

Eddie Hyatt: A Post-Resurrection Paradigm of Spiritual Warfare

If the cross of Christ is the ultimate demonstration of God's love, then the Resurrection of Christ is the ultimate demonstration of His power. The power of Satan, sin and death were all broken when Jesus was raised from the dead.

Jesus emerged from the tomb a mighty conqueror and declared, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (Matt. 28:18). Many years ago, as a student in Bible school, a guest speaker asked a question that I never forgot. He read the above passage and then asked, "If Jesus has all authority, how much does that leave the devil"?

Resurrection Power for You

The overwhelming victory of Christ over Satan, and its significance for the believer, is delineated by Paul in Ephesians 1:15-23. In verse 19 Paul says the same power that raised Jesus from the dead and seated Him at God's right hand is "toward" those who believe.

The word "toward" is a translation of the Greek preposition *eis*, which literally means "into." The NIV, NRSV and NLT all translate *eis* as "for" those who believe. The obvious point is that the same mighty power that raised Jesus from the dead and seated Him at God's right hand is directed *into* us and is *for* us who believe

The "right hand" in Scripture is symbolic of authority and power. Psalm 98:1b, for example, says of God, "His right hand and His holy arm have accomplished deliverance." When Paul says that Jesus is now seated at the right hand of God, he is saying that Jesus is seated at the pinnacle of the universe,

in the place of ultimate authority and power.

This place where Christ is seated is far above all principality and power and might and dominion (see Eph. 1:21). It doesn't matter what kind of principality or power it may be—even Satan himself—the place where Christ is seated is far above them all.

And here is what is incredible! Paul says that the same resurrection power that did all this in Christ is now directed *into* and *for* those who believe. No wonder Satan trembles at the child of God who knows his/her position and authority in Christ.

A Cosmic Shift Has Occurred

Some years ago I listened to the late T.L. Osborn, the father of modern miracle evangelism, tell of preaching in a large outdoor crusade in Africa. Among the many thousands in attendance were hundreds of witch doctors who had come there to work their fetishes and cast their spells on the foreign preacher.

Before going on the platform, a group of pastors wanted to lay hands on him and pray that God would protect him from the devil. Osborn said, "I would not allow them. I would not dishonor my Lord that way."

Osborn preached the Good News of Jesus and His Resurrection that day and thousands came to Christ, and many testified of being miraculously healed. And some preachers realized in a new way that they did not have to be afraid of the devil.

Osborn had what I call a post-Resurrection paradigm of spiritual warfare. Too many today are operating out of a spiritual warfare paradigm that is rooted in the Old Testament where a demonic prince was able to hinder even Gabriel from delivering a message to Daniel (Dan. 10:12-13). That story, however, is from a former era and should never be applied to

this post-Resurrection era in which we now live.

We must understand that an incredible cosmic shift occurred when Jesus arose from the dead and then ascended to the right hand of God. Satan was not annihilated, but his defeat was absolute, complete and final. Let us today walk in that victory that is ours through the glorious Resurrection of Jesus. {eoa}

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