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C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the word. We welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us online in brothersoftheword.com. Stay tuned to today's message. We are delighted to have you tune in and worship with us on today. Well, just a little humor I like to read. It says after the baptism of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car and his father asked him three times what was wrong. And finally, the boy replied "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home and I wanted to stay with you guys."

We're on part 6 of a series entitled Our Inheritance in Christ. Our Inheritance in Christ and we will endeavour into walk through God's word and cover as many scriptures as we can. Finding out who we are in Christ Jesus and what belongs to us as a result of being in him in Christ. And so last time, we left off with our authority over the devil. Our authority over the enemy and we crushed his head pretty good, we crushed his head and bruised that I had been waiting on that a long time. So we crushed the devil's head and I had a little bit more I wanted to say in that regards.

Flip over, we'll look at some scriptures. Flip over the Psalms 91. Psalms 91 and I just want to show you some of the prevalent messages regarding our victory over the devil that God had already prophetically he had already begun dropping it in his word. If you recall in the very first book of the Bible, in the Book of Genesis Chapter 3 Verse 15. One of the very first promises that was given was that it was concerning the woman and the

devil and it said that the devil would bruise his heel and the seed of the woman would crush his head.

And that was prophetically prophesying of the Lord Jesus Christ. He bruised his heel that Calvary's cross but the Lord Jesus Christ crushed the Devil's Head and fulfil that prophecy there in Genesis Chapter 3 and Verse 15. So that was the beginning prophetic utterance.

Here's another prophetic utterance here in Psalms 91 Verse 13. Psalms 91 Verse 13. Take a look at this. Notice what it says here Psalms 91 Verse 13. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon. Now, anytime you see adder which refers to a serpent cobra snake and also you see here dragon and all of those are references to the devil, to demonic power, to demons and so forth. So notice what it says, thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. And there is the psalmist there. David prophesying of the dominion and the authority and the victory, and we would have in Christ Jesus that we will walk all over the devil exercising Christ's authority on his head. I love it. I love it. I love it. I love it.

Oh man, I've been having so much fun just cracking this whip over his head and reminding him who he is now. I started this in the Book of Revelations. The Book of Revelation actually has quite a bit about the battle between God and the devil and this whole kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. But Revelations Chapter 12 Verses 10 through 12, it gives the little background on how the devil was whipped when he tried to fight against God in heaven. How God flipped him all of his demons and kicked him out. He kicked him out.

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And it goes on talking about how we as believers would continually to walk in that victory. We walk in that victory that Christ Jesus would have over the devil when he came and we were to continue in that victory. So it's a continual thing that we exercise over the devil. And it says that we overcome him by the blood of the lamb. Speaking about our faith and the finish work at Calvary's cross. So releasing our faith and what Christ Jesus did at the cross. That's how we overcome the devil and also said number two, by the word of their testimony. When you

talk about what Jesus did to him at the cross. So that's why you hear me talking about it. That's the word of our testimony when we release our faith in the God's word about what Jesus did to the devil. That is the word of our testimony.

And so we remind the devil that he is defeated. This is how you overcome the devil by the blood of the lamb by focusing in on the finished work of Christ and also by talking about his defeat in his demise. That's how we continually rule over him in life and so you do those two things. He can do nothing with you because we overcome him so we walk in that victory, we continue that victory that Christ obtain for us and we share in that victory as partners with Christ as we are in him.

Flip over to Luke Chapter 10. We'll look at a verse in Luke Chapter 10. Luke Chapter 10 here in the New Testament. He has more scripture about our victory over the devil. Luke Chapter 10 and look at Verse 17. Verse 17 we read Verse 17 through Verse 20. Luke Chapter 10. Notice what it says and the seventy returned again with joy saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And so we have authority through the name of the Lord Jesus Christ that also gives us authority over the devil and so that's when they recognize that they have authority over the devil through his name. Notice what Jesus said and he said to them. I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. So, Jesus had already seen his father defeat him and He was also now seeing the disciples defeat him.

He was also seeing the seed of Christ us believers who would come along. He was also seeing us defeat him. He was also seeing us pull his kingdom down continually walking in that victory. Verse 19. Now, here's Jesus, Behold, I give unto you power. Now there were power there as translated in the Greek as authority. It is the Greek word exousia which means authority. So I give you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions. See, just like we were just reading Psalms 91. That's the same prophetic.

This is the fulfilment of what Psalms 91 was referring to. I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. Not some of His power not most of His power. All the power of the enemy. And nothing shall by any means hurt you.

So Jesus gave us two authorities one is offensive which means we charge him and that's when he said I give you the authority to tread then walk on it. That's taken dominion from it. That's walking in and taking back what belongs to us. That's destroying pulling down his kingdom. Folks, when we get people delivered and when we get them saved and when we get them healed and when we bring people back into God's kingdom that's destroying the devil's kingdom.

That when we build people up and bring them out of darkness and bring them into the kingdom of light When we help people be fulfilled in life and find their purpose in God. When we do all of these things we are tearing down the devil's kingdom so he gave us offensive power to tread on him. Then He also gives us defensive power and He says there nothing will hurt you because the enemy will attempt to retaliate but just in case, He has also given us defensive authority and nothing by any means shall hurt you. No weapon. This is part of our inheritance. We also get this over in the book of Isaiah Chapter 54. No weapon formed against thee shall prosper. That's our defensive authority that we have in Christ Jesus. That's a shield of faith, that's the shield of faith. So, we have defense. So we have defense but notice there's nothing on the armor of God protecting your back because we ain't running.

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We're not running from him. We're not running from him. We either charging him and we're just simply blocking. The Bible says we take the shield of faith to quint the little fiery darts so the devil. We put it into his little attempts. And so we have the shield of faith. We're not running so there's nothing covering our back because we're not turning back running, we're charging him. We are charging him. We're charging him. We're charging him and we charge, we plunder his kingdom, this kingdom of darkness, the people of God at a charge and then plunder his kingdom. We should be gone and the crack houses pulling people out of there. Pulling them off the corner from selling drugs and selling their bodies. Pulling these people who have dropped out of school and have no future, we should be charging and plundering all the works of darkness as part of our inheritance. So this is what Christ Jesus has given us the

authority over all the power of the enemy of all the authority of the enemy. Man I love it.

I'm thinking about an instance with Smith Wigglesworth encountered a demon and this person that was possessed they recognize Smith Wigglesworth and the demon took out running from him. Smith Wigglesworth ran after him, tackled him and then cast the devil out of -- I like that. I love that. I love that. I love that. He took off after him and tackled him. Then he ran after him tackled him and then cast the devil. Well, that's our inheritance in Christ Jesus. That's our inheritance in Christ Jesus.

We're not going to run. I'm going to show you who's going to run. We're not running from the enemy. We're not running. Flip over to James Chapter 4. Let me show you who's running. Turn to your neighbor and say we're about to find out who's running. We're about to find out who's running. Flip over to James Chapter 4. I going to show you who's running. James Chapter 4 and Verse 7. When you get there, say Amen. And notice this. I'm going to show you who's running. We're not running. Look at this James Chapter 4 Verse 7. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee -- he will flee from you. There were flee right there means he will run from you as in terror. He'll run from you as in terror.

Resist the devil. He'll run from you as in terror. So we're not running. The enemy runs. The enemy runs. He's afraid because he's already quit. He's already defeated. And we simply enforce the victory that Christ has already gained over him. I used to watch wrestling run up and I can remember when an opponent would be beaten already. Sometimes the guy who's beaten him he wouldn't pin him yet. He would tag his partner and so his partner could get a piece of him as well. So he wouldn't pin him, he will hold him up and then attack his partner and the lady's partner get a piece. So I kind of feel like that's what Jesus has done. Jesus has already whipped him but he didn't pin him. He tag this so we can get a taste of --

So, we get a taste of authorizing our authority, enforcing our authority over the devil so we get a taste of it. But he's going to be put to an ultimate in Revelations talks about that at the very end. He's going to be put to an ultimate end when Christ returns. He'll be put to his final resting place and it's not going

to be pretty. He's going to be put to a final resting place and there's not going to be pretty. And that's why the demons ask Jesus. Are you coming or torment us before the time?

Then we'd understood that ultimately their kingdom is defeated and destroyed. They knew that was coming at the end of time at the judgment. They knew that was coming and they said Jesus is it time yet? When they saw Jesus, they would get confused. Are you coming to torment us before? So, the devil knows he has just a little short time. See, folks as we're moving into the end of days, the devil realize. He has a short time left and so that's why he's rearing his ugly head and trying to convince people and that's why you see so much stuff going on in society. He's giving his last ditch effort, his last attempt because his time is short. His time is short and because his time is short. That's why you'll see so much wickedness popping up in the earth.

He's giving his last ditch effort because he knows his ultimate demise is just around the corner. So, he has a very, very bleak future ahead of him. Book of Revelations talks quite a bit about him being cast over into the lake of fire and eternally tormented and his ultimate destruction and demise.

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So in the time the devil is bothering you just flip over to the Book of Revelations. Hey, come here devil let me read some to you. Oh, my goodness. Oh, man. All you got to do is just read. Read a little bit of Revelation Chapter 12 and Revelation Chapter 22 to the devil show him what he has come in. Show him what he has come in. The demon is already trembling because Lord, did you come to torment us before the time? Yeah. We're here to torment you before the time. That's my answer. Yes. Yes. I'm here to wreak havoc on you. I'm here to wreak havoc on you.

Praise God. Amen. Smith Wigglesworth one day he was at the bus stop, catching a bus and he noticed this lady. This lady had come to the bus stop, they catch the bus and her little dog had followed her to the bus stop and the little lady was talking to her little dog. She said no go on back. Go on back home Mommy has to go. And the little dog was just running between her legs brushing up against the lady. She said "No, no, I got to go now.

You need to go back. Mommy got to go. Go back home and the little dog just kept circling around her leg. Finally, she saw her bus come in and she put her foot down as a (00:16:10) that dog took off like shot.

Now, Smith Wigglesworth was watching this. And he yelled out he was at the bus stop. Lot of people around. He yelled out, he said "That's the way you got to do to devil. That's the way you are going to do to the devil. That's the way you got to do to devil. You can't toy around with him. You can't be friendly but then you can't be passive with him. You've got to enforce your authority in Christ Jesus.

You don't play around with him. You don't play around with him. You don't play around with him. You enforce. You wreak havoc on him. And so there is a certain boldness that comes in Christ Jesus. That is a bonus that comes. In fact, that's part of our inheritance. I hadn't gone there yet. I haven't gone there yet but I'm going to borrowed this from next week's message. Over in Ephesians Chapter 3 Verse 12 says, "In Christ Jesus we have boldness. We have boldness. And so there is a boldness that comes to us in Christ Jesus to exercise this authority and this dominion over the devil and you don't play around with him. You let him know who you are in Christ Jesus. You let him know who you are in Christ Jesus.

I remember years ago. This was back when I was probably I can't quite remember how old I was. I'm thinking I was seven, eight maybe nine or ten and this young man and I had gotten into a little heated exchange of words and we decided to have a fight. We decided to have a fight. And so we set the time and we also set the place. This is the way you did back in the old day. See, back in the old days. He didn't just fight on this fight. He didn't fight on this fight because you're being kicked out of school and expelled and sent to the principal's office. So you know you played, you played it cool. While you were in school. You meet me at 4 o'clock. You meet me at 4 o'clock down on the corner and we'll settle this at 4:00 p.m. And so we had set up this little day to finally settle this little dispute we've been having. And so I arrived and people start pulling up on bicycles because the word had gone up.

This has turned out to be a major events of boys and pulling up on bicycles and it was actually a crowd gathering. It was a

crowd because word had gone out. That's the way it was. You know, a five minutes something back in the day that it was nothing like a good fist fight back in the day. It's back in the day and so he showed up. And man we would get ready to settle this thing. This back in the day where you draw a line and said I dare you to walk over there. Anybody remember that. Anybody remember those kind of good days. I remember we used to take a pine cone and put it on your shoulders and I dare you to knock (00:19:05).

I dare you to knock this pine cone on shoulder. So, that's how we fought back in those day. But anyway, when he arrived we were going to have this showdown. All of a sudden fear gripped him. And I hadn't hit him yet. I hadn't hit him yet but fear gripped him. He backed up and the fight was cancel. Then later on we became friends. In fact, he became one of my best friends and I asked him I said "Man, what happened when we got ready to fight that day? He said Charles and I got ready to fight you that day. I looked and I saw your big brother walking down the street. My big brother was coming from high school. He saw my big brother and he said when I saw your big brother. It scared the daylights out of me and that's why I didn't fight you. Folks we got a big brother and His name is Jesus. His name is Jesus. His name is Jesus. His name is Jesus.

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And this is what has happened to the devil. The same thing has happened to the devil. He saw my big brother and it just frightened him. So he didn't want to bother me because he knew to bother me that was to bother my big brother. That was actually my brother Bernard. I never told Bernard that story. That was actually my brother Bernard walking down the street right at the time we were getting ready to fight. And he didn't want to touch me because he saw my big brother. And you know when you're 8 or 9 years old, you know somebody who's 17, 18. They're (00:20:37) their youth. And so, he was afraid. And so my brother's victory became my victory.

I thought the boy was running for me. I was young. I don't think he want to know. You know I was -- I don't think he want to know, a little (00:20:58). I thought he was running from me. But all along he saw my brother. The devil sees the victory in Christ. He sees the victory in Christ. He sees the victory of

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Christ and he didn't want to be reminded of that beaten any longer. He didn't want that beating again. Praise God.

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