

Albany entered the chamber, asked what we were doing and then did something quite amazing. He invited two men from our group to the podium; he banged the gavel and opened an official session of the Assembly! They stood at the lectern and proclaimed, "Righteousness and Justice based on God's Holy Word would come forth from this body and that Jesus Christ King of Kings and Lord of Lords would reign and bring forth deliverance and salvation... and that New York would become His KINGDOM STATE!" After several more prayers, the assemblyman adjourned the meeting. Can you imagine, God made a way for these Spirit-breathed declarations to be proclaimed in the chambers of the NYS Assembly! Glory to God! And if this wasn't enough, we then gathered in the executive section of the Capitol and partook of Holy Communion, singing praises to Jesus Christ. To our surprise, the room we chose for the communion service is called the "War Room!" We believe the Lord unleashed His secret weapon there - Jesus was enthroned right in the midst of the seat of power! Expect to see some changes. Our God has spoken!

You may be thinking, "Who do they think they are, talking like this." I can assure you, we know that we are absolutely nothing, nobody. But the Lord has been showing us we are His sons and He wants us to begin to act like it. Its time to step aside from false humility. Our God is the mighty King... and we are His sons. He has given us spiritual authority; He has also been preparing us to use it. You have been in training all of your life for this hour. The increased prayer and worship that is sweeping the nation has been taking its toll on the enemy. Don't let up; press in all the harder. Use your God given authority!

Strategic Prayers

- ♥ Pray for deep humility and a dying to self... individually, and for the Church at large. This is the prerequisite for genuine unity and true love.
- ♥ Pray for the revelation of the need for Revival.
- ♥ Pray for the release of the Spirit of Supplication: heartfelt, fervent intercession throughout the region and the nation.
- ♥ Pray that Church leaders will hear the Rhema of God. A call is being heralded for total consecration to Christ, "radical commitment," ...abandoning oneself to the purposes of God. It can no longer be "business as usual."
- ♥ Pray for preachers of righteousness to be released... filled with love and mercy, those called to prepare the Bride.
- ♥ Pray for strong conviction of sin and the gift of repentance to be poured out across the region / throughout the land.
- ♥ Pray for the revealing of the sons of God... those with true Holy Spirit authority and power.
- ♥ Pray for God-ordained networks and alliances including fresh insights and new ways of "doing" church.
- ♥ Pray for the preparation and release of apostolic teams to carry the fire of God to the churches and to cities and nations.
- ♥ See beyond the soon coming Revival and pray for churches and ministries to be prepared to reap the harvest, disciple them and then send them out.

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Kingdom Authority

"... and on this rock I will build My church (ekklesia), and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Matthew 16:18-19 "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." Luke 10:19

The Lord is speaking to us again about His kingdom government. He is reminding us of a long forgotten, seldom practiced truth... and we had better be listening. In fact, understanding true kingdom authority is absolutely essential as we press toward Revival.

We were recently inspired by a Dutch Sheets' message containing some revelatory truth about the word *ekklesia*. Did you realize that the word *church*, so often used to describe the body of believers, has a much broader meaning than the common definition "the called out ones?" *Ekklesia*, as found in the Greek lexicon, refers to "an assembly of the people convened at the public place of the council (legislature) for the purpose of deliberating." This was the Greek meaning in New Testament times. In addition, the Romans used the word *ekklesia* to describe a military task force sent into a newly

conquered territory. This special group was sent into the land to transform the culture and their way of thinking... to make them act and think like Romans.

When Jesus used *ekklesia*, the people did not picture a church as we now know it - they had never seen one. They surely must have understood Him to mean an authoritative legislative body... since there was no other meaning for the word at that time. When He said, "I will build My *ekklesia*," He was speaking of those who would represent Him in the earth, those who would have His authority, a legislative body with the keys to His kingdom. They would rule for Him and be His agents in the earth... to establish and dictate His government. They were to exercise dominion for Christ. Jesus purposed to establish a group of people who would represent Him and would know how to effect change in the earth. Those who would declare His Word with authority and power... subduing demons, bringing healing and deliverance to those held captive. How far we have fallen!

We have been given the keys to the Kingdom, dear saint. We have the power to bind and loose in the heavenlies, authority to legislate in the spirit realm. If we would finally use this authority things would change on earth. You realize that we are not referring to politics here. Becoming involved in politics is a very good thing; but we are speaking of authority in the spiritual realm.

We must change things in the heavenlies before they can be changed on earth. Do you understand? There is a battle raging in the spirit realm. There are demonic forces that hinder the establishment of righteous government, godly education, just courts,

honest business, etc. The enemy works diligently to disrupt, destroy and kill. We must rise up in our God-given authority to demolish these strongholds. "*And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.*" Romans 16:20

There is tremendous power in Spirit-breathed declarations, decrees and proclamations. By the leading of God, boldly speak forth those things that are not... as though they were. Pray; live a holy life, walk humbly; honor God and obey His commands. Worship Him! As we do these things, we gain authority in the Spirit! The enemy will be dislodged and righteousness will spring forth in the earth. Also remember... when you enter this realm of authority there will be greater responsibility and accountability. You are a son of God, a mighty warrior. Step forward into your destiny.

Here are a few results of applied Kingdom authority. It is important to note that there were years of intercession by many faithful saints prior to these occurrences:

1) A particular street corner in our city was the scene of ongoing violence, drug use and prostitution. This continued for years. By the leading of the Spirit we went there to pray, worship, declare God's Word, prophesy and consecrate the ground with oil. The atmosphere was saturated with praise and the presence of God descended. (We later had the opportunity to preach the word of God in this very spot!) Since that time, the police have maintained a 24/7 presence and the children are laughing again, unafraid to play outside. First, it was accomplished in the spirit realm, and then order was established in the natural. Some may call this a coincidence, but we truly believe that after

months of unchecked bedlam, the Spirit of the Lord spoke it forth and declared it through His servants, and then order was established within days!

2) A similar thing occurred in a local school district plagued with violence. We sent a group to the school grounds on Saturday and boldly proclaimed and declared God's order to be established. We prayed, worshipped and consecrated the property as unto the Lord. We anointed the doors; and the ground in the courtyard was anointed with oil. Within a week, after months of confusion, the school board established an excellent plan to stop the violence! Do you see? Authority was gained in the spiritual realm first and then the natural solution came forth speedily.

3) Several months ago the Lord gave us another wonderful assignment. The night before the new Family Court building was to be opened for business, the Holy Spirit sent us to consecrate it as unto the Lord. Prophetic declarations were made regarding wisdom, mercy and justice. Blessings were proclaimed over the families that would cross its threshold. We also met with one of the judges. He humbly submitted to receive prayer and was anointed with oil. For this brief moment, it seemed as if the kingdom of God and the kingdom of man converged. We have since been hearing wonderful things about this judge.

4) After a time of powerful worship, about 20 of us went into the New York State Capitol building. What happened there was astounding. Since the Legislature was not in session, we had free access to pray for the Senate and to anoint with oil and pray over all of the chairs in the Assembly. By divine providence, an assemblyman from

