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### **IMPACT Bible Study**

#### **TOPIC: “The Seven Spirits of God”, Part V (The Spirit of Understanding)**

So, by separate topics, this will be **Part V**, focusing on **The Spirit of Understanding**. We started this teaching on **12/16/2021**. So, we have thus far taught a total of 5 different times on this overall topic. One of the topics spilled over from one week to the next; and tonight, will make our 6<sup>th</sup> teaching on “**The Seven Spirits of God**”.

#### **I. The spirit of Understanding**

##### **1). Proverbs 4:7b-** and with all thy getting get **understanding**.

First of all, we see that the “**spirit of understanding**” is available for us to obtain; and that it will make us spiritually and mentally aware of a God-given, and biblically important fact:

That man has been given rulership in the earth! Secondly, the knowledge of this, will help you to be able to “**rule**” in the earth (as God *originally* instructed Adam and Eve to do). Satan was not created to have dominion in the earth. God gave that assignment to man and woman.

The knowledge that goes along with this will enable you to stand with power, determination, confidence, and without fear.

**1). Genesis 1:26-** And God said, Let us make **man** in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth **upon the earth**.

a). **Psalm 8:4; 6-** <sup>4</sup> What is **man**, that thou art mindful of **him**? and **the son of man**, that thou visitest him? **6-** Thou madest him to have **dominion** over the works of thy hands; thou hast put **all things** under his feet:

2). **Genesis 1:28-** And God **blessed** them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and **subdue** it: and have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over **every** living thing that moveth **upon the earth**.

\_\_\_ How many times does the word “**over**” appear in the three scriptures (**Genesis 1:26, Psalm 8:6, and Genesis 1:28**), listed above?

\_\_\_ How many times does the word “**every**” appear in the scriptures listed above?

\_\_\_ How many times does the word “**dominion**” appear in these three scriptures?

\_\_\_ How many times does the word “**all**” appear in these same scriptures?

**PRACTICAL POINT:** So, what does this mean practically? Satan and his demons should not be exercising more power in and over your life in the earth! They should not be ruling and dominating you (in any area), emotionally, mentally, relationally, vocationally, physically, etc...

**FIVE STAR SENTENCE:** Man was made to “rule” in the earth. God created the earth, and then gave it to man for him to *manage* and *rule*.

3). **Psalm 115:16-** The *heaven*, even the *heavens*, are the LORD's: but the **earth** hath he **given** to the *children of men*.

**BOTTOM LINE:** We must let the devil know that we know, who has been given authority, and who is in charge, in the earth.

a). **Luke 10:17b; 19-** "...even the devils are **subject** unto **us** through *thy name*". <sup>19</sup> Behold, I give unto **you power** to tread on serpents and scorpions, and **over all the power** of the enemy; and **nothing** shall by any means hurt you.

(And again we see that the word "**all**" is being used!)

- **The Places of Authority**

There are **two** delegated and established places of authority:

**1). God** is in charge/rules in *heaven* (the third heaven). We have no problem accepting this realm of authority.

**2). Man** is in charge/rules in the *earth*. This area of authority is what we have difficulty wrapping our minds around.

- **The Problem with Authority**

Satan (Lucifer) wanted to have some place to rule. His main problem and obsession is that he wants to rule and be worshipped.

His "**first**" attempt to rule was in heaven. He attempted to take (over) rulership in heaven. He was unsuccessful at this.

**1). Revelation 12:7-9-** <sup>7</sup> And there was **war** in **heaven**: Michael and his angels fought against the *dragon*; and the *dragon* fought and his angels, <sup>8</sup> And **prevailed not**; neither was their place found any more in **heaven**. <sup>9</sup> And the *great dragon* was cast out, that *old serpent*, called the **Devil**, and **Satan**, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the **earth**, and his angels were cast out with him.

**QUESTION and ANSWER:** Why did God cast Satan down to come to the "earth" (our home) and cause trouble? So that He could show Satan that "man" (the ones made in God's image), ruled in the earth!!!

Following this debacle, Satan then made his “**second**” attempt at rulership, which was in the earth. This was the place that he had been cast down. He was successful at this.

**2). Genesis 3:1-7-** Now the **serpent** was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the *woman*, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? <sup>2</sup> And the *woman* said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: <sup>3</sup> **But** of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall **not** eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye **die**. <sup>4</sup> And the serpent said unto the *woman*, Ye shall not surely die: <sup>5</sup> For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. <sup>6</sup> And when the *woman* saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her *husband* with her; and he did eat. <sup>7</sup> And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

At this point **Adam** lost his rulership in the earth. Satan finally had a place where he could “*partially*” rule. He now “*partially*” rules in the earth realm. God still maintained complete authority and rulership. Adam surrendered his rulership to Satan. Satan has now become the partial “ruler” of this world (the earth).

Satan “legally” obtained rulership in the earth. Jesus “

**3). John 14:30 (AMP)-** I will not speak with you much longer, for the **ruler of the world (Satan)** is coming. And he has no claim on Me [no power over Me nor anything that he can use against Me];

**4). II Corinthians 4:4 (AMP)-** among them the **god of this world [Satan]** has blinded the minds of the unbelieving to prevent them from

seeing the illuminating light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

**DOCTRINAL POINT:** Now, what Jesus did when He was crucified, buried, and rose again from the dead, was to gain rulership back “for man”. What Adam lost; Jesus regained/gained back. That is why He is referred to as the “Second Adam”. Satan & his demons should not be pushing you around.

This is what the “**spirit of understanding**” will help you to know!!!

**1). I Corinthians 15:3-4; 22-** <sup>3</sup> For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ **died** for our sins according to the scriptures; <sup>4</sup> And that he was **buried**, and that he **rose** again the third day according to the scriptures: <sup>22</sup> For as *in Adam* all die, even so *in Christ* shall all be made alive.

This showed Satan that Jesus had total power. And that He now shares that power with man.

**2). Romans 5:12; 15; 17-** <sup>12</sup> Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: <sup>15</sup> But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. <sup>17</sup> For if by one man's offence **death reigned** by one; much more they which receive *abundance* of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall **reign in life** by one, Jesus Christ.)

The “**spirit of understanding**” is available to help us to *understand* that man (we) should “reign” and “rule” in the earth. Man has now been placed back in his rightful position as *ruler* of the earth. But we do have competition from Satan, and we have a fight on our hands.

But we have been guaranteed the victory, if we know “how” to fight.

**1). James 4:7-** Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist** the devil, and *he will flee* from you.

**QUESTION:** Why does the devil not flee from us when we do resist?

**2). I Peter 5:9-** Whom **resist steadfast** in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

**QUESTION:** What does “true” resistance look like?

**3). I Corinthians 15:58-** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye **steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding** in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

**MAIN POINT:** What was originally established in Genesis 1:26; 28, has now been reestablished in the earth through Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection.

**1). Revelation 1:18-** I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the **keys** of hell and of death.

**2). Matthew 16:19-** And I will give unto **thee** the **keys** *of the kingdom* of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt **bind on earth** shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt **loose** on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Keys symbolizes power and authority. Jesus has given man his rightful authority back in the earth. The **“spirit of understanding”** helps us to fully realize this truth. We can now walk in our rightful God-given authority. Keys are used to “lock” and “unlock” things!