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**Heavenly Boundaries – Part 2**  
**Your Legal Rights and Inheritance from God**  
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**Overview**

In Part 1 of this series, we discussed laws in detail, why we have them, and how they apply to the heavens.

We also discussed 5 foundational principals, which are:

- (1) Man is both physical and spiritual.**
- (2) God created both the physical realm and the heavenly realm.**
- (3) God's sovereignty is over ALL realms**
- (4) God has made both man and angels free agents**
- (5) There are laws that govern the heavenly world just like they govern the natural world**

This week, we are going to talk about: Your Legal Rights as a Christian

Last week we learned that God's laws govern the heavens and the earth. Since we, as humans, operate in both the physical world (the earth) and the spiritual world (the heavens) we need to understand the rights we have in order to be a self-advocate or an advocate of another in God's Kingdom. If you don't know your legal rights, how can you defend yourself when under accusation or attack?

In our current legal system in the U.S., we have human rights that are protected by the judicial system. If you don't understand your human rights, someone can take advantage of you, violate your rights, and you will have no idea how to defend yourself.

When we go into a foreign country and do not know the laws, we are in a very dangerous and volatile situation. We have all heard stories of people who did not know their rights while visiting a 3<sup>rd</sup> world country. By not knowing the laws, people have been entrapped which has led to abuse, extortion, and wrongful imprisonment.

In the United States, most of us have learned the laws and know about the judicial system and how to defend our rights to some degree. We need to learn God's laws and our legal rights in His kingdom.

Why?

(A) Because entrapment is one of Satan's most used weapon!

Matthew 4:1-11 (NLT)

**1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil.  
2 For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry.**

Jesus was let by the Spirit to be tempted! This was a battle between God and Satan! This was a showdown! What was going on here? Why would Jesus be tempted in such a way? Why would the Holy Spirit lead him into a situation like this?

*It is some comfort to us to think that Christ suffered, being tempted; for thus it appears that temptations, if not yielded to, are not sins, they are afflictions only, and such as may be pleased.*

This showdown took place once already with Adam.

Satan tempted Adam, and Adam failed.

God was now showing Satan that God could not only win this battle, but he could win it with his hands tied behind his back.

Jesus was at his weakest point physically. God was about to show Satan His power!

This is how God demonstrates His power. Christ was physically beyond physical weakness.

The rule of thumb is that one cannot live more than 3 weeks without food. There are many factors that determine this, but most medical professionals agree that 3 weeks is the average. Jesus went 40 days. That is almost 6 weeks!

**3 During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread."**

*(B) Satan comes in at our weakest moment. He is crafty and shrewd (Genesis 3:1).*

**4 But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say,**

***'People do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'***

*Jesus responds to Satan how? How does he protect Himself against Satan?*

*By quoting God's Word!*

*(C) We must use God's Word as our defense.*

*If we do not know God's Word when we are at our best, how will we defend ourselves when at our lowest?*

**5 Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple,  
6 and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say,**

**'He will order his angels to protect you.**

**And they will hold you up with their hands**

**so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'**

Satan begins quoting scripture! Lookup Psalm 91:11-12.

The great thing Satan aims at, in tempting good people, is to overthrow their relation to God as a Father, and so to cut off their dependence on him, their duty to him, and their communion with him.

**7 Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the LORD your God.'"**

Jesus once again, defends himself with Scripture. He knows that Satan is trying to cause him to defy God the Father. This is ENTRAPMENT.

**8 Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me."**

Satan tries to give away what isn't even his!

Read Genesis 1:28

Who did God give authority over to govern the earth to? Mankind

**10 "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say,**

**'You must worship the LORD your God  
and serve only him.'"**

**11 Then the devil went away,**

What took place in Matthew 4 was an attempt at legal entrapment!

Jesus knew his legal rights in the kingdom. He knew that Satan could only achieve his plan if Jesus ignored the Father's law. Although Satan tried to use God's Word to his advantage, like some corrupt people use entrapment to lead someone into breaking the law, Jesus knew the Scriptures even better and defended himself against this evil plot of Satan.

So, Let's take a look at our legal rights as Christians:

Romans 3:23-25 (NLT)

***For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. 24 Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. 25 For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood (Romans 3:23-25)***

(1) You have a legal right to claim Righteousness through Jesus Christ,

Romans 5:21

***21 So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

Hebrews 10:22

***And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus.***

(2) You have the right to go directly to God

Romans 8:1

***So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.***

(3) You have the legal right to salvation.

Romans 8:38-39

***And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. 39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

(4) You cannot be separated from God's love.

Galatians 3:29

***And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.***

(5) God's promise to Abraham belongs to me.

What was the promise to Abraham?

Read Genesis 12:3

***I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt.***

***All the families on earth will be blessed through you."***

Read Genesis 18:18

***"For Abraham will certainly become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him.***

Luke 10:17-19

***When the seventy-two disciples returned, they joyfully reported to him, "Lord, even the demons obey us when we use your name!" 18 "Yes," he told them, "I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning! 19 Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you***

Mark 16:17

***These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages.***

Revelation 12:9

This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels.

Revelation 12:10

10 Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens, “It has come at last— salvation and power and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth— the one who accuses them before our God day and night.

Revelation 12:11

And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony.

(6) You have been given legal authority over Satan and his angels.

He will try and convince you otherwise. You have the legal right to plead the blood of Christ.

He will come in and claim that he has legal rights.

You have the power to revoke those rights that he is claiming!

All you have to do is rebuke him in the name of Jesus and command him to leave.

## **Bringing Charges Against Another**

How are charges brought against someone in our judicial system?

**Prosecutors** – Someone who institutes legal proceedings against someone.

Prosecutors are hired by the government and are the only persons empowered to prosecute criminal cases.

Private parties may lodge criminal complaints against persons or groups, but under state and federal statutes, only a duly authorized attorney may prosecute a criminal case. Federal and state governments can prohibit unauthorized persons from prosecuting other persons because the control of criminal prosecutions is a legitimate interest of government.

Our legal system is not much different than what God instilled in the spiritual realm.

## **Heavenly Prosecutors**

Satan and his agents know the law very well. His plot against man always starts with entrapment.

In fact, Satan is so confident about knowing what God's Word says, that He tried to use it against the God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

One of his biggest weapons is our ignorance of the law.

Let's look at how he uses accusations against us:

Zec 3:1-2 (NLT)

Then the angel showed me Jeshua\* the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD. The Accuser, Satan,\* was there at the angel's right hand, making accusations against Jeshua. 2 And the LORD said to Satan, "I, the LORD, reject your accusations, Satan. Yes, the LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebukes you. This man is like a burning stick that has been snatched from the fire."

Tyndale House Publishers. (2007). Holy Bible: New Living Translation (3rd ed.) (Zec 3:1–2). Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers.



We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. (Romans 3:22, NLT)

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