

Authority

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matt. 28:18-20)

“And you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.” (Col. 2:10)

“Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.” (Rom. 13:1)

<i>Reference</i>	<i>Story</i>	<i>Emphasis</i>
Gen. 1:1-2:3	Creation	Humanity is given dominion and authority over creation by God.
Gen. 16:1-16	Hagar	Submitting to earthly authority may be part of receiving God’s blessing.
1 Sam. 13:1-15	Samuel Rebukes Saul	Punishment for one usurping authority which God has not given.
2 Sam. 11	David and Bathsheba	Abuse of authority has lasting negative consequences, which do not go unpunished.
1 Kings 12:1-19	Rehoboam Acted Foolishly	Heavy-handed use of authority alienates followers.
Luke 5:17-26	Jesus Heals a Paralytic	Proves that Jesus has the authority to heal physical problems and forgive sins.
Matt. 5-7, esp. 7:28-29	Sermon on the Mount	Displays Jesus teaching with amazing authority.
Matt. 8:1-13	Healing the Centurion’s Servant	Recognizing Jesus’ authority demonstrates great faith.
Matt. 4:35-41	Calming the Storm	Jesus demonstrates authority over nature
Matt. 5:1-21	Gerasene Demoniac	Jesus shows authority over many evil spirits.
Matt.10:1-;Mk. 6:7-13	Jesus Commissions the Twelve	Jesus gives authority to preach, heal, and drive out evil spirits.
John 10:1-21	Jesus is the Good Shepherd	Jesus lays down his life by his own authority.
Matt. 20:20-28	A Request for Privilege	Greatness is not found in exercising authority over others but in kingdom service.
John 19:1-16	Jesus Before Pilate	Jesus confirms that all authority is given by God.
Matt. 28:16-20	Great Commission	Jesus has all authority in heaven and earth.

Acts 5:17-42	Apostles Persecuted	Importance of obeying the authority of God when in conflict with the authority of men.
Rom. 7:1; Heb. 13:17	Earthly Authorities	Believers are to submit to the earthly authorities established by God.