

**Series Title: All Authority Has Been Given**  
**Lesson Title: The Authority Of God The Father (1)**

**Week 1**

Memory Work: "For every house is built by someone; but he that built all things is God." Hebrews 3:4

**DAY 1** God's Authority Is Inherent.

- A. As the Creator, He controls all. "Create" means to bring into existence and is applied only to God in the Bible. Genesis 2:1-2; Psalm 148:1-5; Jeremiah 32:17; Hebrews 3:4.
- B. God shows all men His power and deity through His creation. Romans 1:20; Revelation 14:7.

**DAY 2** God's Authority And Power Are Infinite.

- A. Our heavenly Father is called LORD GOD ALMIGHTY in heaven and on earth. Revelation 19; Genesis 17:1.
- B. By His authority, He rules heaven and earth.
- C. All things are possible with God. Genesis 18:4; Isaiah 26:4; Matthew 19:6.

**DAY 3** God's Authority Is Evident In His Knowledge.

- A. God knows the past, present, and those things in the future which He will, by His authority, cause to come to pass. Isaiah 46:9-10; Ecclesiastes 12:14; Job 21:22, 28:24; Hebrews 4:12-13.
- B. His knowledge is beyond our comprehension. Psalm 147:4-5; Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 11:33-36.

**DAY 4** God's Authority Extends Everywhere.

- A. We cannot hide from God. His authority is over everyone everywhere. Jeremiah 23:23-24; Isaiah 39:7-12.
- B. Solomon's dedication speech for the temple in Jerusalem. I Kings 8:27.

**DAY 5** God's Authority Over Nature.

- A. His creation does His bidding. Nahum 1:3-6.
- B. God even controls our weather Job 37:6-13; Psalm 147:7-8; Jeremiah 51:15.
- C. God now upholds our universe by the power in Jesus' words. Hebrews 1:3.

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**Week 2**

**Lesson Title: The Authority Of God The Father (2)**

Memory Work: "The Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, and bestows it on whomever He wishes." Daniel 4:32

**DAY 1** God's Authority Over All Men.

A. God has always exercised His right of authority over all men.  
Psalm 47:2,7-8; 83:18; Ezra 8:22.

B. His authority extends over all nations and rulers. Daniel 2:21,37;  
4:17,25,32.

**DAY 2** God's Authority As Man's Judge.

A. God decreed all men must be judged. Hebrews 9:27; Romans  
14:10-12; Matthew 25:32.

B. He will judge righteously. II Timothy 4:6-8.

**DAY 3** The Father Has Given The Authority Of Judgement To His Son.

A. Jesus has been appointed to judge men according to the law of  
God. II Corinthians 5:10; John 5:22, 27; Acts 10:42; 17:31.

**DAY 4** God Is A Compassionate Judge.

A. He is longsuffering. II Peter 3:9.

B. He takes no pleasure in the death and punishment of the wicked.  
Ezekiel 33:10-16.

C. His love is for all men in that He paid the cost of our sins. John  
3:16; Romans 5:8.

D. Our love for Him is shown in our obedience to His law I John 5:3.

**DAY 5** God Exercises Authority Over His Children As A Loving Father

A. He personally cares for each Christian as His adopted child.  
Matthew 6:9; 7:7-11.

B. he disciplines us as do our earthly fathers. Hebrew 12:5-11.

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**Lesson Title: The Authority of Jesus Christ (1)**

**Week 3**

Memory Work: "All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth."  
Matthew 28:18.

**DAY 1** The Completeness Of Jesus' Authority

- A. ALL authority given to Christ after His resurrection, by the Father. Matthew 28:18.
- B. ALL to be in subjection until the world's end. I Corinthians 15:24-28; Hebrews 2:7-8.
- C. ALL are His subjects, though all have not submitted to His rule. John 1:9-11.

**DAY 2** Oneness With God The Father Qualifies Jesus To Receive Authority.

- A. To see Jesus was to see God. John 10:30; 14:9.
- B. The fullness of God's image. Colossians 1:15; 2:9; Hebrews 1:3.
- C. He was on an equality with God. Philippians 2:5-8; John 17:5.

**DAY 3** Jesus is "GOD, THE SON."

- A. Jesus called "God." Matthew 1:23; Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 1:8-9.
- B. He is to be worshipped. Hebrews 1:6; John 20:28.

**DAY 4** Jesus' Role As Creator Carries The Authority Of The Father For Governing All Things On The Earth.

- A. God, the Father, accomplished His work of creation through Jesus (God, the Son). John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:1-2.

**DAY 5** Jesus Has Received Authority To Be Our High Priest And Mediator

- A. He is the only Mediator. I Timothy 2:5; Romans 8:34.
- B. The Perfect High Priest. Hebrews 7:26-8:2.
- C. The one who understands us. Hebrews 4:14-5:6.

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**Week 4**

Memory Work: "God highly exalted him and gave unto him the name which is above every name." Philippians 2:9

**DAY 1** Jesus' Exalted Position.

- A. His place is above all (emphasize each item). Ephesians 1:20-21
- B. His name above all. Philippians 2:9-11

**DAY 2** The Father Rules The Universe Through Jesus.

- A. All kings and nations. I Timothy 6:15; I Peter 3:22; Colossians 2:10.
- B. Over all flesh. John 17:2; I Corinthians 15:27.

**DAY 3** Jesus' Authority Over His Church.

- A. He is the Head. Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:23; Colossians 1:18.
- B. Since He is the Head, the Church must be subject to Him in ALL things, and man DARE NOT add anything unauthorized to its worship, organization or work. Galatians 1:6-10.
- C. The church must make known, or show<sup>1</sup> this authority in example and in its teaching. Ephesians 3:10, 21; I Timothy 3:14-15.

**DAY 4** Jesus Is Now King Over His Kingdom.

- A. This kingdom had to begin soon after His ascension. Mark 9:1; Luke 22:29-30.
- B. He is reigning now, and will reign until His second coming. I Corinthians 15:24-25.
- C. His kingdom is already in existence. Those in the church are also in the kingdom. Colossians 1:13; Revelation 1:6. Christians make up the kingdom. Revelation 5:10.
- D. Having once begun, the kingdom must still exist, for it was established to continue "forever." Daniel 2:44; Revelation 11:15; Matthew 16:18.

**DAY 5** We Are Now Under Jesus' Law or Will.

- A. The new covenant predicted. Hebrews 8:7-12.
- B. Could not begin until after His death. Hebrews 9:15-17.
- C. We are now under law to Christ. I Corinthians 9:21.
- D. All men, believers and unbelievers, are subject to the authority of Christ and His law. His words will judge all. II Thessalonians 1:8-10; John 12:47-50

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**Lesson Title: The Authority Of Jesus Christ Recognized**

**Week 5**

Memory Work: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17.

**DAY 1** The Father Recognized His Authority.

- A. At His baptism. Matthew 3:13-17.
- B. At the transfiguration. Matthew 17:1-8.
- C. Also Matthew 16:16-17; Hebrews 1:6-8.

**DAY 2** The Holy Spirit And Angels Recognize His Authority

- A. The Holy Spirit at His baptism. Matthew 3:16.
- B. The angels testify:
  - 1. At His temptation. Matthew 4:11.
  - 2. At His command. Matthew 26:53.
  - 3. At His coming. Matthew 25:31.

**DAY 3** Jesus Told Of His Own Deity And Authority

- A. His Pre-existence. John 8:58; 17:5.
- B. His authority Luke 10:22; John 5:22-23; 17:2; Matthew 28:18.
- C. His Divinity. Mark 14:61-62; John 4:25-26; 10:36.

**DAY 4** Men Recognized His Authority

- A. The people He taught. Matthew 7:28-29.
- B. At His crucifixion — the multitudes, Luke 23:47-48, the centurion, Mark 15:39.
- C. Peter confessed Him. John 6:69; Matthew 16:16.
- D. Martha. John 11:27.
- E. Thomas. John 20:30-31.

**DAY 5** Satan And His Demons

- A. While these could not be called as "character" witnesses, their testimony is admissible as "hostile" witnesses.
- B. Satan at the temptation; while he said "if," there can be no doubt that he knew of Jesus' Divine nature. Matthew 4:1-10.
- C. Demons. Matthew 8:16, 28-34; James 2:19.
- D. These angels who sinned did so by refusing to exercise their proper authority, from the Greek word for "rulership." Jude 6.

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**Lesson Title: The Authority Of The Holy Spirit**

**Week 6**

Memory Work: "Howbeit, when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He shall guide you into all the truth." John 16:13

**DAY 1** The Holy Spirit's Authority As One Of The Godhead.

A. He is Divine.

1. He is called "God." Acts 5:3-4
2. His part in creation. Psalm 104:30
3. He is eternal. Hebrews 9:14

B. We can grieve the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 4:30

**DAY 2** His Part In The Early Church, With Lasting Consequences.

- A. Miraculous gifts given through Him. I Corinthians 12:4-11
- B. He signaled the beginning of the church. Acts 2:1-4
- C. We are baptized by His authority, as well as the Father's and the Son's. Matthew 28:19

**DAY 3** He Guided The Apostles In Their Preaching And Writing.

- A. When they spoke. I Corinthians 2:4-13
- B. He taught them. John 14:26
- C. He bore witness to them. John 15:26
- D. He was to guide and to convict. John 16:7-14

**DAY 4** His Work And Authority Is Shown Through The Word

- A. The Word, the sword of the Spirit. Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12
- B. Salvation comes by hearing the Word. Romans 10:17; II Timothy 3:14-15; James 1:21-22; Acts 11:14
- C. Men resisted the Holy Spirit when they resisted the word preached to them; the same would be true today. Acts 7:51

**DAY 5** The Scriptures Were Inspired By God Through The Holy Spirit.

- A. All scriptures. II Peter 1:21; II Timothy 3:16
- B. Old Testament writers. Isaiah 61:1; Acts 28:25; I Peter 1:10-12

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**Lesson Title: The Word Through The Apostles**

**Week 7**

Memory Work: "For no prophecy ever came by the will of man; but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit." II Peter 1:21

FORWARD: Jesus is not personally on the earth today but before He left, He insured that His teaching on all subjects, and answers to all *needed* questions would be preserved for us.

**DAY 1** The Holy Spirit Was Promised.

- A. Jesus was to depart this earth. John 14:1-3, 16-19, 25-26
- B. So others could be told of Jesus. John 15:26-27

**DAY 2** The Apostles Commissioned by Jesus.

- A. During Jesus' ministry, the disciples were told by Him that they should not preach that He was the Christ until He had risen from the dead. Matthew 16: 20; 17:9
- B. At Christ's ascension. Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; Luke 9:43-45; 24:44-49.

**DAY 3** The Beginning Of The Apostles' Wbrk and Commission.

- A. They were not to start until they received the power Luke 24: 49-53; Acts 1:4-9
- B. The power came accompanied by a loud sound, which drew a large crowd. Acts 2:1-2
- C. The power came in the form of tongues which empowered them to speak in any foreign language. Acts 2:3-13
- D. This was the promised "helper." Acts 2:16-18

**DAY 4** Paul's Writing And Preaching.

- A. Paul commissioned. Acts 9:15; 22:12-16; 26:15-18
- B. Received teaching from God, not man. Galatians 1:15-17; 2:6-10
- C. Paul's writing called "scripture." II Peter 3:-14-16

**DAY 5** The True Source Of All The New Testament.

- A. God the Father is the true source of knowledge, the Holy Spirit His messenger and guide to the Lord's apostles and prophets. II Peter 1:20-21; I Thessalonians 2:13
- B. These things were written down for all mankind to receive. I Corinthians 14:37; Ephesians 3:3-5
- C. They are complete. II Timothy 3:16-17; Revelation 22:18-19

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**Lesson Title: The Authority Of The Word**

**Week 8**

Memory Work: "Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness." II Timothy 3:16

**DAY 1** The Word Of God Is Complete.

- A. It contains the mind of God. I Corinthians 2:10-13
- B. It contains all we need to serve God. II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:3
- C. It contains all we need to learn, to be saved. Romans 1:16; John 20:30-31
- D. We need no additional revelation. Jude 3; James 1:25

**DAY 2** One Dare Not Add To It.

- A. Angels are not authorized to speak otherwise. Galatians 1:8-9
- B. Not to be changed in any way (though these two passages refer to specific things, this principle is true, according to ALL the passages used in this lesson, and this series). Deuteronomy 13:1-5; Revelation 22:18-19
- C. Man not to go beyond its teachings. II John 9

**DAY 3** We Are Saved Through The Word.

- A. As it comes from Christ. John 6:66-69; 8:33-37; Romans 10:13f
- B. It must be taught to others. I Timothy 4:16; Acts 2:40-41
- C. It is first planted, then brings forth fruit unto salvation. I Peter 1:23-25; James 1:18-21

**DAY 4** Some Characteristics Of The Word.

- A. It abides forever. Matthew 24:35
- B. It is God's power to save. I Corinthians 1:18; Romans 1:16
- C. It will accomplish what GOD wants (though this may not always be what man wants or expects). Isaiah 55:11

**DAY 5** We Are To Be Judged By It.

- A. We are judged by it in this life. It then becomes the basis for the final sentencing of the wicked in the last day. John 12:46-50
- B. If we are faithful to the word in this life, we will not face the judgment (sentencing) to come, but are invited to a great feast. John 5:24-29; Revelation 19:7-9

**Series Title: All Authority Hath Been Given**  
**Lesson Title: How The Word Teaches Us**

**Week 9**

Memory Work: "Teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you. . . . " Matthew 28:20

- DAY 1** We Learn By Direct Commands.
- A. Lord's Supper. Matthew 26:26-30; I Corinthians 11:23-34
  - B. Baptism. Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 10:48
  - C. Note the specific instruction and choices allowed in doing it.
- DAY 2** We Learn By Approved Apostolic Example. (An example is a description of the conduct of people in the Bible that acts as a pattern we may imitate or avoid, III John 11).
- A. Examples of evil. I Corinthians 10:6, 11; II Timothy 4:10; Jude 7
  - B. Good examples. Acts 20:35; I Corinthians 11:1; 4:16-17
  - C. Approved, but not for us. Acts 19:11-12
- DAY 3** Examples And Generic Authority. (Descriptions of disciples' conduct show their carrying out specific instruction, but using choices of their own decision in doing so. Their choices do not limit us).
- A. Acts 20:7. Several things they did were options of generic authority: upper room, no Bible classes, one assembly
  - B. Example of Macedonia was a good one to follow but was not a command, II Corinthians 8:1-8.
  - C. Must always find the specific instruction first, decide the list of options, and then fit the examples into the picture.
- DAY 4** We Learn By Necessary Inferences (conclusions).
- A. Jesus stops the Sadducees with an argument based on the tense of a verb. Matthew 22:23-33
  - B. Putting passages together to form a conclusion. Acts 2:25-31 with II Samuel 7:12 and Psalm 132:11.
  - C. Melchizedek and Christ. Hebrews 7:1-10
  - D. First day resurrection. Luke 24:1, 13, 18-21, 46
- DAY 5** Some Rules of Bible Study.
- A. Study EVERY passage on a subject before forming a conclusion.
  - B. Observe WHO is speaking. Psalm 53:1
  - C. Observe TO WHOM a command is given and WHY
    - 1. Build an ark. Genesis 6:13-14
    - 2. Ten Commandments. Deuteronomy 5:1-3

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**Lesson Title: The Authority of Elders**

**Week 10**

Memory Work: "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit to them; for they watch in behalf of your souls." Hebrews 13:17

**DAY 1** Understanding The "Office" Of The Elders.

- A. Elders to be in every church. Titus 1:5; Acts 14:23
- B. Men must meet qualifications, so some churches may not have elders. Acts 11:29; 15:1-2,23
- C. Different terms used. ELDERS (presbyters, Titus 1:5), BISHOPS (overseers, I Timothy 3:1), PASTORS (shepherds, Ephesians 4:11).
- D. These different words describe the SAME people. Acts 20:17, 28. Elders called bishops and were "to feed" (pastor). I Peter 5:1-3

**DAY 2** The Work Of Elders.

- A. Watch after our souls. Hebrews 13:17
- B. Feed the flock. I Peter 5:1-3; Acts 20:28-30
- C. Stop false teachers. Titus 1:9-11
- D. Teach and exhort. Titus 1:9
- E. See that things done in the local church are by the Bible.

**DAY 3** The Qualifications of Elders. I Timothy 3:1-12; Titus 1:5-10

**DAY 4** Our Attitude And Responsibilities Toward Them.

- A. Follow their leadership. Hebrews 13:17
- B. Receive no accusations, except with witnesses. I Timothy 5:19f
- C. Be well acquainted with them. I Thessalonians 5:12-13
- D. Double honor (respect as well as financial support) to those who spend their full time in the work. I Timothy 5:17-18

**DAY 5** Limitations Of Their Authority.

- A. How they must serve. I Peter 5:2-3
- B. A plurality of elders; no one man can serve alone. Titus 1:5; Philippians 1:1; Acts 14:23; 20:28; I Peter 5:1-4
- C. Each eldership is limited to ONLY the congregation where it serves. I Peter 5:1-4. Elders have NO authority over any other church or churches, nor can they plan or oversee the work or worship of other churches. There are no "brotherhood" or universal elders in the N.T

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**Lesson Title: The Authority of Parents**

**Week 11**

Memory Work: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right."  
Ephesians 6:1.

**DAY 1** The Authority And Responsibilities Of The Man.

- A. The husband is the head of the wife. Ephesians 5:23
- B. He is to love his wife. Colossians 3:19
  - 1. As Christ loved the church. Ephesians 5:25
  - 2. To nourish and cherish, as his own body Ephesians 5:28-33
- C. He is to cleave to her only. Matthew 19:4-5; Ephesians 5:31

**DAY 2** His Authority And Responsibilities As A Father

- A. He is to provide for the family. Ecclesiastes 5:18-20; I Timothy 5:8; Genesis 3:17-19; Note: Work is not the curse, but the antidote.
- B. The father is to show love to the children.
  - 1. Nurture them. Ephesians 6:4
  - 2. Train correctly. Proverbs 22:6
  - 3. Provoke not. Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21
- C. This care includes discipline. Hebrews 12:5-11

**DAY 3** Responsibilities Of The Woman.

- A. Subjection to the husband. Ephesians 5:22-24, 33; Htus 2:5; Colossians 3:18; I Peter 3:1-6
- B. She is to love her husband. Titus 2:4
- C. The Lord must come first. Matthew 10:34-39

**DAY 4** Her Authority And Responsibilities As A Mother

- A. She is to love her children. Titus 2:4
- B. She has the greater responsibility of their training. II Timothy 1:5; II Timothy 3:14-15
- C. She is to rule the household. I Timothy 5:14; Titus 2:5
- D. Note the "excellent wife." Proverbs 31:10-31

**DAY 5** Responsibilities Of The Children.

- A. Obedience to parents commanded. Colossians 3:20; Ephesians 6:1
  - 1. Jesus as a child. Luke 2:51
  - 2. Disobedience is among vilest of sins. Romans 1:30
- B. Children must honor their parents. Ephesians 6:2-3; Matthew 15:4f
  - 1. Jesus saw that His mother was cared for John 19:26-27
- C. The Lord must come first. Matthew 10:37; Ephesians 6:1

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**Lesson Title: The Authority Of Civil Government**

**Week 12**

Memory Work: "Let every soul be in subjection to the higher powers, for there is no power but of God." Romans 13:1

**DAY 1** All Civil Government Is Under The Authority Of God.

- A. They receive their power from God. Romans 13:1-2; John 19:10-11; Daniel 4:29-35; Proverbs 8:15
- B. God rules through Christ. Colossians 2:10; Ephesians 1:20-21

**DAY 2** God Controls The Destiny Of Nations.

- A. God takes away a nation when it ceases to function as He decrees. Exodus 9:15-16; Deuteronomy 8:19-20; 9:5-6
- B. He preserves the nation that fulfills its function. II Chronicles 15:5-6; Isaiah 26:2-6

**DAY 3** The Purpose Of Civil Government.

- A. Read Romans 13:1-7.
- B. Purpose Outlined.
  - 1. Maintain peace and order. I Timothy 2:1-2; Romans 13:3
  - 2. Protect citizens, including Christians. Acts 23:16-24
  - 3. Punish the guilty. Romans 13:4. (This includes the murderer; see also Acts 25:11; Genesis 9:6).

**DAY 4** The Obligation We Have To Civil Government.

- A. Be in subjection. I Peter 2:13-14; Titus 3:1; Romans 13:1-2
- B. Respect and honoi; where due. Romans 13:7; I Timothy 2:1-2
- C. Pay taxes. Matthew 22:17-21; Romans 13:6-7

**DAY 5** The Christian's First Allegiance.

- A. God comes FIRST. Acts 4:18-20; 5:28-29. NOTE: This does not allow a Christian to engage in riots or revolution just because he disagrees with the actions of his government. He may disobey his rulers ONLY when they demand of him that which violates God's law.
- B. Christians can have an influence on a nation and its rulers.
  - 1. As was true of the faithful Jews. Daniel 3:28-29; 6:25-27.
  - 2. See Proverbs 14:34; Psalm 33:12

**Series Title: All Authority Hath Been Given**  
**Lesson Title: Review**

**Week 13**

Memory Work: "Even as thou gavest Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom thou hast given Him, He should give eternal life." John 17:2

- DAY 1**
1. How does the creation show God's authority? Wk 1-D1
  2. What characteristics of God show His authority? Wk 1-D2-5
  3. Describe God as our judge. Wk 2-D2-4
  4. What is the extent of Jesus' authority and when did He receive it? Wk3-D1
- DAY 2**
1. What part did Jesus have in the creation of all things? Wk 1-D2; Wk 3-D4
  2. Name the things over which Jesus has authority Wk 1-D1; Wk4-D1-4
  3. What did Jesus say about His authority and divinity? Wk 5-D3
  4. When did God tell men to listen to Jesus? Wk 5-D1
- DAY 3**
1. What authority did the Holy Spirit have at the beginning of the church? Wk6-D1
  2. How can one resist the authority of the Holy Spirit today? Wk 6-D4
  3. When did the twelve disciples receive the authority to become apostles? Wk7-D2-3
  4. How is the authority of the apostles in force today? Wk 7-D4-5
- DAY 4**
1. What does the Word (Bible) contain? Wk 8-D1
  2. What is our final relationship to the Word? Wk 8-D5
  3. How do we determine authority for our conduct from the Bible? Wk9-D1-4
  4. When do good examples NOT obligate us to do the same thing? WK9-D3
- DAY 5**
1. What authority do elders have? Wk 10-D1-2, 5
  2. Who has God placed in authority over the family? Wk 11 -D1
  3. What are the responsibilities of the Father and Mother in using their authority? Wk 11-D2-4
  4. What authority does a civil government have over a Christian, and what obligation does the Christian have to it in return? Wk 12-D3-5