

# **21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING**

*with Second Baptist Church of Doylestown*

## **DAY 16 - SEPTEMBER 17, 2018**

### **Walking in Kingdom Authority**

**Psalm 8:1-6, Luke 10:17-23**

**Reflection:** When God created man, he gave us dominion over the rest of the creation (Genesis 1:26). The word dominion means "rule or power over." God has sovereign power over His creation and has delegated the authority to mankind to have dominion over the animals. David reinforces this truth: "You made [mankind] rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet" (Psalm 8:6). Humanity was to "subdue" the earth (Genesis 1:28)—we were to hold a position of command over it; we were placed in a superior role and were to exercise control over the earth and its flora and fauna. Mankind was set up as the ruler of this world. All else was subjugated to him. God's command to subdue the earth and the animal life in it is a command to have mastery over all of it. The command to subdue the earth is actually part of God's blessing on mankind. Created in the image of God, Adam and Eve were to use the earth's vast resources in the service of both God and themselves. Man is also to be the spiritual leader over the rest of the creation. This spiritual authority which was lost at the fall of man was restored at redemption.

Unfortunately most Christians do not exercise the tremendous authority they have in Christ. God has called us to make a difference in our nation. He can enforce His will, but He limits His dealings on earth by working through His people. He does not want us to passively stand by and watch the earth fall into decay (Psalm 8:4-6, 115:16). But if we were to evaluate the situation, isn't this what many Christians are doing? How many of us exercise our authority? This needs to change in the coming days.

### **PRAYER FOCUS:**

- 1. Thank God for the authority that we have in Christ Jesus.**
- 2. Thank God for raising us up with Christ and seating us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:6**
- 3. Ask God for a deeper revelation of the authority that believers have in Christ Jesus; that we might know we are far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.**
- 4. Declare by the authority given to you in Christ Jesus, you will trample on snakes and scorpions and overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. Luke 10:19**
- 5. Take dominion over all the power of Satan and his forces ranged against you. I uproot every wickedness targeted against my life, in the Name of Jesus!**
- 6. Take authority over every season, situation and circumstance; command everything to work in your favor.**
- 7. Pray for SBCOD, that God will increase our influence in our community.**
- 8. Pray that God will make SBCOD a solution center to our community where people will find hope and help.**