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The Believer's Authority

7. Breaking the Power of the Devil

Kenneth Hagin argues that Christians already hold authority over Satan and demons because Jesus defeated them at the cross. The chapter's core claim is that this authority is for exercising now, not in some future age, and that believers must act on it instead of asking God to do what He has assigned to the Church.

Key takeaways

- Demons are fallen, dethroned spirits; Jesus spoiled them (Col. 2:15), so believers can reign over them.
- Adam handed dominion of earth to Satan by treason, but the new creation is delivered out of that darkness into Christ's kingdom.
- Our authority is for now, while things can hurt and destroy—not the Millennium, when Satan is bound anyway.
- Christ conferred His authority to the Church, His body; many problems persist only because we permit them and wait on God.
- Deal with the devil by demanding your rights in the Name of Jesus, not begging God—give the order once and stand.

- Base faith on the Word, not on manifestations; don't get discouraged if results aren't instant.

Passages worth keeping

"You do something about it!"

The Lord's challenge that shifted Hagin from praying 'God save him' to exercising authority for his brother's salvation.

"I'm not moved by what I see. I'm not moved by what I feel. I'm moved only by what I believe."

Smith Wigglesworth's line, used to say faith holds its ground when circumstances don't change.

Scripture referenced

- **Eph. 6:12** -- Our fight is against spiritual powers, not people.
- **Col. 2:15** -- Jesus disarmed and defeated the demonic powers.
- **Col. 1:12-13** -- Believers delivered from darkness into Christ's kingdom.
- **Luke 10:19** -- Power over all the enemy; nothing shall hurt you.
- **Matt. 28:18** -- All power given to Jesus, now exercised through the Church.
- **Acts 3:6** -- Peter demanded the lame man's healing rather than praying for it.