**Gave he the “power” to become sons of god….**

 Ps 80:12 Why hast thou then broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?

13 The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it.

14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

15 And the vineyard which **thy right hand** hath planted, and the branch **that thou madest strong for thyself**.

16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

**17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself.**

18 So will not we go back from thee: **quicken us**, and we will call upon thy name.

**19 Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.**

Make me strong but make me PURE. Give me power to overcome that I will be PURE.

Most men end up like verse 16 made strong but not made PURE.

16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

The Authority of God will work in the life of the submissive believer that God’s Word has made strong (“POWER”) and the FIRE of His WORD has PURIFIED.

Thank you Lord; for the Authority of YOUR WORD which is the Supreme Authority that we submit to and find to work in our life as we receive you.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: {power: or, the right, or, privilege, authority}

**Spoke as one having “authority…”**

1. Ever heard some speak good and true words with no freeing power?... because they had not the “power” or “authority” to become sons of god… the sons of god are fishers of men (soul freeing- unto salvation… leading captivity captive unto Christ that Christ would sanctify and free their souls from sin and death and sickness and hell).
2. Who gets the authority and is it something to actually desire? This word authority will never be actualized until we are totally aware of our own inability to bring about freedom to a man on our own merit and strength...  the one who rightly understands and applies it in this life.... the one who rightly relates themselves with God and places themselves at his mercies for his purpose, understanding his great works and the works he wills to do through us...         I Cor. 15:57-58; II Cor. 2:14; Eph.3:7-12
3. Proverbs 31:10-31 KJV 10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. 11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. 12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. 13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. 14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. 15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. 16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. {buyeth: Heb. taketh} 17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. 18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. {She...: Heb. She tasteth} 19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. 20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. {She...: Heb. She spreadeth} 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. {scarlet: or, double garments} 22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. 23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. 24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. 25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. 26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. 27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. 28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. 29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. {have...: or, have gotten riches} 30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates. “the bride”

**The bride of Christ is one that will appropriate every redemptive right.**

**Mt 7:29 For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.**

1. Mt 23:4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. They have no authority to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christ gives the same exact command as the scribes and Pharisees yet coming from the very source of freedom, this time it can be received and fulfilled. By his authority imparted to “as many as would receive gave he the “power” to become sons of God” John 1:12 To rest in that power… drawing from it… and proclaiming it and promising it to the people… doing great works by it… the presence of the lord.

      1Co 1:29 That no flesh should glory in his presence. We glorify his freeing power

      We are decreasing as he increases….. as he simply becomes our only place of

       power and authority… and hope for freedom- for ourselves and for others who

      are without that revelation.

1. The scribes had so placed themselves that they “could see” and “do” but could do absolutely nothing. Joh 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. {without me: or, severed from me}
2. Ps 127:1 ¶ <<A Song of degrees for Solomon.>> Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.
3. John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
4. John 9:39 ¶ And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.
5. John 9:41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.
6. 2Pe 1:9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

**Mat 8 :9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.**

1. **The centurion understood authority.**
2. **The centurion understood humility.**
3. **The centurion had faith in the Power of the Word of the Lord.**
   1. **He believed that Jesus was Lord**
   2. **He believed Jesus spoke with authority to heal.**

Mt 8:8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

The more humility the more faith; the more humble we are ourselves, the stronger will be our confidence in Jesus Christ. He had an assurance of faith not only that Christ could heal his servant, but, He could heal him by speaking the Word with authority at a distance.

Mt 8:10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

Mt 8:13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.