

Authority

Matthew 28:18 NASB And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

How much power & authority does that leave for the devil?
ZERO

Now if Jesus just allowed all that evil when He still held the authority, He would be not really worthy of following, or trusting.



Psalms 115:16 NASB The heavens are the heavens of the LORD, But the earth He has given to the sons of men.

The authority is given again to mankind through believers. It is a continuation of the blessing AND authority on mankind, repeated through Adam, Noah, Abraham & believers in Gal 3:7-9

Promise

Galatians 3:7-9 NASB Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham. (8) The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, *saying*, "ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU." (9) So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.

Galatians 3:13 NASB Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us--for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"--

Deuteronomy 28:1-14 NASB

(1) "Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command

you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.

- (2) "All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you obey the LORD your God:
- (3) "Blessed *shall you be* in the city, and blessed *shall you be* in the country.
- (4) "Blessed *shall be* the offspring of your body and the produce of your ground and the offspring of your beasts, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock.
- (5) "Blessed *shall be* your basket and your kneading bowl.
- (6) "Blessed *shall you be* when you come in, and blessed *shall you be* when you go out.
- (7) "The LORD shall cause your enemies who rise up against you to be defeated before you; they will come out against you one way and will flee before you seven ways.
- (8) "The LORD will command the blessing upon you in your barns and in all that you put your hand to, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God gives you.
- (9) "The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, as He swore to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways.
- (10) "So all the peoples of the earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will be afraid of you.
- (11) "The LORD will make you abound in prosperity, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your beast and in the produce of your ground, in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.
- (12) "The LORD will open for you His good storehouse, the heavens, to give rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hand; and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.
- (13) "The LORD will make you the head and not the tail, and you only will be above, and you will not be underneath, if you listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I charge you today, to observe *them* carefully,
- (14) and do not turn aside from any of the words which I command you today, to the right or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

Deuteronomy 28:61 NASB "Also every sickness and every plague which, not written in the book of this law, the LORD will bring on you until you are destroyed.

John 17:1-2 NASB

- (1) Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You,
- (2) even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.

John 17:18-20 NASB

- (18) "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.
- (19) "For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.
- (20) "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;

John 17:15-16 NASB

- (15) "I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil *one*.
- (16) "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Psalms 91:1-16 NASB

- (1) He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
- (2) I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!"
- (3) For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper And from the deadly pestilence.
- (4) He will cover you with His pinions, And under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.
- (5) You will not be afraid of the terror by night, Or of the arrow that flies by day;
- (6) Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, Or of the destruction that lays waste at noon.
- (7) A thousand may fall at your side And ten thousand at your right hand, *But* it shall not approach you.

- (8) You will only look on with your eyes And see the recompense of the wicked.
- (9) For you have made the LORD, my refuge, *Even* the Most High, your dwelling place.
- (10) No evil will befall you, Nor will any plague come near your tent.
- (11) For He will give His angels charge concerning you, To guard you in all your ways.
- (12) They will bear you up in their hands, That you do not strike your foot against a stone.
- (13) You will tread upon the lion and cobra, The young lion and the serpent you will trample down.
- (14) "Because he has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him *securely* on high, because he has known My name.
- (15) "He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.
- (16) "With a long life I will satisfy him And let him see My salvation."

So we have a choice to make:

Deuteronomy 30:19 NASB "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants,

We make choices daily to believe God or not.
To believe His promises or not.

Deception & Fear

John 10:10 NASB "The thief comes **only** to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly.

He has to use your authority against you. He has none of his own. He does it through deception.

Belief is not in fear.

1 John 4:18 NASB There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.

1 Peter 5:6-10 NASB

- (6) Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,
- (7) casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.
- (8) Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
- (9) But resist him, firm in *your* faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.
- (10) After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen *and* establish you.

Hebrews 11:6 NASB And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him*.