

GOD'S MAGNIFICENT IDEA
Part XXXIII
Psalm 63:1-8

Introduction: The sleeping church at large seems to have awakened and become cognizant of the great potential that praise has in victorious living. When we acquiesce and give God His rightful place in our lives by properly acknowledging Him in our praise and confession, He delegates His authority to us. *Matthew 16:19*. What has already been bound in Heaven is available to us to bind on earth. Whatever has been loosed in Heaven becomes available for us to loose on earth. The Lord's Prayer says, "... *Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven...*" *Matthew 6:10*. This is not a tenuous statement in the Lord's Prayer, but a clarion declaration. As we celebrate the enormous victory Christ already has won over all principalities and powers of the enemy, He allows us to enjoy victories in our own lives. *Colossians 2:15*. The devil has been embarrassed by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and we must remind him of his utter and categorical defeat.

I. God's magnificent idea

- A. Releasing the power of God in our lives. When we get in the chariot with Christ and lift our voices in triumph, and celebrate the fact that the principalities and powers have been broken, the angels of God are released to perform exploits for us. What the angels want to do on our behalf is inscrutable, incomprehensible, inexhaustible, unquenchable, and overwhelming.
 1. *Daniel 6:10*. Because Daniel was a praying man who gave God the glory for his greatness, and because of his spiritual sagacity, he was able to influence the history of an entire nation. God opened up to Daniel the future that charts end time events.
 2. What great promise this offers for all of us through our confession of praise and worship. If we enter mightily and throw ourselves wholeheartedly into praise and worship, it is possible that an angel will work with us in standing against the strongholds that try to bind us.
- B. The believer's authority
 1. The words for power and authority come from two important Greek words, *dunamis* and *exousia*. Jesus said, "...*all authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.*" *Matthew 28:18*. The word for might and authority here is *exousia*. Then Jesus commands His followers to "*go therefore and make disciples of all nations...*"
 2. We have not only been given a mandate to go and proclaim Him, but He has empowered us to do the job. He was saying, "I have the authority, and I delegate it to you." When you as a believer are thoroughly conscious of the divine power behind you, you can face the enemy without fear or hesitation. *John 14:12*.
 3. Behind the authority possessed by the believer is a power more potent than our enemy's. God is waiting for the church to use her delegated authority. *Acts 1:8*. God has already done His part. Jesus is in Heaven at the right hand of the Father, at the seat of authority, having already won the victory over Satan, and we are seated with Him. *Ephesians 2:5-6*.
 4. Because of our exclusive relationship with the Lord, we have special delegated authority to operate on His behalf. *Ephesians 1:19-23* (read Amplified). All heavenly authority has to be exercised through the church.
 5. Problems persist because we permit them to. God is waiting for us to exercise our given authority and to confidently *speak* peace in the midst of the storm. *Mark 11:22-24*. We are responsible for carrying out His work on earth as the church. *Romans 4:17*.
 6. In the Great Commission of Mark 16, we are commanded to go, and supernatural signs will follow us. James follows up with this statement: "...*resist the devil and he will flee from you.*" *James 4:7*. Another Scripture dealing with how to handle the devil is found in *1st Peter 5:8-9*.
 7. *Luke 10:19* (Amplified): "*Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and [physical and mental strength and ability] over all the power that the enemy [possesses]; and nothing shall in any way harm you.*"

Conclusion: It appears that we are climbing a spiritual ladder, and we are getting closer to the top. God has much in store for us that we have not yet even imagined. Like Paul, we are pressing toward the mark for the prize.