

Taking Authority Over Financial Storms

It's our responsibility, as believers, to take control of the circumstances and situations in our lives through the spiritual authority that we have as a believer in and through Christ Jesus. One of those circumstances that can concern us the most is our finances. Debt, lack, and poverty can take a real toll on us. We must not allow these financial tests and trials to get the best of us. We have to rise up in the midst of the financial storms and rebuke them and take authority over them, just as Jesus did in the following scriptures.

Matthew 14:23-32

²³And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

²⁴But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

²⁶And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

²⁷But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

²⁸And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

²⁹And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

³⁰But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

³¹And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

³²And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

³⁶And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

³⁷And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

³⁸And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

³⁹And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

⁴⁰And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

⁴¹And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

When we look at our present financial circumstances, we can begin to sink into doubt, fear, and unbelief. This can cause us to get over into panic and lose control, just as the disciples did aboard the boat and as Peter did when he began to sink in the water. Panic, confusion, and double-mindedness can be so overwhelming that we can totally give up on believing God and His promises. So many people today in the body of Christ have given up walking by faith and trusting God. It's easy to do when we begin to neglect our spiritual life through lack of prayer, not attending to the Word, and not doing whatever it takes to hear the Word of faith. Satan is the god of this world, and he comes to steal, kill, and destroy (2 Corinthians 4:3,4; John 10:10).

We need to use our authority to keep Satan from stealing, killing and destroying our finances. We hinder and limit God from helping us when we're not using our authority. We need to boldly command Satan to keep his hands off our finances and bind him in Jesus' Name. We need to aggressively use our authority and boldly speak to our bills and call them "paid". For Jesus said in Mark 11:23,

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Day and night, call your bills, "paid". Get on your knees and lift your hands to God and thank God that they are paid.

Start a life of fasting. You can fast breakfast and lunch until dinnertime. Do this about five or six days a week. In the time that you're not eating, put that time into praying in tongues. Fasting and praying help us to receive wisdom and direction from God about what to do. If there's anything else that we need to do (other than what we're presently doing), the Lord will reveal it to us in prayer. Your flesh isn't going to want to do this, but it's important that you get a grip and control what is out of control, so you can focus totally on God and not on the storm.

To keep your eyes on God instead of your circumstance, continually read and quote Malachi 3:10-12 and 3 John 2, as well as any other scripture that God inspires you to use. Fast worldly things like the radio, television, newspapers, and magazines. Take all of the drastic measures that you need to while the financial storm is raging. This is because fasting and praying in tongues will build up your faith. And God is going to work in your life according to your faith. For Jesus said, Matthew 17:20, 21,

²⁰**Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.**

²¹**Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.**

In Jude 20, we're instructed to do the following:

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

Continually claim that you have favor with God and man and with all the people that you owe money to. Remember, the devil is not playing games. His plan is to take you out financially. Just as when the storm came to Jesus and the disciples and Jesus took authority over it, somebody has to take authority over your storm. And, just as Satan wanted to drown them in the sea, he also wants to drown you in indebtedness. But he cannot do it as long as you withstand him. This is not a time to walk by sight, but walk by faith. Financial trials are just storms sent by the devil. Just as they came to Job's life and the apostle Paul's life, they also come to every believer. This is not the time to give up and quit, but this is this time to rise up and use your authority!

Trials are not fun. They come to keep us from going on for God. They bring discouragement, oppression, bewilderment and, most of all, destruction. But remember,

Jesus is with us. Just as He said to the disciples, '**Be of good cheer, it is I; be not afraid,**' Jesus is saying the same thing to you today by the Holy Spirit. And just as God calmed the storm, He'll do the same for you in your financial matters right now. He just needs you to keep on standing and keep yourself built up spiritually, so that He can turn this situation around for your good.

I'm including a prayer and a confession to use to exercise your authority over the devil. I want to encourage you to keep on standing and not give up for God promised He'd come through for you in His Word. Now, I want to pray for you.

A Prayer for You:

God, I come to You today in Jesus' Name to agree with my dear brother and sister in the Lord. We're partners together in the work of God and most of all, we're Your children and You said You wish above all things that Your children prosper and be in health.¹ So, we settle for nothing less than divine prosperity, and I agree with them that every one of their bills is paid, in Jesus' Name. For You said in Matthew 18:19,

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

God, they're Your children. They're tithers, givers, and they're partners together with me in getting Your Word out to all the world, and You said You'd supply all their need, according to Your riches in glory, by Christ Jesus.² You said in Malachi 3:10-12,

¹⁰**Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.**

¹¹**And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.**

¹²**And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.**

And in Philippians 4:19,

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

And I thank You, Lord, that this will be a testimony of Your miracle power of divine favor in their lives, and we receive it today, in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Confession to Take Authority Over the devil and Your Finances:

God, I come to You today in Jesus' Name. You said in John 16:23, 24,

²³And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

²⁴Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

And I'm asking You for a divine favor miracle, according to Proverbs 3:4,

So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

And in Mark 10:27,

With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

God, You're the only One that can get me out of this trouble and turn this financial situation around for my good and in my favor. ³ So, I am asking You for my bills to be paid, and I'm asking You in the Name of Jesus,⁴ for you said in Mark 11:24,

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

And God, by faith, I receive my miracle now, in Jesus' Name, and I thank You that You granted my favor.

Satan, I take authority over you in the Name of Jesus. You'll not keep me from receiving my miracle, for is written, 'greater is He that is in me than he that is in you.' And, whatever I bind on earth is bound in heaven. So Satan, I bind you from everything that concerns my financial matters, in Jesus' Name.

You'll not keep me from paying any of my bills; you'll not keep any money from coming to me. I refuse indebtedness, lack, and poverty, for my God supplies all of my need, according to His riches in glory, by Christ Jesus. I only accept abundance and prosperity, and I refuse to live in poverty and lack, for is written, I'm an heir of God, a joint-heir with Christ Jesus, and an heir of Abraham's blessings.

You can't keep the financial blessings from coming to me, for Jesus gave me power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt me (Luke 10:19).

Satan, you can't keep me from having favor with God and man, for I have authority over you, in Jesus' Name. You can't cause any financial harm to come nigh my dwelling, for I forbid it, in Jesus' Name.

God, I'm Your child and I'm a tither. You promised me in Your Word that You'd open up the windows of heaven and pour me out a blessing, and that You'd rebuke the devourer for my sake. You promised that my vine will not cast its fruit before the time in the field. And I thank You, Father God, that You wish above all things that I prosper. It is written, Jesus became poor, that I, through His poverty might be rich. Jesus came that I might have life and have it more abundantly. You promised that everything I would do would prosper. You promised I would lack no good thing; and You would withhold no good thing from me. You promised that You'd never leave me, nor forsake me, and I believe that You're with me in this financial matter.

God, you're the only One I have that can deliver me from this situation. I know there's nothing too hard for You to do. You have always come through for me; I've done everything that I believe you wanted me to do. I've tithed my income, I've given to the gospel, even sacrificially. I've done everything I could to serve You and help build Your kingdom. I didn't withhold when You told me to give. I've always put You first, before anyone else, so I thank You for delivering me out of this problem. Thank You for taking care of all my financial needs and obligations and seeing to it that all my bills are paid and that I have favor with God and man in these financial matters.

Father, I thank You that the devil is bound from my finances and that he cannot keep any money or any favor from coming to me, nor will he stop my prosperity because I did exactly what You told me to do in Your Word. I've bound him and taken authority over him, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

PROSPERITY SCRIPTURES

But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day. Deuteronomy 8:18

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Joshua 1:8

¹Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

²But his delight is in the law of the LORD: and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

³And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. Psalm 1:1-3

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1

Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant. Psalm 35:27

The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me. Psalm 138:8

²⁹ **And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,**

³⁰ **But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. Mark 10:29, 30**

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10:10

For ye know that grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: 2 Corinthians 9:8

¹³ **Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:**

¹⁴ **That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**

²⁹ **And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:13, 14, 29**

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 1 Timothy 6:17

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 2

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