you can't trust authority.

People like that generally have a hard time trusting our heavenly Father - because they project on our heavenly Father the traumas of experience with their fathers.

But *Jesus comes*, who is not insecure, *to reveal and share His own Father with us*, and He heals us from these wounds. *He heals us of these traumas. He opens our eyes to our HEAVENLY FATHER who can BE TRUSTED.*

REBELLION is at the core of sin nature of man

Rebellion is a tactic that satan always uses.

So we don't wrestle against satan, or flesh and blood, but we wrestle against deceitful strategies in the hierarchy of the kingdom of darkness - principalities, powers, rulers of this age, hosts of wickedness in heavenly places.

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There is a certain *ORDER* in which the kingdom of darkness functions.

And satan's goal is to enlist, foster, seed and harvest REBELLION in mankind towards GOD and towards God's appointed SEATS OF AUTHORITY.

This is a challenging message, but also an empowering and uplifting message.

Because if your heart is one that says "God, I am with You!" - It is about TRUSTING HIM!

- Can we trust God? In the middle of improper types of authorities?
- Can we trust God when the political leaders in our government are not aligned with God?
- What do we do?...
You have to follow the process in any given nation to address those...

You start with UNDERSTANDING GOD and HIS AUTHORITY

Because you *don't* want to be somebody - despite the circumstances you are in -

that *rebels* against SEATS OF AUTHORITY !! Because then the enemy will be successful. And God will have to wait for another generation.

Because we *cannot* do this **until we become a BODY under the Headship of JESUS**

- Do you think JESUS could deal with those authorities that are out of Alignment?
- Do you think He could do it?

Daniel said that "God is the one that has the power to change times and seasons"

Daniel 2:21

And He changes the times and the seasons;

He removes kings and raises up kings;

He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.

God puts in authority who He wants to! He removes who He wants to!

It is GOD who puts people to power!

- Did He not remove Nebuchadnezzar because of his pride?
- Didn't He remove others in Scripture when Daniel said the writing on the wall and the king fell the next day?
- Or Abigail's former husband who rebelled against God and, boom, he was removed and dropped dead? It says: God killed him!

The only time GOD gets involved like that is when

*there is **REBELLION against His SEATS OF AUTHORITY !!***

The harshest judgement in the Bible, in the primary judgement in the Bible - satan included and all that he recruits into rebellion - is that of REBELLION.

So, what do you think satan is doing in our world today?

- **To sow and foster REBELLION**

What is the solution?

- Is the solution to get offended? and hurt?
- Or let our trauma create a lens around our eyes to project on others?
Project on authority? Project on God?
- And to complain and rebel?
- Is all authority horrible? Should we never submit to authority?
- Shall we never trust God? or other authority?
Is that the solution? If that would be the solution then we already got it!

Obviously that cannot be the answer, that is the problem!

The answer has to be the opposite somehow.

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If you have problems with the devil, here is James' prescription:

James 4:7

Therefore submit yourself to God.

RESIST the devil and he will FLEE from you

The Greek says, he will flee "in terror"... he's gone!

Why does it say that's when he flees?

- *Because when you are SUBMITTED to the HEADSHIP OF JESUS, you're submitted to that type of authority there's a flow of governing power and grace that comes on your life - that, when you say "satan, I resist you! In the name of Jesus!" BOOM!...*

he has his deceitful strategies...

We are replying with another STRATEGY OF GOD that counteracts REBELLION

- That strategy is heartfelt SUBMISSION through HONOUR for those who are IN AUTHORITY

We COUNTERACT the devil's deceitful strategies of REBELLION with heartfelt SUBMISSION through HONOUR

It doesn't mean that we put ourselves subject to abuse.

But it does mean that we learn to discern SEATS OF AUTHORITY around us, and we learn to walk wisely in dealing with those types of Authority.

It does mean: *Before there is HONOUR - before you get promoted into a seat - there is HUMILITY.*

Proverbs 18:12

Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, And before honor is humility.

HUMILITY is the doorway to HONOR.

And the only way to deal with Seats of Authority that are propagating our world in rebellion and satan's deceitful strategies, is to **GET INTO SEATS OF AUTHORITY** that are filled with God's GRACE, ANOINTING and POWER and the Spirit of the Lord

And those SEATS OF AUTHORITY address these issues, deal with them, displace those strategies with God's heavenly Wisdom and Strategies in our world!

In other words: We are not effective as a body, as His church, and we don't have that flow of the Anointing from the Head JESUS that's flowing to His body that we deal with these things. Because these things are no match! For the CORPORATE Church.

Often times, we use personal Authority to deal with Corporate Opposition and it doesn't quite work.

Whereas when we gain an understanding - by the way, our culture today is working over time to foster rebellion. And rebellion produces division.

Whenever there is rebellion and division there is jealousy, hatred, every evil work, strife... It's is always the motivation of rebellion, he is still in rebellion towards God.

...he started with rebellion, and he will experience the judgement of his rebellion

And that is why being subject to rebellion is not healthy for us - in any way, shape or form.

This is why this is the second most important message you can hear through your entire life.

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No matter how anointed you are, no matter how old you are -
satan is going to come and try to find ways to elicit seed and bring forth REBELLION.

- he knows which buttons to push
- he knows what you went through as a young child
- he knows what triggers you

But he wants to make you so afraid of honor towards authority, for two reasons...

- **that you can't benefit from the CORPORATE FLOW of GOD'S AUTHORITY in your life and those around you**
- **but also to keep you from YOUR DIVINE ASSIGNMENT**

Example of David

- David was called
- David was anointed
- David was gifted
- He had a heart after God
- But he was a fugitive running in the wilderness, hiding in caves in deserts, running for his life when an entire nation and military was pursuing him

How many of you have an entire nation and military pursuing you, seeking to kill you?
And *you have done absolutely nothing wrong*, like David who did nothing wrong.
He *served* the king. He *served* the nation. He took out Goliath for crying out loud.

He helped preserve and save the nation. He helped King Saul. He did all these wonderful things. And King Saul wanted to kill him. He was determined to take him out

How many of you have that level of resistance from an authority figure? A genuine seat of authority that has genuine authority and power to wipe you out? - And how many have experienced that for 15 years?

God gives an **example in David on how to deal with tyrannical authority.**

God shows us *David's heart* throughout this whole process.

Example of JESUS

What about Jesus? Did Jesus respect and submit to authority?

Matthew 3:13-17... *JESUS submits to the John the Baptist's Authority* and he gets baptised. And John the Baptist said: I don't need to baptise you. And Jesus said: Let it be done for righteousness sake in the Kingdom of God. He said: You will baptise Me!

Jesus comes and humbles himself.

What did Jesus do?

- **Jesus SUBMITS TO THE SEAT of John the Baptist's Authority**

John the Baptist had the *SEAT OF AUTHORITY* at that time. He was the prophet of the day. He was of the priesthood. His mother and his father were of the lineage of the priesthood. He had the authority of the day.

And he was preparing the way for someone else *who had even greater Authority. But Jesus could not step into that Authority until he submitted to the Authority of John the Baptist.*

Would you say...

- That Jesus was more anointed than John the Baptist?
- Was He more gifted than John the Baptist?
- Do you think He was more called than John the Baptist?
- Do you think His mission was greater than John the Baptist's mission? - Yah...

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Why did Jesus submit to John the Baptist's Authority?

John the Baptist is the greatest of all men born of a woman, all prophets born of a woman. John the Baptist was the greatest of them all.

And **JESUS, the GREATER ONE, SUBMITTED** to John the Baptist's **SEAT OF AUTHORITY**

*It is NOT about PERSONALITY
It is NOT about CALLING, ANOINTING or GIFTING*

DAVID was more anointed and gifted than Saul. That was the problem to begin with.

- David was more gifted
- The ANOINTING was on David
- He killed more people than Saul.
- And everybody started to sing about David.
And that song about him spread all around the region. Even his enemies and the Philistines, everywhere he went, everybody knew that song that "Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands" (1 Samuel 18:7).

Everybody knew it! Saul didn't like that!

1 Samuel 18:8

Then Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed only thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?"

But there is A WAY to go about this

So Jesus humbled himself. - Jesus is God manifest in bodily form.

So He is God, humbling himself to John the Baptist *who has Authority given by God's divine appointed order* - and He is following His own order.

GOD is not a respecter of persons, but He is a **respecter of AUTHORITY**

Jesus had no sin. In essence Jesus is being commissioned now and being set forth into His ministry. But guess what! Until this point Jesus had not done one miracle. Not healed one single individual. He has not done anything.

He's been about His Father's business since he was about thirteen years old.

He understands the Scriptures. He understands the scrolls.

He has been in the Synagogue from a young child. He's been travelling during the Jewish Feast. He's doing everything he knows. And He is without sin - the only one ever to be!

And He's got the *Holy Spirit upon Him*. And He is *walking with the Father*. And He is about His Father's business. And He is learning about God.

But here is Jesus, who walks up and he doesn't say to John the Baptist: "Excuse me, you can't baptise me! Do you know who I am?" - NO!

*The heart of this is that we've got to **learn how to honour those in AUTHORITY** - starting with JESUS!* You can't say: "I honour Jesus, but I can't honour those whom He has put into Authority." Because if you can't honour them that you see, how are you going to honor Him whom you can't see? - You can't!

That's why this is a challenging message.

Luke 3

Here is Jesus—the same Jesus, who gets baptised—submits to John the Baptists seat of authority—the heavens open—the Holy Spirit comes upon Him—and God says: "*This is MY BELOVED SON.*" - Luke says "You are My Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

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Luke 3:21-22

When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. 22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

Why is God so pleased?

Because Jesus - though He is called/anointed/gifted, and is GOD - submits to John the Baptist's SEAT OF AUTHORITY. A God-given Seat with a flaw of human sitting on it.

**!! SEATS OF AUTHORITY are NOT about the PERSON.
They are about the AUTHORITY that THE SEAT carries !!**

Because...

And JESUS needed to SUBMIT to that SEAT now.

Why did Jesus need to submit to that SEAT?

- So that He could come into HIS AUTHORITY

Jesus was called to be a High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

How was He as a son of man receive the blessing and commissioning into that form of priesthood for us for all eternity? How is he going to do it?

He had to submit to John the Baptist who was the only means and mechanism for Him to receive the vertical flow from God's Authority through John the Baptist into Jesus, so that one day, He could have the Authority, post the cross, to release it upon His own body.

If He wouldn't have done this one thing, Jesus would have failed His mission.

He would have not gotten His SEAT OF AUTHORITY

He would not have been successful

He would not have been the Head that would have a Body—one day - to fulfil the Father's heart and dream!

So *IF JESUS*, who had no sin, had to submit to the SEAT OF AUTHORITY of a man who definitely had sin—what is your excuse?...

You've got to let go of the victim mentality—the entitlement mentality—the accusatory mentality. We've got to deal with this stuff, folks!

Because **REBELLION is a trap!**

But JESUS HUMBLLED HIMSELF

and submitted to John the Baptist's SEAT OF AUTHORITY.

The moment He came out of that water, *everything changed!*

GOD said: "This is MY SON."—You're My Son in whom I am well pleased."—"You got it!"
"You will now be successful"

Mark 1:11

Then a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Now, Son, I will give you your OWN SEAT OF AUTHORITY

because you humbled yourself—and submitted to the SEAT OF AUTHORITY of the day—
I will give you your OWN SEAT of Authority

And all the GRACE, and all the ANOINTING that I reserved for your calling, is now been placed upon you, Son.

Now you will fulfil the mission that I have entrusted to you

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What happens in Luke 4 after this great Baptism?

Great experience with God who audibly speaks from heaven.

Luke 4:1

Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness

Holy Spirit (!) leads Jesus right into the wilderness.

He is tempted—He is tested

He comes out of the wilderness in the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT.

What is the next thing that happens in His life?

He goes straight to the synagogue. And they hand Him the book of Isaiah 6.

Jesus chooses to read this particular messianic prophecy.

Luke 4:16-17

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

The Messiah himself has come into the Synagogue.

And He is standing, and he opens up the scroll - and everybody is looking at Him - and He begins to read out of Isaiah 60

Luke 4:18-19

*“**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; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”*

The concept of “*the Spirit of the Lord*” is speaking of **the SOVEREIGN LORD**.

It is speaking of the SOVEREIGN NATURE OF GOD—

*where God **places His Spirit on people for DIVINE ASSIGNMENTS.***

God releases seven types of anointing that come for His Divine Assignment.

Luke 4:20

*Then **He closed the book**, and gave it back to the attendant **and sat down**. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.*

Why were all eyes fixed on Him? - WHY? Why is everybody looking at Him?

WHERE did He sit down?

And He also said: TODAY this *messianic prophecy* is fulfilled and you are witnesses of it in your hearing. That means: You are witnesses that have seen and heard me share this Scripture. It is now fulfilled!

Luke 4:21

*And He began to say to them, “**Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.**”*

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon you” - They all know that this is a messianic prophecy.

He is declaring: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. It is now fulfilled.

Your becoming witnesses of this *Scripture becoming a reality*.

But He only says that it is fulfilled while He is SITTING DOWN!

Where does He sit down? How come everybody can see Him?

Because in the Synagogues of those days they would have a **SEAT OF AUTHORITY reserved for the MESSIAH**. It was called “The Messiah’s Chair”.

So what Jesus did, no one ever had done.

They thought it was just a normal reading, a normal day at church.

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Jesus reads the Messianic Prophecy, sits down in the Messiah's Chair, and says "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Because He submitted to John the Baptist's Authority, the Holy Spirit led Him and said: "Now it is time for you to be **SEATED in YOUR SEAT OF AUTHORITY**."

Because I called you on an assignment on this planet. Though you are God, though you are awesome, though you are anointed above your fellows, your companions, and all this amazing stuff —but **even GOD had to submit to SEATS OF AUTHORITY on earth**, so He could have a SEAT OF AUTHORITY on earth to fulfil His heavenly assignment ON EARTH.

THE SECRET TO THE SEAT

Because when Jesus began to sit down and He began to speak, everybody got upset. Now He is speaking, they are all roused up, they are getting angry.

By the time you get to verse 30, the people are so upset. They take Jesus, who has been SEATED IN THE SEAT, to the edge of the famous cliff where they threw all the famous prophets off the cliff - standard operating procedure. Very standard for them.

We don't like what he is saying!

REBELLION !!!!!

REBELLION !!!!!

Next thing we know (I love verse 30) > *JESUS PASSED RIGHT THROUGH THEM*

Luke 4:30


Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

NO ONE dared touching Him!

What is that? What was that all about?

- The **CORPORATE RESISTANCE** He is experiencing, was stirred by satan himself
- The REBELLION was counteracted by the **SOVEREIGN Spirit of the Lord**, the **CORPORATE AUTHORITY** that has been placed upon Him.
- **Once He SAT IN HIS SEAT - and that dealt with the enemy's opposition -** He was able to go forward. And THE ENEMY COULD NOT TOUCH HIM! !!

And often times we don't understand *how AUTHORITY works in the KINGDOM* and *how AUTHORITY FLOWS*. Jesus understood this. **He submitted to the AUTHORITY OF HIS FATHER**—including the SEAT of John the Baptist's Authority.

And, as a **RESULT**,  *Jesus began to function in his earthly assignment.*

Jesus was successful in His earthly assignment. He went to the cross and died, rose again from the dead. And He was highly exalted to the right hand of God - where He's got another SEAT OF AUTHORITY today.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE SEAT

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the Glory of the Father.

Colossians 3:1

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

There is only one mission: To get focused where He is seated. To look at Him where He is seated.

THE HIGHEST POSITION OF AUTHORITY IN THE KINGDOM IS TO BE SEATED.

And ALL AUTHORITY flows from that SEATED POSITION OF CHRIST.

And God is looking for His Body. - I grieve God's heart that people who have such potential in authority and power, are under the thumb of the enemy.

And God knows how to move those out of authority who don't belong there.

Picture: Jesus is seated on the right hand of God.

And that is where you are seated today! Far above the authority of Adam.

We are seated in the highest place that we could possibly be seated - in Christ, with Christ, on the right side of God.

THERE IS NO OTHER HIGHER PLACE OF AUTHORITY.

That what Lucifer wanted was **GOD'S SEAT OF AUTHORITY.**

God allowed His Son to have it! And He let us have it in Him as well.

That's far above principalities and powers!

But we can't address principalities and powers effectively or displace them, though they are powerless in a sense, but they need to be evicted by being served notice and **replaced with Godly Authority.**

And principalities also work through people, and through SEATS OF AUTHORITY.

And they got their people in SEATS OF AUTHORITY

- Have you heard of certain Media content providers? And do you know who is sitting behind their boardroom tables deciding which content you're going to watch? - It's probably demons and principalities who are the greatest share-holders. That is how it works.
- What about the pharmaceutical companies?

You can get caught up in what is happening in our world. You can be caught up in the argument. You can get caught up in all that but forget...

The only way to deal with that is - not by complaining or by accusing...

!! GET INTO YOUR SEAT! !!

- By *UNDERSTANDING SEATS* around you
- And *HONOURING THE SEATS*



UNTIL →

- **You get into YOUR SEAT**, and you **step into YOUR CALL**, and you do something about the problem!

But the church can't do anything about it, if we don't get into our SEAT.

!! And we can't get into our SEAT if we don't honour the SEAT of others. !!

Because the enemy got us wounded, got us hurt, got us complaining, got us in rebellion, and got us in strife, got in gossip, got us offended, and second-hand offence...

But over here, when we get a hold of this and we're going to see...

Did Jesus come to a fallen world?

What did HE do? → *HE SUBMITTED TO THE AUTHORITY*

If you think the world is corrupt, the Roman Empire was corrupt. More corrupt than any empire on the planet today. Did Jesus come to accuse the Roman Empire all day and night?

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That's what his disciples and apostles thought He would be doing. They had no clue what apostleship was all about. They had no clue what Jesus was all about.

But **Jesus came to honour and submit to authority** while all the trauma was going on around them. He knew...

*The only way I can change this world is:
I HAVE TO FULFIL MY ASSIGNMENT on this planet*

And He was promoted to a *HIGHER SEAT OF AUTHORITY*.

And today He has an ASSIGNMENT is at the right hand of God that He wants to carry out through His Body, through his people, through His church - and that is you and me, and that is all His Family around the world, the Body of Christ.

*And if we get this principle right in our lives, I'm telling you... You will be PROMOTED TO A PLACE OF AUTHORITY that you can **contribute to God's Corporate Assignment for this planet**, and YOU CAN CARRY OUT **YOUR ROLE IN GODS VISION!***

God has *ONE VISION* for mankind, but He has many assignments.

YOUR ASSIGNMENT **➔** **YOUR UNIQUE ROLE in God's Vision.**

And the *only way that you are going to carry out that ROLE*, is, to **get into a SEAT OF AUTHORITY**—like David did—like Jesus did.

And if JESUS needed a SEAT OF AUTHORITY on earth to fulfil His heavenly assignment, what makes you think you don't need one?

If Jesus had to humble himself...

Philippians 2:5-8

*Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself** and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

Though being in the form of God, He did not think of being robbed of His stature and of His authority, His seat. He humbled himself to become the seed of Abraham. He humbled himself even to the most humiliating place that is the death on the cross - the most humblest way to die. And then he descended into the very gates of hell, like Jonah was in the belly of the wale for 3 days and 3 nights. That was the sign of Jonah that was given to that generation, and even to us today.

It is the same Jesus that humbled himself, even to death *voluntarily*. He humbled himself to the grave *voluntarily*. He humbled himself to the gates of hell *voluntarily*.

You think that could have been a bit complicated for Jesus? The Son of God, God Almighty? There He is, being marched into the gates of hell - satan cheering that he has defeated the enemy, he's defeated the Son of God, he's defeated Jesus.

*And Jesus, for 3 days and 3 nights, had totally to TRUST THE FATHER - who He had never been separated from - **"HE will come for me."** - **"His word is true!"** "He will raise me up one day" "And when He does I will be HEAD about My Body." "And mankind will have a chance to find freedom." **"And I will fulfil My FATHER'S Dream."***

*The DEGREE OF AUTHORITY that God wants to ENTRUST YOU with,
determines the DEGREE of the PROCESS you walk through*

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It wasn't easy for Him either. - It wasn't easy for David. - It wasn't easy for Elisha. *DAVID'S SEAT* was very important because *one day* that would be *the SEAT that JESUS would sit on*. So David's seat had to be real. And the wrong person occupying that seat was King Saul. The problem Saul had, was, that he was disobedient to God

1 Samuel 15:22-23

So Samuel said: "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, **to obey is better than sacrifice**, And to heed than the fat of rams. 23 For **rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft**, And **stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry**. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king."

The problem is rebellion. That's the whole drama.

It was the **REBELLION who opposed David - WHO WAS CALLED**.

REBELLION is a deceitful strategy that opposes you, and will try to get into you, and will recruit you, enlist you and make you a pawn of his deceptive scheme.

But if you operate in the opposite SPIRIT OF HONOUR and SUBMISSION to God and His Authorities...

- You will be able to **WALK IN THIS DIVINE ASSIGNMENT**
- You will **EXPERIENCE BLESSING** in your life

1 Timothy 2:1-2

Therefore I exhort **first of all** that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 **for kings and all who are in authority**, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

When you pray, first of all pray for those who are *IN AUTHORITY* - kings, governments etc.

SUBMIT yourself to them

Romans 13:1-2

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For **there is no authority except from God**, and the **authorities that exist are appointed by God**. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves

If you rebel against authority, you are actually in rebellion against GOD.

Romans 13:1-2 (TPT)

Every person must **submit to** and support **the authorities** over him. For there can be **no authority in the universe except by God's appointment**, which means that every authority that exists has been instituted by God. 2 So **to resist authority is to resist the divine order of God**, which results in severe consequences.

Did you notice that the book of Romans was written in a time where the Roman Culture had a horrific culture? - Remember: When Paul, the apostle, spoke before the high priest, when he recognised that he was the Authority.

Remember Jesus, when he was slapped, he respected the authority.

Remember, He was quiet before the SEAT OF AUTHORITY of His day,

JESUS didn't say a word because HE WAS ON A MISSION... I need to get to the cross.

*...And you think that you are winning today, **but you are helping ME and MY MISSION** - because I can't get on the cross - because I can't nail myself to the cross - I need you guys. You're going to help nail Me! — And when you do, *you will be part of GOD'S DIVINE PLAN*, before the foundation of the world, *to position Me on a cross, that will allow me to say**

- **IT IS FINISHED!**
- So that **MY ASSIGNMENT** can continue on through My Body, and My Church, and My People on the earth

Jesus, in a difficult culture, learned to submit and honour those IN AUTHORITY.

David had to learn it. Others had to learn it. Throughout Scripture you'll see this pattern.

THE GREATEST JUDGEMENT IS ALWAYS AGAINST REBELLION - IN THE BIBLE

Invitation to you to re-consider your journey, your life. And maybe you've been through tough times - I get it! We all have! We all have! And you will, if you're truly called to do anything in life, You'll run across people that are just crazy, unfortunately.

But if they have a SEAT OF AUTHORITY, learn to honour that.

When you're humble and honour SEATS OF AUTHORITY, it is easy to learn.

Any age can do this. No matter how old you are or how young you are.

We all struggle with this.

satan likes to enlist REBELLION in all of us.

We all get **tempted to REBELL**. We all do! It is in our carnal fleshly nature to do so.

But, guess what!?

- *It is in CHRIST'S NATURE to operate in HONOUR and FORGIVENESS*

You've got to learn how to do this and **WALK IN WISDOM**

Remember:

- *HONOUR THE SEAT*
- *LOVE and FORGIVE the people in the SEAT that you might disagree with*

Don't speak against those IN AUTHORITY. It doesn't help you and I.

We all got to watch that.

But GOD... when we submit to SEATS OF AUTHORITY we get into a place, where God can replace those false domineering authorities, and remove those from their seats...

*But often times, **God doesn't have a replacement available.***

Are you listening to me!?

Sometimes you have political leaders in government because the proper replacement is either not supported, honoured, reviewed, or himself/herself not available

TO BE PLACED IN THEIR SEAT already.

GOD can remove people from Authority like this. He can toggle and change governments like this... if they are out of line and can put in leaders like this!

So you'll have to decide...

This is a challenging message— **It does take the RIGHT HEART**



David had the right heart. He said: *I can't touch Saul, he is the LORD's Anointed.*

God lifted His Spirit off from Saul and put it on David, but David's heart was always:

I can't touch you; I can't kill you.

*David had to pass certain **TEST of Authority** in order to be SEATED IN HIS SEAT.*

*You will have TESTS of **honouring those in Authority** with a genuine sincere heart - and then **GOD will promote you.***

Everybody goes through this *DIVINE PROCESS*.

The HEART behind this message:

GOD WANTS TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO HIS CHURCH

And this works practically in everyday life. Example: police officer, speed ticket. You can't say:

"Excuse me Sir, do you know who I am?... I am seated in heavenly places.." It is true - but who has the AUTHORITY in that situation? The police officer does, not you. He has a uniform, and a gun...

**We submit to the authorities in our life and we honour them
because they paid a price to be there.**

If they are the wrong kind of authority for your submission, for God's Authority and God's Ways, you'll find that God will promote you and put you in the right place in the right time.

*And He will let you **learn the lesson that you need to learn** and, through DIVINE PROCESS, position you and grant you AUTHORITY in your life.*

PRAYER

Father, we ask for forgiveness where we may have given ourselves over to rebellion of any kind. And where we have spoken against, attacked, or had a heart full of rebellion towards Your appointed authorities in and around our lives, Or where we stepped out beyond the measure of our own authority into a place that is not ours, that You have not given to us. Or, where out of ambition, we've tried to pursue, manipulate or take a place of authority that either does not belong to us, or it is not the right season to actually step into.

*I ask you to forgive us,
Father. Open our eyes. Open our ears. Open our hearts
and show us, LORD, where we might have missed it.*

*And God, we humble ourselves and submit ourselves before You and towards those,
grant us Grace to trust those who are in leadership, that you've appointed over our lives.
Grant us Grace to walk in wisdom to honour.*

*And grant us the Spirit of honour, which is the Spirit of Your Kingdom, to honour those in
authority and walk in honour that comes from You.*

*We ask for this, Father, wholeheartedly by faith.
Thank You for Your Mercy. Thank You for Your forgiveness.
Now give us wisdom to walk out Your purpose and Your plan.*

In Jesus' Name we pray. AMEN.