

Angel Armies

Lesson 4 - "Battling for the Throne of a Region"

Isa. 9:6-7 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the **government** shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his **government** and peace there shall be no end, upon the **throne** of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts [angel armies] will perform this."

Matt 16:18-19 "And I say also to you, That you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; and whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

The word **government** from Hebrew is *misrah* meaning "empire or dynasty."
Jesus wants His church representing His throne and extending His Empire into the territories of their region.

Throne – is the Hebrew word *kicceh* meaning "the seat of power; seat of authority; canopy under which rule extend; jurisdiction of a position of honor, and the position from which a king reigns."

Jesus, as King, sits upon the throne of His Kingdom to order it, establishing judgment and justice.

He wants His church aligning with Him to accomplish that rule.

Isa. 9:7- "The zeal of the Lord of hosts [angel armies] will perform this."

- Angel armies will partner with the church in battling for the "throne" and in establishing Christ's Kingdom in their region.
- Jesus will release His armies to assist the church, who obeys His commands, in binding or loosing things on earth.
- Christ's name for the church – *ekklesia* is used 113 times in the New Testament, and it is a political word rather than it is a religious word.
- *Ekklesia* = describes the act of governing: Colin Brown in the International Dictionary of New Testament Theology describes the definition of *ekklesia* as used in Christ's day:

Ekklesia was an assembly of competent citizens of a region who met at regular intervals to govern by verbal yes or no or an upraised hand.

The sphere of their influence included:

1. Decisions on suggested laws and final decisions on any new laws.
2. Appointment to official positions.

3. Internal and external policies in the region including contracts, treaties, war and peace, financial matters.
4. It would summon for its army to assemble for war.
5. It ruled on societal and cultural matters for its geographical location or territory.
6. It determined who would sit at the Areopagus, the high court of Athens – similar to our Supreme Court.

Jesus is saying – My church – ekklesia; consisting of My heirs, are to rule and reign with Me in their region.

- Very different than what we see happening in our world today.
- There are many institutions claiming to be the church, but they are standing for secular values and whatever society says is right.
- That is not the true church.
- Authority has been given to Christ's heirs, the born again ones, to make rulings on the earth for or against somethings.
- The King tells us to "Be Verbal."
- We have authority in Jesus name to overrule things on earth.
- We can overrule hell's government.
- Angelic armies can be loosed from heaven to back up the rulings we make in Jesus' name.

We do need to be involved in the natural realm by being politically involved, but we must also understand that much of what the ekklesia battles in spiritual warfare.

We are to do spiritual battle with hell's kingdom for the throne of our region – that battle is intensifying everyday:

We do battle through Pray – Praise – Worship – Declaration of God's Word.

Jesus says: "Whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be loosed in heaven; and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Matt. 16:19.

- "Bind & Loose" are courtroom terms – legal rulings.
- You can have a binding contract or you could go to court and have a contract dissolved or loosed.
- The Greek text of Matt. 16:18-19 says:
"Whatever you at any time encounter of hell's council/government that I am determined My ekklesia will prevail against, you will then face a decision as to whether or not you will bind it.

What happens is conditional upon your response.

If you do purposely and consciously involve yourself in binding the issue on earth, you will find at that future moment when you do, it is already bound in heaven.

Jesus is saying that what is bound or loosed is conditional upon the church's response.

“If it's bound by My people in My name, or loosed on earth by My people in My name, heaven will back it up.

My throne will rule in your favor and sufficient force will be released to enforce it. My angels will be sent to assist.”

Isaiah prophecies that the zeal of the Lord of hosts [angel armies] will perform this.

- **Perform-** Hebrew word *asah* meaning “to work, to procure something, to accomplish, to construct, and to build.”
- **Judges** 11:36- “To make war.”
- Angel armies will make war with hell's kingdom on the church's behalf – “to enforce its “bindings” or its “loosing” decrees.
- Angels help the body of Christ build a kingdom or hub or stronghold according to the decrees that are made by heirs of the region in Jesus' name.
- The angels of the Lord Sabaoth will be loosed to help the church increase Christ's Kingdom influence throughout the region.

Angels also assist in cleansing the heaven over our region of principalities and powers of darkness [demon princes] of hell's government.

- The enemy has gained legal rights because of man's sin and broken covenants, idolatrous thrones or generational covenant breaking.
- But these strongholds can be broken by the church-ekklesia taking authority in Jesus' name.
- **The battle is for the throne over our region.**
- If we can get the body of Christ to agree, pray and overthrow hell's ruling kingdom in our region; then we will see victory in the lives of those bound by hell's powers that have been holding them back.
- **THE BATTLE IS WON IN THE SPIRIT BEFORE WE SEE THE MANIFESTATION IN THE EARTH.**

Matt. 16: 18-19- “I will build My church, and the gates of Hades [the powers of the infernal region] shall not overpower it [or be strong to its detriment or hold out against it].

And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in Heaven.”

The ramifications/affects of these verses are incredible – we are to bind what heaven wants bound and loose what heaven wants loosed by aligning ourselves with the Word of God.

Father God and His Christ are expecting the church – ekklesia – government on earth to declare and make rulings in His name – we are to decide what is proper or improper for this region.

We are given the authority to decide and declare the way culture ought to be.

The King Himself says that we are to decree and declare “Your Kingdom come and Your will be done in earth as it is done in Heaven.”

Preeminence = “the ultimate position of authority.”

Thrones [plural] are created by God, whether invisible or invisible.

Throne = Greek *thronos* = “a stately seat of authority.”

We see kings and their thrones today because they are visible – they rule their territory – nation from that seat.

The same is true of dominions = Greek = *kuriotes* = “governing powers, lord, lordship, and one who possesses dominion.”

Principalities = Greek – *arche* = “a leader, ruler, an originator, or the active cause of causer of something.”

Arch = can refer to angels or demons in Scripture.

Powers = Greek – *exousia* = “executive power, one with permission to use authority.”

All these terms are visibly seen in the nations governing their regions on the earth today.

- To capture a region or a territory, it is vital to capture the throne.
- That is what we see in wars and conflicts among nations – Israel, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Syria today.
- You have to capture the throne to take control of the nation-people.

What about the invisible? The Heavenly sphere?

- Just because they are invisible – doesn’t mean they are not real!
- God made thrones visible and invisible and HE Himself sits upon the throne of heaven.
- The decisions from the invisible thrones affect things over the earth.
- Jesus sits on the right hand of the Father’s throne in heaven; when that throne makes a decree – it affects the earth.

The battle for God’s Throne-

There was once a battle over the Throne of God between Himself and Lucifer – a created angel.

Isa. 14:12-16

Rev 12:7-11 tells of the battle between Michael [arch angel] and his army fighting against Lucifer and his angels in defense of the throne.

Lucifer was unsuccessful as well as his angels and they were cast out of heaven like lightning.

- If Lucifer would dare to attempt to usurp God's Throne, why wouldn't he attempt to take other thrones on the earth?

Lucifer's idea has always been to occupy the throne of a territory. He wants his kingdom, his fallen angels, to occupy the thrones of regions. That is the battle ground today on earth.

To affect the natural thrones of governments so he can battle against Christ and His Kingdom work on earth.

Lucifer wants his influence to affect the people of earth through the natural powers of governments so he can affect and empower people with his ideology, his oppressive nature and lust for power.

He wants his kingdom to empower and promote his agenda such as abortion and homosexual marriage to pervert God's natural order of what is holy, right and wholesome. The enemy is using natural government & society and those in it that are under the influence of the kingdom of darkness to promote the kingdom of darkness' agenda.

Demonic thrones have assignments: to hinder, confuse, slander, and accuse those who stand for Christ.

As with Adam and Eve in the Garden – the enemy wants his kingdom presenting ideas or thoughts that are not what God says.

Why?

So he can usurp the believers authority and oppress the territory – oppress the Garden!

Rev. 12:7-9 “And war broke out in heaven, Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, BUT they did not prevail nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the devil, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

It's time for the church- ekklesia – Christ's governing body to follow His lead and cast out hell's dominions and powers.

It's time to displace his curses with God's decrees of His eternal Word and loose angels who can and want to battle alongside us and cleanse the heavens over our regions.

This is an assignment the Lord Jesus says to perform in His name.

It is time to Rise Up!

It is time for the people of God to rise up and cry out against the cowardice revealed by silence.

Rev. 21:7-8 – there are eight kinds of people groups listed that are destined for the lake of fire: “He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

But the **cowardly, unbelieving** – the opposite of faithfulness, **abominable**- those polluted by earth’s abominations, **murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers** – those dealing in drugs/witchcraft, **idolaters**, and all **liars**- those who deviate from the truth and join deceivers, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

God hates cowards! He didn’t put His church here to be cowardly submissive.

Franklin Graham – Chairman of the Billy Graham Association and Chairman of Samaritan’s Purse addressed pastors in Washington, D.C. in May of 2014:

“The definition of coward: a coward will not confront an issue that needs to be confronted due to fear. That is a coward.

The cowards that God is referring to are the men and women who know the truth but refuse to speak it.”

He went on to say that God’s people have the responsibility to speak on moral issues. Abortion, homosexuality are moral issues.

What the fear is – is that we are afraid we will become targets of the world.

We must speak the truth!

Many people’s definition of right and wrong has been blurred by a politically correct Gospel that attempts to sanitize the truth to the degree that the truth becomes ambiguous-unclear.

It’s up to your private interpretation or your personal sense of right and wrong!

Millions have believed the lie and are damning their souls; what man believes is true has nothing to do with God’s real truth.

In the early 1800’s, what some look back to as the “good ole days” in the nation – was not so good.

- The government was corrupt and divided.
- Slave issues and poverty were stifling the people.
- The education system was inept.
- Society was about as bad as it could get.
- Politicians were actually killing each other in duels.

- The church was in a passive mode – just like now.

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court – John Marshal, wrote a letter to then President James Madison regarding the condition of the church in America stating:

“The church is too far gone to ever be redeemed!”

Obviously, that wasn't true – the people of God began to pray.

Cottage prayer meetings sprung up all over the nation from coast to coast.

Mid – week prayer meetings began everywhere.

Lunch hour prayer meetings sprang up.

Passionate preaching began to flame from the pulpits of America and evangelists came on the scene.

God's presence was welcomed in the pulpits and The Word was proclaimed with holy boldness and the church was awakened from its slumber by the Holy Spirit and from that the Second Great Awakening occurred in America.

It is time for the church to Awake and Arise and allow God's Holy Spirit once again to cause a Third Great Awakening to shake the people of God first, then spill over to the culture of America and take back our destiny in God.

The Angel Armies are here to help us – we must rally ourselves to seek Him and find Him once again.

Prayer – this Friday night April 1st 11:59PM- Sat. 6 AM.