



DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Under Authority... By Billy

READ: MATTHEW 8: 8-9

- **G**n one very true sense we are by the very nature of the new life of the Spirit of God living within us, under God's authority.
- We find ourselves evaluating decisions and reactions because we want to live a life that is according to the values of His everlasting Kingdom.
- To help us continue on this path of submission I would like us to consider the words of the centurion in Matt.8.
- "Lord I am not worthy for you to come under my roof, but just say the word and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, Go, and he goes, and to another Come, and he comes, and to my slave, do this, and he does it." (Matt.8:8-9).
- Here was a man who understood something about the nature of authority. Orders from a higher rank had to be obeyed. The command was not to be regarded lightly.
- The centurion knew that one command from the Lord Jesus was sufficient to drive out that sickness.
- And the One who has the supreme power to heal the body is the same One who has ultimate authority over every aspect of life.
- The centurion also recognised the Majesty of Christ and felt unworthy to have Him as a guest in his home.
- We do well to follow this example of trust in the authoritative word of Christ as well to humble ourselves in His presence.
- It was plain for all to see that Jesus spoke and acted with authority. (Mark 1:27)
However, it is one thing to recognise such authority and quite another to come under submission to it.
- The more we remain under His Lordship, the less we will be enticed by other voices of authority.
- The greatest rival to God's authority in our lives is our own self-centred will.
- When this will is brought into subjection to Christ on a moment by moment basis we will begin to realise what it truly means to live under His authority.



WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES

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Events /Notices

- ▶ **Next Bible study** is on *Friday 24th November* at 7pm
- ▶ **Baptism now re-scheduled** for *Sunday 26th November*

Extra Services

If you have children with you, these are the facilities provided:

▶ Crèche and Pre-school Praise

Our crèche is based on the floor above the Meeting Room with baby changing facilities and toys to keep your young child occupied if they do not settle during the meeting. Parents are to attend to their children at all times. There is a short and simple pre-school Bible lesson during the sermon for 3 - 7 year olds in the Crèche (as arranged).

▶ Sunday School

Our Sunday School is open to children of school going age and operates during the sermon in the Sunday School room on the top floor. Our teachers have a Bible story and songs prepared for your child(ren), teaching them the need for Salvation and Christian living.

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD (Psalm 34:11).

▶ Tea and Coffee

After the Sunday morning service, tea, coffee and light refreshments are available on the top floor in the Hospitality Room. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. (*Hebrews 13:2*).