The Authority of Kings, Watchmen and Gatekeepers

Whether you are in flag ministry, active ministry or just a servant of the Lord in training for future ministry I pray this class give you a deeper revelation of your authority in Christ.

1. Authority of Kings

“What is man... you have made him a little lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor; and set him over the works of your hands. you have put all things in subjection under his feet. “ Hebrews 2:7-8

Subjection (G5529) to obey, be subject. A Greek military term meaning: “to arrange (troop divisions) in a military fashion under the command of a leader. In a non-military action: was “voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden.

*Rev.5:10 And hast made us Kings and Priests: and we shall reign upon the earth

*Josh 1 Where ever the soles of our feet tread, it is yours. Authority to claim territory; king-conquering authority.

DOMINION 7287, 4475 and 7985 Hebrew to rule, have dominion, dominate, tread down, to domineer, exercise power over, be master, lord over

*Judges 5:13 then he made him that remains have dominion over them, nobles among the people: the Lord made him have dominion over the mighty

*Dan. 7:27 And the kingdom and dominion, and greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most high God, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him

2. Kings administer Justice

Justice: (H4941) A verdict, especially a sentence or formal degree, including the act, the place, the suit, the crime and the penalty; to pronounce sentence; to govern

*Zech 7:9-10 “This is what the Almighty says: administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. In your hearts do not think evil of each other”

*Jer 21:12 Oh house of David, this is what the Lord says: Administer justice every morning; rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed or my wrath will break out and burn
like fire because of the evil you have done—burn with one to quench it.”

*Psalm 140:2* I know the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy.

*Matt. 23:23* Woe to you teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices, mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

As kings, submitted to the King of kings, we:

1. Exercise dominion
2. Make decrees, establishing the dominion and kingdom rule: decree justice; exercise Christ’s redeeming power by participating in the ministry or reconciliation
3. The government is upon His shoulders, and we are His ambassadors to carry out the manifestation of His government on earth.
4. Watch your territory
5. Protect and keep out what will harm; invite in what will prosper

Question: Can you receive this? Do you believe that you are called, as Jesus’ ambassador to: 1 to have dominion in your place (town, city) 2. To walk in shoes of redemption. 3. To decree justice to the oppressed from your kingly position

3. Redeeming Authority

Use of authority is for purpose of redemption, from a heart of compassion—love of the Father

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We are given the shoes of authority, to redeem, given shoes of redemption:

Ruth 4:7-8 In the olden times in Israel, this is how they handled official business regarding matters of property and inheritance man would take off his shoe and give it to the other person. This was the same as an official seal or personal signature in Israel. So when Boaz redeemer relative said, go ahead and buy it, he signed the deal by pulling off his shoe.

Ministry of reconciliation: All things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and who has given to us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God. 2Cor 5:18-20

Redeeming authority is about bringing humans close to God, not about getting rid of evil. We get
rid of evil to be closer, not for the sake of getting rid of evil or for the sake of war.

To be effective kings, we must be motivated by the Father’s heart of love and compassion: this motivation is born out of a personal relationship with Abba Father and Jesus. Focus on the beauty of God, the majesty of God, the love of God, knowing God. The fulfillment of our priestly relationship.

WATCHING WITH AUTHORITY

Watchmen and Gatekeepers. There are three categories of watchmen and gatekeepers: 1 Spiritual watchmen, 2 Spiritual watchmen/gatekeepers and 3 civil gatekeepers.

Spiritual Watchmen:
In most present day prayer circles, intercessors are regarded as the watchmen of a city. In many cases, though, watchmen are not only intercessors but leaders. The watchmen is the one who stand before God on behalf of the land so He doesn’t have to destroy it because of its sins. (Ezek 22:30). The watchmen are also those posted to stand in the gap between God and His people, to intervene on their behalf and to sound the alarm when the enemy launches an attack. As Ezekiel 3:17 states; “Son of man, I have made you a watchmen for the house of Israel, so hear the word I speak and give them warning for me.”

1. WATCHING

H8245 to be alert, sleepless; to be on the lookout (Pr.8:34)

H6822 to lean forward, that is, to peer into the distance; to observe, await (Isa. 21:5)

H4929 a guard, a deposit; to hedge about (as with thorns) to protect, attend to (Neh 4:9)

G1127, 69 to keep awake, that is, watch, be vigilant, to awaken, rouse (literally from sleep, from sitting or lying, from disease, from death) Mark 13:34

2. GATES and GATEKEEPERS

G8179 an opening, door, gate, city port, to split or open; to estimate or think, to act as a gate keeper

G6822 to lean forward, to peer into the distance, to observe, await, behold.

The position of as gatekeeper is active, a position of opening and closing a gate, an opening. The definition “to split or open” implies that gate keepers can make an opening into a place that did not have a previous opening.
1. For ancient Israelite the most important element of defense against external forces was the fortified wall encircling a city. The city gate, however, constituted a breach in the wall, and hence the most venerable point of defense.

2. If the presence of a city gate represented safety and security, the ultimate horror was to live in a city “that has no gates or bars” (Jer. 49:31) or a city “without walls, and having no bars or gates” (Ezk. 38:11).

3. The position of a gatekeeper implies the act of guarding against illegitimate entry, whether into a city (2Kings 10) a king’s court (2Kings 11:4-9) or the temple (2Kings 12:9, 2Chron 23:9).

4. Because gates were public passageways, they took on the nature of a public square where legal and civil events occurred. The city gate was also the appropriate place to make public announcements and demonstrations.

5. To sit at the gate was to have a voice in setting policy.

Gatekeepers of the city do not consist only of clergy and pastors. They include politicians, educators, economists, health officials, media personal and certain indigenous lay persons.

Gatekeepers are people of influence who can readily determine the ebb and flow of what goes on in the life of their city. From Scripture we learn that they are to protect the city, to make decisions concerning it, to discern what is right and wrong, to determine city’s direction, to govern it (at time spiritually) to allow or deny entry to whatever form of influence seeks to enter it, to remain vigilant at all times and not to leave their posts.

Nehemiah acknowledged the importance of gatekeepers following the rebuilding of the wall: “The gates of Jerusalem are not to be opened until the sun is hot. While the gatekeepers are still on duty, have them shut the doors and bar them (Neh. 7:3) First Chronicle 26 also gives insight into the responsibilities of gatekeepers. Gatekeepers execute extraordinary authority in the city and can appropriate Matt. 18:18-20 on a corporate basis- for binding and loosing, and for asking the father, in agreement, for anything in Jesus’ name.

The Doors to a City (we can pray for civil gatekeepers, as well as be the spiritual watchmen/gatekeepers)

1. Church door
2. Legal door- includes police, lawyers, judges and anyone responsible to care for the security of others
3. Education door
4. Commerce and business door: airport and banking headquarters
5. Political door
6. Doors of influence people of influence such as; sports figures, radio and television personalities and regular media

Pray: That God would use this material to stir people to begin to take territory for the Lord as He directs. I encourage you to investigate the territory where you live that the Lord can begin to show you, and equip you to pray effectively for it.