

Restoring Human Authority Luke 5

i. Authority Over Nature 5:1-11

1. God's plan for humanity – Gen. 1:26-28
Have dominion over life on earth
Dominion was lost at the fall – Gen. 3:17-19
2. Jesus is the perfect sinless human
Should He not have dominion over earth?
We see this as He begins His ministry
3. Authority over the fish of the sea – 5:1-11
Jesus used Peter's boat to teach – 1-3
He offered to repay with a catch of fish – 4
Peter considered the offer to be empty - 5
Experienced fishermen toiled unsuccessfully all night
Note the word "toiled" as promised in Gen. 3
Peter does agree to do it with little hope
They caught 2 boat loads of fish 6-7
So many that the boats began to sink
Result on the fishermen – 8-11
Peter acknowledged His Lordship – 8-9
Other fishermen were also convinced – 10-11
Jesus challenges them to seek for souls – 10
They forsook their business to follow Jesus

II. Authority Over Sin's Power – 12-26

1. Humans created immortal – Gen. 2:7
Tree of life in garden to sustain life
2. With sin came death, mortality
Mortality brought consequences to the body
3. Jesus deals with sin's defilement – 12-16
Man with a body "full of leprosy" - 12
Jesus touched and healed him – 13
Told the man to go to priest for cleansing – 14
Fame of Jesus began to spread – 15-16

III. Authority to Forgive Sin – 17-26

1. Religious Leaders are present – 17
Watching and evaluating Jesus' ministry
2. Paralytic is brought to Jesus – 18-19
Unable to walk they carry him on a litter
Lowered him through roof because of crowd
3. Jesus took note of their faith – 20
Evidenced by their effort with this man
4. Jesus forgave the man of his sins – 20
Either his condition a result of some sin
Or He is relating all physical maladies to sin
5. Religious leaders accuse blasphemy – 21
"Who can forgive sins but God alone?"
6. Jesus knew their thoughts – 22
Indication that He is God
7. Uses healing to prove His authority 23-24
Which is easier – to speak or to act?
He will act in healing to prove authority to forgive

8. Paralytic was completely healed – 25
Went home carrying his litter, glorifying God
9. People were amazed & glorified God – 26
They had witnessed some strange things
Not only healing but forgiveness of sins

IV. Jesus & the Outcasts – 27-32

1. Jesus & Matthew the publican – 27
Publicans collected taxes for Rome
Were considered sinners – outcasts
Jesus saw him at his place of business
Invited him become a "follower"
2. Levi demonstrates his faith – 28-29
Leaves his business to follow Jesus – 28
Invites his friends to feast to meet Jesus – 29
Friends are mostly publicans & other sinners
3. Religious leaders are offended – 30
Why do you eat with publicans & sinners
4. Defining His ministry – 31-32
It is the sick who need a doctor
Jesus came to call sinners to repentance

V. Authority for a New Order – 33-39

1. Jesus accused of change – 33
Instead of fasting His followers feast
2. When the groom comes we feast – 34-35
He is the Messiah the promised Savior
This is the time for feasting
When He is taken away it will be time for fasting
3. Parables of patching the old - 36-39
You don't patch old clothes with new patch
You don't pour new wine into old skins
Jesus came to establish a new order
But some may still cling to the old