“The Authority Given to Us”

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**Clarification on Authority for a Believer**

* Definition of Authority: Authority has the power and right to act, speak, or make decisions granted by God.
* Key Verse: **Hebrews 1:1-2** - "In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe."

**The Kingdom Has a King**

* Key Verse: **Matthew 28:18** - "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."
* Additional References:  
    - **Revelation 1:5-6 - "**...to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve God and Father."  
    - **Psalm 103:19** - "The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all."

**The Fear of the Lord**

* Key Verse: **Proverbs 1:7** - "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge."
* Additional References:  
    - **Proverbs 9:10** - "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."  
    - **Isaiah 11:2-3** - Describing the Spirit of the Lord resting on the Messiah, which includes "the spirit of the fear of the Lord."

**Keys to the Kingdom**

* Key Verse: **Matthew 16:19** - "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven."
* Additional References:  
    - **Luke 10:19** - "I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you."  
    - **John 14:13-14** - "And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."

**Conclusion**

* Key Verse: **2 Timothy 1:7** - "For God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love, and a sound mind."