

Isaiah 60:1-3 *Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the **glory** of the Lord is risen upon you. ² For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; **BUT the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.** ³ The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.*

Joel 3:9-10 ***Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near, let them come up.***¹⁰ *Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, 'I am strong.'*"

Psalms 2:1-3 *Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing?² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying,³ "**Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us.**"*

Psalms 2:4-8 ⁴ **He who sits in the heavens shall laugh**; the Lord shall hold them in derision. ⁵ **Then He shall speak to them in His wrath**, and distress them in His deep displeasure: ⁶ **"Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion."**
⁷ **"I will declare the decree: the Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.** ⁸ **Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.**

2. Jesus is building His church, and the gates of hell shall prevail against it

Matthew 16:18 ... *on this rock I will build my church, and **the gates of hell shall not prevail against it***

3. We need to know Who Jesus Christ is, and Who we are IN HIM

4. Jesus Christ has given US authority to cast out devils

Some in church don't want to talk about the devil and the darkness that is out there, but we need to talk about it!

- i. **Jesus talked about Satan, He stirred up, and cast out demon spirits**
- ii. **The apostles wrote letters to the churches to teach them that we have authority over demon spirits**
- iii. **Paul taught that our fight is not against flesh and blood but against four ranks of demonic spirits**

Ephesians 6:10, 12 *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, **but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.***

Eph 2:2 ... *the **prince of the power of the air**, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ...*

iv. Paul called Satan "the god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4) , How has our nation got to this place?

8. Stay alert and watch out for your great enemy, the devil

1 Peter 5:8 NLT *Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.*

Ephesians 4:27 KJ ...*neither give place to the devil...*

9. Jesus Christ came and defeated the devil

1 John 3:8b NKJV Ampl *For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy undo, loosen, and dissolve the works of the devil.*

John 12:31 *Now is the judgment of this world; **now the ruler of this world will be cast out.***

10. All authority has been given to Jesus Christ in heaven and earth

Matthew 28:18-20 *All authority **has been** given to Me in heaven and on earth.¹⁹ **Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations ...***

11. We have authority over all the power of the enemy

Luke 10:19 *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.*

12. Jesus commanded us to cast out demons in His name (Mark 16:17)

We do not pray and ask God to do something about the devil! Jesus said, ... in My name ... *YOU cast out demons;!*

13. Our authority reaches to levels where we are to execute the written judgment ...

Psalms 149:6-9 *Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a **two-edged sword in their hand**, to execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples, to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; to execute on them the written judgment - this honour have all His saints.*

14. Jesus has given us the keys to the kingdom to bind, execute, cast out

Matthew 16:19 ... *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 18:18 NLT ... *whatever you forbid ... whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven*

Matthew 16:19 NCV ... *the things you don't allow on earth will be the things that God does not allow, and the things you allow on earth will be the things that God allows.*

15. Jesus taught His disciples how to use their authority and speak to mountains

Mark 11:23 *For whoever **says to this mountain be removed and be cast into the seas**; and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he **says** will be done, he **will have whatever he says.***

Mark 11:14, 20-23 ¹⁴ **Let no one eat fruit from you ever again.** ²⁰ *Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. ²¹ And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away." ²² So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God.*

16. Authority to lay the ax to the root of the trees which is not bearing good fruit

Matthew 3:7-12 *But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "**Brood of vipers!**" ⁸ ¹⁰ **And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.***

If the 'tree' is not bearing **good** fruit. We have authority to lay the ax to the root of that tree. We SPEAK and SAY: **Let no one eat fruit from you here after.**

We use God's Word, and say NO – Psalm 2 ... *the nations are His inheritance, the uttermost parts of the earth are HIS possession. God has called us out of every tribe, tongue and nation ...*

17. There is the sound of the SONS and DAUGHTERS of God being heard around the world

Acts 17:6 *These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.*

Isaiah 2:2-3 / Micah 4:1-2 *In the **latter days** that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; ... and all nations shall flow to*

Acts 2:17 *...in the Last Days I will pour out My Spirit on ALL FLESH...*

Exodus 14:13-16 *Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. ¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.*

Joshua 3:5 NASB ... *Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.*