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In our Republic, governmental authority is supposedly based on our Constitution, a document which was written to limit the powers of the very government which it establishes. Yet even this constitution is limited in its authority because it can only stand according to the consent of those governed and can be amended by them. So, in reality the authority resides in the people, a simple privilege which the vast majority seem to have abrogated and which those in places of power are reluctant to promote.

The LORD JESUS CHRIST made a startling declaration to HIS disciples when HE said, *“All power (i.e.; authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”* Then HE directed them to go forth teaching in HIS name (i.e.; authority). Heaven and earth itself could perish before that command which HE gave should fail to be carried out in the jot and tittle which HE demanded and designed.

By this declaration of the LORD, HE made it clear to HIS disciples exactly who HE is. Up until this point HE had always spoken of HIS authority as being that of HIS FATHER. HE said that HE came to do HIS FATHER’s will, yet now HE is declaring unto them that they must go forth according to HIS will and in HIS authority. Now we are certain that no changes took place in HIS position of deity or power but rather in HIS revelation of HIMSELF to those whom HE loved. HE was on the verge of leaving them and ascending back to the place from whence HE came in order to prepare for them a more permanent dwelling place. Lest they should think that HIS kingdom was of a carnal nature or that its seat of power would be on any particular piece of real estate, HE told them that HE was the very source and basis of all authority and that HIS kingdom was being established in the declaration of HIS truth and the calling of HIS children from the four corners of the earth.

Thus, the Kingdom of GOD is manifested in the world as HE is pleased to reveal HIMSELF through the power of the HOLY GHOST in the preaching of the gospel. Men sometimes confuse “strength” with “power”. This was the error of the Pharisees who plotted the death of CHRIST. They had the strength in their hands to take HIM captive and deliver HIM up to be crucified. Yet they had no authority to do anything but merely acted according to the dictates of HIM who ordained their wicked actions to fulfill HIS own glorious purpose. *“Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain.”*

Nothing happens by “chance” in this world as HE who has all “power” ordains all things that come to pass, as HE builds HIS kingdom and establishes HIS Church in this world. The calling of the sheep as well as the feeding of them is directed by HIS mighty hand. Every blessing and every trial which enters the life of those whom HE has ordained unto eternal life is directed, by HIM, to bring them into conformity with CHRIST. The authority of JESUS CHRIST is demonstrated:

By HIS death on Calvary’s cross. This was a grand display of HIS purpose to cancel sin, yet to men, it appeared to be the very antithesis of power. HE was here mocked by the multitude and the expectations of even HIS staunchest followers were quashed. Little did they know HIS “power”. *“Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, ---nailing it to his cross.”*

The authority of JESUS CHRIST is demonstrated:

By HIS resurrection from the dead. *“And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”* (Rom 1:4) This was an event which transpired in the plain view of men, yet to only a few was it fully revealed. It is here, at an empty tomb that the doubts of HIS disciples are quelled.

The authority of JESUS CHRIST is demonstrated:

By HIS ascension to the right hand (seat of power) of the FATHER from whence HE shall return to receive that which is HIS and destroy the wicked. *“And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.”*

The authority of JESUS CHRIST is demonstrated:

By HIS giving gifts to men. *“For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”*

The authority of JESUS CHRIST is demonstrated:

By the calling of HIS people from darkness to LIGHT. *“For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”* *“Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.”* *“Thy free grace alone,”* #11 **If you would like a free transcript**

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