

SERMON NOTES

SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY - RESTORED IN CHRIST

2026 - Year of the Turning Point

God is turning the tables on the enemy

Genesis 50: 20 (NKJV)

But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

The Purpose of the Local Church

The purpose of the local church is not to **ENTERTAIN** people but to **ENTER-TRAIN**.

- To **ENTER** people into the fullness of Christ
- To **TRAIN** people as warrior disciples

Filled and Led by the Spirit

Luke 4: 1 (NKJV)

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

Being Filled — *plērēs*

- Full, complete
- A quantity of space completely occupied by something

Led — *agō*

- To bring, drive, induce, guide
- To willingly go where one is influencing you to go

"We will be led by whatever spirit that we are full of."

We cannot be **LED** by the Spirit if we are not **FOLLOWERS** of the Spirit, submitted to the **ONE TRUE LEADER**.

Romans 8: 14 (NKJV)

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

The Wilderness and the Lonely Place

Wilderness — *erēmos*

- Uninhabited region
- Lonely place

The significance of our spiritual authority will depend upon the significance of our lonely place.

Luke 5: 16 (NKJV)

So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.

The Strategy of the Enemy

1 John 2: 15–17 (NKJV)

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Genesis 3: 6 (NKJV)

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Temptation and Testing

Luke 4: 2 (NKJV)

Being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.

Tempted — *peirazō*

- To put to the test

- To prove
- To try to trap or cause someone to sin

James 1: 13 (NKJV)

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

Hebrews 4: 15 (NKJV)

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Biblical Fasting

What Is Biblical Fasting?

- A time of consecration
- Where we substitute physical food for a period of time
- With increased spiritual food of prayer and the Word of God

Matthew 6: 17–18 (NKJV)

But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Matthew 9: 14–15 (NKJV)

Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?” And Jesus said to them, “Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.”

Hunger

Hungry — *peinaō*

- To be famished
- Hunger pangs

Matthew 5: 6 (NKJV)

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

The Voice of the Enemy

Luke 4: 3 (NKJV)

And the devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.”

Words of the enemy are lies designed to plant:

- Doubt
- Unbelief
- Fear

John 8: 44 (NKJV)

You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do... for he is a liar and the father of it.

Identity Affirmed by God

Luke 3: 22 (NKJV)

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.”

Crucifying the Flesh

Galatians 5: 24 (NKJV)

And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Answering the Enemy with Scripture

Luke 4: 4 (NKJV)

But Jesus answered him, saying, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’ ”

Deuteronomy 8: 3 (NKJV)

So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.