

Fallen Angels Lesson 9: "Deliverance & Defense" (part 1)

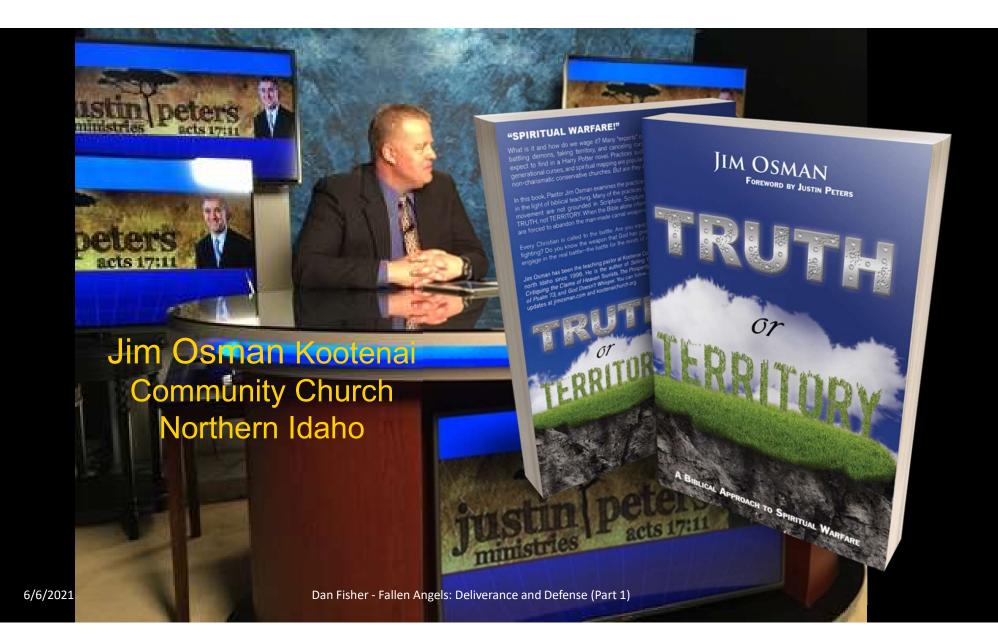
1. The only way to avoid doctrinal error or heresy is to embrace the sufficiency of Scripture



2 Tim 3:16-17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

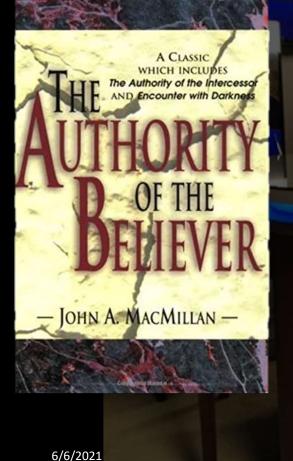
2 Pet 1:2-4 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, ³ as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.



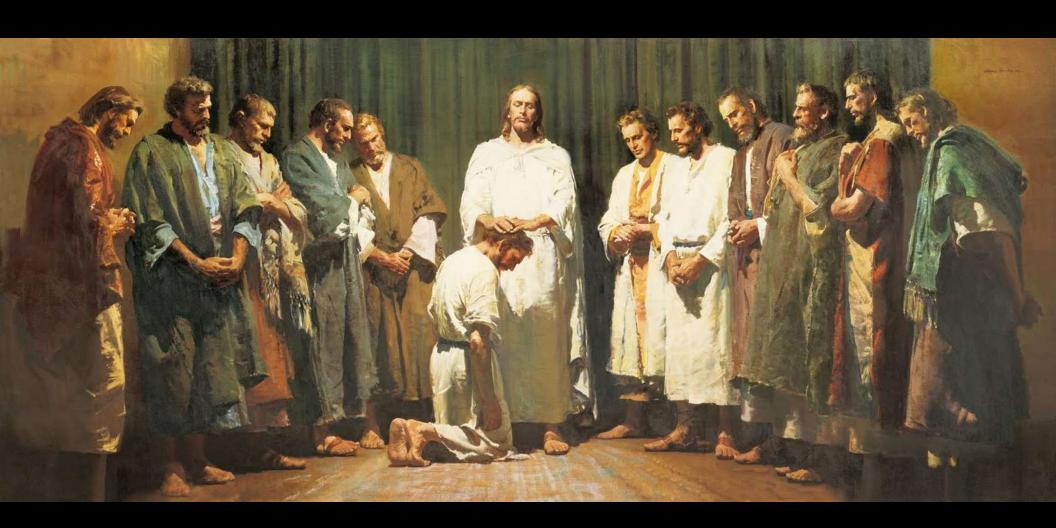




"One of the main problems with the modern spiritual warfare movement methodology is their view of the believer's authority in Jesus Christ. This can be seen in the New Apostolic Reformation and Word of Faith/Charismatic circles. They believe that Christ's authority translates into our authority and because we are seated and raised with Him in the heavenly places, His authority is ours and we are to use it in the same way that He used His authority. Popular teachers like Neil T. Anderson, Mark Bubeck, John A. MacMillan, and others make this claim."



"It has been pointed out more than more than once in this study, the authority of which we are speaking is the portion of every believer. It is not a special gift imparted as an answer to prayer but the inherent right of the child of God because of his elevation with Christ to the right hand of the Father. He has become, through the rich mercy of God, an occupant of the throne of the Lord with all that implies in privilege and responsibility. This elevation took place potentially at the resurrection of the Lord and because of the believer's inclusion in Him. It is ours simply to recognize the fact of this position and to take our place in humble acceptance giving all of the glory and honer to God "non-



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2. But didn't Jesus say His followers will do greater works than He had done?

Jn 14:12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Jesus' ministry never went beyond a radius of some 100 miles. After Pentecost, the Gospel went out so rapidly and powerfully that His followers were accused of turning the world upside down (Acts 17:6)

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Jn 6:28-29 Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

Mt 28:18-19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and Io, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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Acts 2:47 [Peter preaching on the Day of Pentecost] And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

4:4 [Peter preaching in Solomon's Portico after healing the lame man] However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

3. Do believers actually possess the authority of Jesus?

Eph 2:6 and raised us up together, and made us it together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

2 Pet 2:11-12 whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord. ¹² But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption,

Jude 9-11 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" ¹⁰ But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves. ¹¹ Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

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4. But isn't Jesus our example? Aren't we supposed to do what Jesus did?

Phil 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 [something to be held onto to be equal], ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation [emptied Himself of His privileges], 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.

1 Pet 2:21-24 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: ²² "Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth"; ²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness

"Being like Jesus" is primarily talking about emulating His character, humility, and His godliness in the face of trials and temptation – not performing more or more dramatic miracles than He.

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Are the miracles of Jesus normative for every believer? Do we have the power to work miracles like the Apostles did?

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5. The ministry of Jesus and the Apostles was unique

- Common believers did not work miracles
- Miracles were not commonplace

6. Not every believer is an Apostle

Apostles had to satisfy certain requirements:

- They had to be hand appointed by Jesus (Lk 6:13; Gal. 1:1)
- They had to see Jesus in His resurrection body (1 Cor 9:1)
- They had to work the sign gifts of an Apostle (2 Cor 12:12)

7. There is a difference between descriptive and prescriptive

The miracles in Scripture are *described* but not necessarily *prescribed* = Balaam's donkey

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Acts 2:43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

5:12 And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people.

14:3 Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

15:12 Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles.

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19:11 Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul,

2 Cor 12:12 Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.

Heb 2:3-4 how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, ⁴ God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts^[C] of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

 Exorcisms were performed by the Apostle or close associates (Stephen, Phillip, Barnabas) and were understood to be part of the "signs and wonders"

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Acts 5:12-16 And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. ¹³ Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. ¹⁴ And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵ so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. ¹⁶ Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

8:6-7 And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. ⁷ For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.

Acts 16:16-18 & 19:11-12

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- Everyone who had the power to exercise demons had the power to heal the sick and raise the dead.
- Not every Christian performed an exorcism
- Miracles were not commonplace.

Interestingly, even though the book of Acts covers a period of 30 yrs, Luke records only 4 exorcisms occurring during that time.

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The word "demon" appears in the – Gospels 67 times, Epistles 7 times, and in Rev 3 times

The words "Evil" or "unclean spirit" appear in the – Gospels 23 times, Acts 13 times, Epistles 3 times, Rev 3 times

For a total of 90 times in the Gospels, 13 times in Acts, and 10 times in the Epistles

Of the 119 times these words appear in the New Testament, 103 are in the historical section of N.T. – which is 87%

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