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In the previous chapter, Dr. Luke writes about when Jesus called together His twelve apostles / His primary first string of disciples; and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. In this chapter, we learn about the less known massive secondary back up string of sent ones whom Jesus also taught and sent out.

Commissioning the Seventy,

¹ After these things the Lord also appointed seventy others, and sent them ahead of Him, two and two to every city and place, where He himself would go.

² So He told them also, The harvest is truly abundant, but the laborers are few: So ask the Lord of the harvest, to send out laborers into His harvest.

³ Go your ways: pay attention, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no shoes: and greet no one along the way.

⁵ And whatever house you enter, first say, **Peace be to this house.**

⁶ And if a man of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him: if not, it will return to you.

⁷ And stay in that house, eating and drinking what they give you: for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Go not from house to house / looking for some better deal.

⁸ And whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat what is set before you:

⁹ heal the sick who are in it, and tell them, The kingdom of God has come near you.

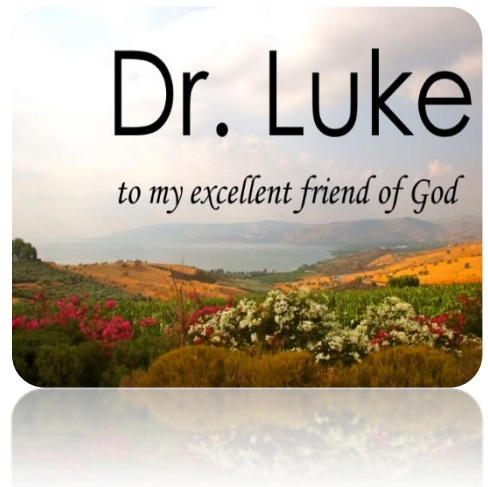
¹⁰ But whatever city you enter, and they do **not receive you, go out into its street, and say,**

¹¹ Even the dust of your city, that clings to us, we wipe off in protest against you: yet be sure of this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.

¹² But I say to you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city.

¹³ Woe to you, Chorazin! / how terrible for you on the hillside, woe to you, Bethsaida! / how terrible for you on the seashore for if the miraculous works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, that had been done in you, they would have, a long time ago **changed their mind, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.**

¹⁴ But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you.



15 And you, Capernaum, who think you are exalted to heaven, will be thrown down to hell.

16 The one who listens to you listens to Me; and the one who despises you despises Me; and he who despises Me despises the One who sent Me / and the One who sent Jesus was His Father.

And now fast-forward, because the 70 sent by Jesus are returning,

17 And the seventy returned again with joy / how long were they gone? We don't know, but they definitely were full of joy... Psalm 144 declares, [The Blessed Lord God teaches my fingers to fight, and my hands to do battle](#). And in that psalm, that's why we read, There's no complaining in their streets. Because they are taught of the Lord. The Lord has gifted them; they have no complaint.

saying, **Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your Name** / the spiritual powers of darkness... and that surprised them; by this we know that... if the work is done in His name -- representing Him; then honor is due Him... because without Him, we can do nothing!

18 And Jesus said to them,

I saw Satan fall from heaven / Jesus was paying attention, this is what He saw. Now the casual observer, all they saw were a few simple, penniless preachers... who had spoken to a few people... and who had healed a few that were sick. But Jesus tells them, something else happened, He saw heaven's greatest enemy flipflop and crashed...

like lightning / it was sudden, and unexpected. In other words, **the invasion had begun!** The strongholds in high places started to tumble... and the enemy was caught off guard. So the disciples rejoiced in the tottering demons; but Jesus saw the big picture!

And He says...

19 Behold, I have given to you authority / Jesus gave them the right, and the privilege... to exercise power. as He updates the strategy. And did you notice? None of His seventy had even attended an **Intro to Ministry' workshop**. All they did was follow Him, and obey Him.

He had given them authority **to heal the sick**, and **to proclaim peace**, and **to announce the kingdom of God has come near**. But now, He adds to their gifts; to those who are faithful in exercising the little talents granted to them, more is given... because bigger battles are to be fought.

Now days in congregations, we hear: Everybody close your eyes; and bow your head. It doesn't matter that Jesus said, **WATCH and pray!** Wake up!



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The Lord, after slamming Paul down on the ground, He says, **I send you to open their eyes** -- to get their eyes WIDE open! **And to turn them from darkness to light**; and from the power of Satan, to God! **That they may receive forgiveness and inheritance by faith that is in Me.** -- Acts 26

And He says...

Pay attention, I give to you authority, to trample serpents and scorpions / as Dallas Willard said many years ago, The power of God, is for the purposes of God, in people He prepares; and He is preparing special forces to do His work and warfare... like Navy Seals and Delta Force.

to tread upon lions, snakes and dragons, -- Psalm 91, Paul says, **to throw down vain imaginations, and pull down the enemy's strongholds** starting with those intrusive, aggressive, unwanted vain thoughts that invade the minds of everyone, in every family, in every home, in every city, of every country in the world daily!

Jesus wasn't talking to His disciples about going around in their sandals squishing scorpions, or stomping on rattlesnakes, lions or dragons. That's not mighty works; though it is mighty stupid works when you think about it, usually done to proudly show off. I mean, when's the last time you stomped on a dragon? Huh?!

The Lord says: **I send you to the children of Israel, a rebellious nation, impudent and stiff-hearted children; and you will say, Thus says the Lord God. And whether or not they will hear and listen... they will know there has been a prophet among them. Be not afraid of them. You dwell among scorpions. Speak MY words to them... whether or not they will listen.** -- Ezekiel 2

Jesus says...

I give you authority to trample serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing will harm you / oh, they may want to rattle and hiss at you; they may want to sting you, but they will not harm you.

²⁰ **Yet in this do not rejoice, that the spirits submit to you** / and have, and will, submit to you; don't get giddy and goofy and prideful over their subjection to you. Why? Those spirits once lived in heaven, and being lifted up in pride fell. Now, if it happen to them, it can happen to anyone born from the dust of this planet!

but rejoice! because your names are written in heaven / Get excited, because you are chosen of God to eternal life, and children of God through faith...and that is something to rejoice about!

²¹ **In that hour He went jubilant! He rejoiced in His spirit, and said, I thank You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth** / with joy upon joy! He was REALLY excited... Can you imagine? The news was so great, He could not contain His joy. Did He laugh? Did He jump for joy? We don't know.

notice, the compassionate Father, Our great Creator... is first on His mind.

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I thank You, that You hid these things from the wise and understanding, and revealed them to the babies / these things were hid from the seminarians and religious academicians; and uncovered them to **newborns** / the most vulnerable, the most needy, the most helpless:

even so, Father for so it seemed good in Your sight / so be it and AMEN! Father. Thumbs up! You did good, Father! and Jesus knew... only His Father is good!

And Jesus adds this footnote:

²² **All things have been delivered to Me by My Father** / all wisdom and knowledge; all power and grace and comfort; everything necessary for this contest -- this spiritual battle was put in the hands of Jesus.

and no one knows who the Son is except My Father / no one really knows who the Son is and what He is thinking but the Father does!

and who the Father is except the Son / no one really knows the Father's counsels, and His desires and His hopes but the Son does!

and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him / and why say all this? Jesus knows who He is; but He recognizes... it is not always obvious to some of us slow meatheads... who follow Him!

²³ **And He turned to His disciples, and said privately,**

Blessed are the eyes that see what you see / you are marked with God's favor:

²⁴ **For I tell you, many prophets and kings... have desired to see what you see, and have not seen; and to hear what you hear, and have not heard.** / so to His students and faithful followers... boldly going out representing Him... sent to announce His coming, sent to heal the sick, then seeing what they saw, and hearing what they heard... and returning to Him with joy... Jesus said to them:

You are marked with God's favor. Kings and prophets only imagined, what you have realized. And you can almost hear Him say, But the BEST is yet to come!

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O Come Let Us Adore Him

God of Wonders