

Build Your Life as You Build the Kingdom • The Stone of Authority Pastor Al Toledo Proverbs 30:29-31 TNIV

Key question for the series: What is your life built upon?

Introduction on Authority:

As we continue on our series, <u>The Five Foundation Stones</u>, we have covered the "Stone of Grace", the "Stone of Wisdom" and now we will learn about the "Stone of Authority".

Recap:

- Grace: God makes all things possible, by His grace.
- Wisdom: There is a wise way to live and an unwise way. We reap *the blessing* of God as we live wisely according to His Word.

Just like a house must have a strong foundation and footing beneath the structure, in our spiritual lives, these foundation stones will all serve to support us TOGETHER. A house is not established on one foundation stone alone, or the other side of the house will eventually collapse. So it is with our spiritual lives, that all of these stones are of equal importance and they never cancel another one out.

Key Text: "There are three things that are <u>stately</u> in their stride, four that move with stately bearing: a lion, mighty among beasts, who retreats before nothing; a strutting rooster, a hegoat, and a king secure against revolt." Proverbs 30:29-31 (TNIV)

Definition of Stately:

- To be marked by lofty or imposing dignity and great authority.
- In the Hebrew, it means to be good, well pleasing, and to make glad.

Key Truth: God's authority is not meant to be burdensome, but a blessing, and is meant to be celebrated!

 Many people have been hurt by those placed in authority over their lives. The Lord wants to bring revelation and healing, so believers in Christ can come under the blessing of God's authority.

Please take note of the three charts online that show God's Celestial Government, Satan's Government and God's Government on Farth

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WHEN YOU CELEBRATE GOD'S AUTHORITY:

1. God goes before you

- "A lion, mighty among beasts who retreats before nothing."
- Jesus is called the Lion of Judah. In the Old Testament, the tribe of Judah went out before Israel in battle.
 - When Jesus goes before you, He retreats before no one!
 - o The will of God for your life is ensured because as He goes, you go.

2. God frees you

- "...a strutting rooster..."
- Roosters cannot fight, nor fly and they have small beaks but they are taken care
 of. They don't need to hunt.
 - There's a confidence God desires you to walk in that knows He is going to take care of you

3. God emboldens you

- "...a he-goat ..."
- Not very large animals with two big horns. When a he-goat feels threatened, they will charge.
 - When you're under the will of God, you can boldly charge forward, no matter what comes us against you

4. God secures you

- "...a king secure against revolt."
- When you are under God, since God cannot be beat, you cannot be beat either.
 - o "And the increase of His government will never end" Isaiah 9:6

Takeaway Prayer Points:

• God, help me to see Your invisible government on a daily basis.

If you have been offended by authority in your life:

• God, bring healing to the areas of my life where I've been hurt by authority, that I may experience and celebrate Your blessing.

GOD'S GOVERNMENT

GOD HEAD

Psalm 145:13; Revelation 4:11 Ephesians 4:4-6

CHERUBIM

Defenders of God's holiness Gen. 3:24; Ex. 25:17-22 Ezekiel 1:1-14

MICHAEL

Archangel – Jude 9 Great prince – Daniel 12:1

SERAPHIM

Attending to God's holiness "Burning Ones" Isaiah 6:1-7

GABRIEL

Messenger of God's Kingdom program Luke 1:26; Dan. 9:21

HEAVENLY HOSTS

Revelation 5:11; Hebrews 1:14 Luke 15:10; Daniel 4:13-17

SATAN'S GOVERNMENT



"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the power of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

Ephesians 6:12

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