

# Spiritual Authority

Spiritual authority is a very important aspect of the believers life. There are some believers who believe they not only have the authority to rebuke the devil, but they believe they must be about the business of rebuking him continually.

𐤒 𐤅 𐤋 = Rebuke (Gar)

𐤋 (Gimal), Gather, Walk, Camel, Carry, Pride. 𐤅 (Ayin), To See, Experience, Watch, Know. 𐤒 (Resh), Head, Person, First, Top, Beginning.

Tanahk, Hebrew (1605. Gaar, to chide (scold or rebuke). rebuke, reprove (reprimand or censure someone), typically it is 𐤏𐤃𐤏 (Yahuah) doing the rebuking).

Brit Hadashah, Greek:

2008. epitimaó Censure or admonish; by implication, forbid -- (straitly) charge, rebuke)

1651 elegchó, convict, convince, rebuke, reprove. Of uncertain affinity; to confute, admonish -- convict, convince, tell a fault, rebuke, reprove.

Now let's take a look at scripture to see how rebuking is used:

He gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. Speak these things, and exhort and rebuke (1651. elegchó to expose, convict, reprove) with all Authority. Let no one despise you. **Titus 2:11-15**

Declare (Preach) the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove (reprimand or censure someone), rebuke (2008. epitimaó Censure or admonish; by implication, forbid -- (straitly) charge, rebuke), and exhort strongly encourage or urge (someone) to do something), with complete patience and teaching. **2 Timothy 4:2**

Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother Sins, rebuke (2008. epitimaó Censure or admonish; by implication, forbid -- (straitly) charge, rebuke) him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he Sins against you seven (7) times in the day, and turns to you seven (7) times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." **Luke 17:3-4**

Do not rebuke (2008. epitimaó Censure or admonish; by implication, forbid -- (straitly) charge, rebuke) an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, **1 Timothy 5:1**

And 𐤏𐤃𐤏 (Yahusha) rebuked (2008. epitimaó Censure or admonish; by implication, forbid -- (straitly) charge, rebuke) the Evil Spirit (Demon), and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly. **Matthew 17:18**

So from Scriptural usages it appears that we are to rebuke our Brother and Sister if they are found sinning or, backsliding. The other uses were 𐤏𐤃𐤏 (Yahuah) doing the rebuking and also 𐤏𐤃𐤏 (Yahusha) rebuking the evil spirit (demon), thus it appears that a more correct way would be to say 𐤏𐤃𐤏 (Yahusha) rebukes you, or 𐤏𐤃𐤏 (Yahuah) rebuke you when casting out evil spirits (demons). We need to leave (I) out of everything, because (I) will get you in trouble as it is a form of Pride and besides we can do nothing in our own Abilities or

Strength, the Authority we have been given is in his Name and by his Ruch (Spirit).

☉-☉† = AUTHORITY (TQPh)

Tau (†), Mark, Sign, Covenant, Signature, Monument. ☉ (Quph), Sun on horizon, Behind, Condense, Circle, Time. ☉ (Pey), Blow, Scatter, Edge, Mouth, Word, Speak.

Hebrew (8633, toqeph): Authority, Power, Strength, Energy. Tanakh (OT) uses Three (3) Hebrew words which are translated “Authority,” but occurrences are not common. Examples include **Proverbs 29:2**, describing the rejoicing of the people when the Righteous are “in Authority (7235. rabah, to be or become Much, Many or Great);” **Esther 9:29**, speaking of “Full Written Authority (8633, toqeph): Authority, Power, Strength, Energy” Esther and Mordecai exercised; **Daniel 4:17**, declaring that “the most High rules the kingdom of men”; and **Daniel 7:13-14**, prophesying that eternal Authority (Dominion, 7985, sholtan ) will be given to the “Son of Man.” אַחַד (Yahuah) gave Authority to humans over nature (**Genesis 1:28**), parents over their children **Leviticus 19:3** and to husband over wife (**Genesis 3:16**).

Scripture does not give believers the authority to rebuke HaSatan (the Devil), but to resist him. Therefore submit to אַחַד (Yahuah). Resist HaSatan (the Devil) and he will flee from you. 8. Draw near to אַחַד (Yahuah) and He will draw near to you. **James 4:7-8**

We're told to submit to אַחַד (Yahuah), resist HaSatan (the Devil) (by refusing to give into his temptations & harassment's) and humble ourselves. As we do this, we are resisting HaSatan (the Devil) and he must flee. As we draw near to אַחַד (Yahuah), He draws near to us.

This means to beware of HaSatan (the Devil) and resist him, to be sober and vigilant (as in alert) of HaSatan's tactics and influences, to flee HaSatan (the Devil)'s kingdom, his values, and his wisdom, and embrace אַחַד (Yahuah)'s kingdom, values, and wisdom.

In the first (1st) words recorded in Scripture, אַחַד (Yahuah) gave the human race Authority, He commanded them to “subdue” the earth. The Hebrew word suggests being bold and aggressive. Conquering and overcoming.

“And Alhym Baruk (Blessed) them, and Alhym said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth”. **Genesis 1:28**

Introducing the concept of Authority and Dominion, אַחַד (Yahuah) gave the man and woman the opportunity to rule His creation. To shape, explore, and develop but also to dominate.

This Authority is a powerful concept, filled with potential and danger. Throughout history, many have abused this Authority, taking advantage of others. But this Authority also is an important principle in the Kingdom of אַחַד (Yahuah).

We see this Authority in action throughout **OWYאַד** (Yahusha)'s ministry. Observers were amazed “for He was teaching them as one having Authority, and not as the scribes” (**Mark 1:22**). He demonstrated Authority over evil spirits (demons) and diseases **Mark 3:15**.

Showing the importance of Authority, **OWYאַד** (Yahusha) “Marveled” when a centurion described how power flowed from **OWYאַד** (Yahusha) when He just spoke a word. Why? Because he himself was “a man placed under Authority.” He realized **OWYאַד** (Yahusha)'s Authority in the spiritual world. **OWYאַד** (Yahusha) described how this was an example of

“Great Amunah (Faith),” and why Authority is such a Powerful concept **Luke 7:1-9**.

**OWYAZL** (Yahusha) gave His disciples Authority, sending them out with “Authority over the unclean spirits”. And He calls to Him the Twelve (12), and He began to send them forth two (2) by two (2), and He gave to them Authority over the unclean spirits. **Mark 6:7**.

Behold, I give you the Authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and upon all the Power of the Enemy, and nothing will injure you. Behold, I give you the Authority to tread upon Serpents and Scorpions, on all Mighty enemies, and none harm you. **Luke 10:19**

Before His ascension, **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) spoke to them, saying, "All Authority in Shamym (Heavens) and on the earth has been given to Me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Ruch AhQudesh (Holy Spirit), 20. teaching them to observe all things, whatever I commanded you. And behold, I am with you all the days, until the completion of the age." **Matthew 28:18**.

There are several aspects of this Authority for believers. First (1st), we must believe we have Authority, grasp the implications, and be ready to put this Authority into practice. But we also must realize the responsibility that accompanies this Authority. As Adam and Hauah (Eve) demonstrated, **AYAZL** (Yahuah) gives us choices and then holds us accountable for our actions.

Ask **AYAZL** (Yahuah) to open your eyes to the reality of the Authority He has given you. Be ready to apply this Authority in your life, and the situations you face.

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy HaSatan (the Devil) prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, Standing firm in the Amunah (Faith), because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. **1 Peter 5:8-9**

Resist” here is the identical Greek word (anthistemi) found also in two (2) other Scripture portions — that is, **James 4:7** (“Resist HaSatan (the Devil)”) and **Ephesians 6:13** (“...to stand your ground” “to withstand”).

Let’s breakdown these three (3) Scripture portions in relation to resisting HaSatan (the Devil), beginning with **1 Peter 5:8-9**.

- (vs. 8) “Be self-controlled” “Be Sober... (3525 néphō – properly, to be sober (not drunk), not intoxicated).
- Strong’s Concordance reveals that this Greek word 3525 néphō has the meaning of “to abstain from wine.” (“be sober, unintoxicated”) refers to having presence of mind (clear judgment), enabling someone to be temperate (self-controlled). 3525 /néphō (“uninfluenced by intoxicants”) means to have "one's wits (faculties) about them,
- Vine’s Greek dictionary tells us that this word “...signifies to be free from the influence of intoxicants.” The message here is clear, intoxicating drinks lessen our ability to resist HaSatan (the Devil) and his attacks.
- (vs. 8) “Be ... alert” — HaSatan (the Devil) wants to catch you napping.
- (vs. 8) “Your enemy HaSatan (the Devil)” — never forget that his desire is to “rob, kill, and destroy” you.

- (vs. 9 “Resist him, standing firm in the Amunah (Faith)”, is a strong defense against HaSatan (the Devil).

But he gives us grace. That is why Scripture says: “**אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves, then, to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). Resist HaSatan (the Devil), and he will flee from you.

Come near to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. **James 4:6-8**

- (vs. 6) To resist HaSatan (the Devil), live a life of humility. The proud and arrogant are high-profile, easily-hit targets for HaSatan (the Devil).
- (vs. 7) To resist HaSatan (the Devil), stay “submitted ... to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)”.
- (vs. 8) To resist HaSatan (the Devil), “Draw nigh to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)”. The nearer you live to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) in your daily life, the more difficult you make it for HaSatan (the Devil) to harass you.
- (vs. 8) To resist HaSatan (the Devil), “Wash your hands, you sinners.”
- This speaks of repenting of sinful conduct. If we continue with un-repenting Sin in our lives, we do not have a secure foundation from which to resist the enemy of our soul.
- (vs. 8) To resist HaSatan (the Devil), “Purify your Hearts” — from which, **וַיְהַשָּׂא** (Yahusha) said, Sinful conduct originates **Matthew 15:18-19**.

Finally, be strong in **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and in his Mighty Power. 11 Put on the full armor of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) so that you can take your stand against HaSatan (the Devil)’s schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to Stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to Stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of Righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of Shalum (Peace). 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of Amunah (Faith), with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of Salvation and the Sword of the Ruch (Spirit), which is the Word of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). 18 And pray in the Ruch (Spirit) on all occasions with all kinds of Prayers and Requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on Praying for all the Believers. **Ephesians 6:10-18**

This entire portion teaches us to “stand [our] ground (13) ... against HaSatan (the Devil)’s schemes •• “Stand your ground” is translated from the same Greek word for “Resist” in **1 Peter** and **James**. (vs. 10) To resist HaSatan (the Devil), we must “be strong in **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and in His Mighty Power”, that is, fully depending on Him. (vss. 11, 13) To resist HaSatan (the Devil), we must “put on the full armor of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)” listed in verses **14-18** — His armor, all of His armor.

**אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) calls us to be self-controlled, which means allowing **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) to be in control of our will and heart and seeking the Ruch (Spirit) to enable us. Then, we will know what not to do and be able to guard the areas in which we are weak. This will allow us to have

discipline and restraint as we are obedient to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and his word. It means not allowing distractions to derail or remove us from His will and plan; that way, we will not be distracted from what **וְיָהוּשָׁע** (Yahusha) called us to do **Proverbs 16:32; 25:28; Romans 13:12-14; 1 Corinthians 6:12; 9:25-27; 1 Thessalonians 5:22; Titus 2:12; Hebrews 12:2**

Consider the Spiritual Authority passage above. Shaul (Paul) told the brethren what they were Resisting and Gaining Authority over, he told them to put on the Whole Armor of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). Look at the components: Salvation, Righteousness, Truth, the preparation of the Gospel of Shalum (Peace), Amunah (Faith), and the Sword of the Ruch (Spirit), which is the Word of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), i.e...**וְיָהוּשָׁע** (Yahusha).

The Weapon Shaul (Paul) mentioned was the Word of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). Think about how Shaul (Paul) took Authority and Waged Warfare, Praying to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), Declaring (Preaching) the Gospel. After mentioning the Sword of the Ruch (Spirit), Shaul (Paul) urged his readers to Pray.

The most effective Weapons we have against HaSatan (the Devil) are our Amunah (Faith), Wisdom, and Knowledge about our Authority given by **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and His Word. Even **וְיָהוּשָׁע** (Yahusha), when tempted by HaSatan, did not rebuke him but answered him with Scripture **Matthew 4:1-11** But answering He said, "It has been written: 'The man shall live not by bread alone, but by every word coming out of the mouth of Alhym.'" .

The Brit Hadashah (NT) views rebuking as the sole authority of **וְיָהוּשָׁע** (Yahusha) as an expression of His Lordship and Sovereignty over the ruch (spirit) realm. The only acceptable scriptural condition for a believer to rebuke anyone is when he lovingly corrects a brother fallen into Sin (**Luke 17:3**) So watch yourselves. "If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke (2008. epitimaó Censure or admonish; by implication, forbid -- (straitly) charge, rebuke) them; and if they repent, forgive them.

Throughout the Tanakh (OT) and Brit Hadashah, rebuking is understood as the sole authority of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). This is why the archangel Michael said when challenged by HaSatan, "**אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) rebuke you"**Jude 1:9**. He left Spiritual Warfare to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) of Hosts and again in **Zechariah 3:2** And **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) said unto HaSatan, **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) rebuke you, O HaSatan; even **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) that has chosen Yarusalym (Jerusalem) rebuke you: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? .

When **וְיָהוּשָׁע** (Yahusha) saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked (2008. epitimaó Censure or admonish; by implication, forbid -- (straitly) charge, rebuke) the impure ruch (spirit). "You deaf and mute ruch (spirit)," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." 26 The ruch (spirit) shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." 27 But **וְיָהוּשָׁע** (Yahusha) took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up. 28 After **וְיָהוּשָׁע** (Yahusha) had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" 29 He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer. **Mark 9:25-29**

**וְיָהוּשָׁע** (Yahusha)'s disciples could not cast out the evil spirit (demon), but **וְיָהוּשָׁע** (Yahusha) could do so with a single command. **וְיָהוּשָׁע** (Yahusha) did not rebuke His disciples and say they had little Amunah (Faith). He did not say they were in sin. He only said they needed to Pray with this kind.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah): the powers that be are ordained of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) **Romans 13:1**

You are of Alhym, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. **1 John 4:4**

Howbeit when he, the Ruch (Spirit) of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. **John 16:13**

You may recall the time when the seventy (70) disciples returned to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) rejoicing about the results of their ministry. They remarked, "Adonai, even the Evil Spirits (Demons) are subject to us in Your name **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha)" **Luke 10:17**.

But then **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) pointed out that the great marvel of this was that the Evil Spirits (Demons) were subject to them because their names were "written in Shamym (Heavens)." In other words, because they were sealed because of their relationship with **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha), they had authority over Evil Spirits (Demons) in the name of **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha).

All believers must be aware that **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) has equipped them to have Authority over HaSatan's power. Shaul (Paul) said that "the Weapons of our Warfare are not carnal (of a fleshly or earthly nature), but Mighty in **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) for pulling down strongholds" **2 Corinthians 10:4**.

**וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) has given all His followers, all those who know **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) personally as their Mashiach (Messiah) and anointed Son of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), the Authority to use His name to expel the forces of evil. To all believers, **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) said, "In My name they will cast out Evil Spirits (Demons)..." **Mark 16:17**.

Remember when Kepha (Peter) resisted **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha)'s decision to return to Yarusalym (Jerusalem), knowing that He would be crucified there? **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) did not rebuke Kepha (Peter), but turned to Kepha (Peter) and said "Get behind me HaSatan" **Matthew 16:23**

As believers, we need to be aware of the reality of the presence of evil. As we struggle to stand firm in our Amunah (Faith), we must realize that the enemies we are up against are not merely human ideas, but real forces that come from the powers of darkness. Scripture says, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places" **Ephesians 6:12**.

HaSatan is on a leash; Remember Job? HaSatan had to have specific permission for the things he did; and even then **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) put perimeters around him. **Job 1**

Consider Shaul (Paul)'s thorn in the flesh. This was a "messenger of HaSatan sent to buffet" Shaul (Paul). **2 Corinthians 12:7** Did Shaul (Paul) rebuke it? No. In fact he freely admitted that this messenger of HaSatan was a gift from **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) to keep him humble.

In **Luke 22:31,32** **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) warned Kepha (Peter) that HaSatan would sift him like wheat. But, **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) had prayed for Kepha (Peter); and Kepha (Peter) would be restored to be able to strengthen his brothers. Though HaSatan would try, he couldn't destroy **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s child.

Kepha (Peter) learned that he could not stand on his own understanding, not even his personal knowledge even after walking for three (3) years with **OWYAZL** (Yahusha). In fact, Kepha (Peter) would later write to harassed believers & reassure them that even though they were enduring great trials, it was for their testing & purification and eventually, their glorification. **1 Peter 1:6,7; 2 Peter 5:10**

Kepha (Peter) didn't rebuke HaSatan for the trials. Rather, he rejoiced in his Sovereign **AYAZL** (Yahuah); and taught others to do the same.

Even in the betrayal of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha), **AYAZL** (Yahuah) gave permission to HaSatan & Yahudah (Judas) Iscariot to do their wicked plan **John 13:21-27**.

We are reassured that though we may suffer awhile, the Alhym of all grace will establish, perfect and strengthen us. **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) promised that we belong to the Father and no one can pluck us out of His hand. Nothing can destroy us, or cause us to perish. **John 10:27-28**

We have the scriptural assurance that the battle is **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s! His Power & Deliverance is accomplished by the work done on the stake as promised in His Word. All we do is get close to Him, like a small child scampering to Daddy when a big bully comes around. Once the bully gets one look at our Father, he flees.

Why would I even try to personally punch at HaSatan (the devil), when my Savior & Father has already assured me that the battle is his, not mine; and he will be faithful to keep me? Even in the face of temptation, persecution & all the evil spirits (demons), I will never perish! **John 10:28**

Rebuking HaSatan (the devil) is **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s job; **AYAZL** (Yahuah) said to HaSatan, "**AYAZL** (Yahuah) rebuke you. **Zechariah 3:2**. It is neither commanded us, nor given to us as an example. Instead let us resist HaSatan & turn our eyes to **AYAZL** (Yahuah), our Protector.

King David understood the Authority he came in: But David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with Sword and Spear and Javelin, but I come against you in the Name of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) of Hosts (tsaba, 6635: army, war, warfare. Appointed time, army, battle, company, host, service, soldiers, waiting upon, Or (feminine) tsbadah {tseb-aw-aw'}; from tsaba'; a mass of persons (or figuratively, things), especially reg. Organized for war (an army); by implication, a campaign, literally or figuratively (specifically, hardship, worship) -- appointed time, (+) army, (+) battle, company, service, soldiers, waiting upon, war(-fare), host), the Alhym of the Armies of Yasharal (Israel), whom you have defied. **1 Samuel 17:45**

Even **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) came in his Father's Name. I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another should come in the own name, you will receive him. **John 5:43**

## **SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY OF LEADERSHIP**

"Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their Authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you" (**Hebrews 13:17**). Scripture clearly states that **AYAZL** (Yahuah) gives some individuals Spiritual Authority over others. There are various levels of Authority in any person's life, and each of these levels may involve different people in different positions of Authority. Of course, we must begin with the highest Authority, which is **AYAZL**

(Yahuah). **Genesis 1:1** states, “In the beginning Alhym created the Shamym (Heavens) and the earth.” Everything that exists was created by Alhym, and by that fact, אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) and his Son **OWYָּאָל** (Yahusha) have ultimate Authority, or Sovereignty, over all things. When Mushah (Moses) delivered the Turah (law) to the Yasharalites (Israelites), אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)’s sovereign Authority was the basis on which they were to submit to it **Deuteronomy 4:39–40**.

And **OWYָּאָל** (Yahusha) came and said to them, “All Authority in Shamym (Heavens) and on Earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Ruch AhQudesh (Holy Spirit), teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” **Matthew 28:18-20**

When Job was wrestling with the problem of pain and suffering in his life, he acknowledged that אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) made all things, and no one is able to challenge His authority (**Job 9:1–12**). In the Tanakh (OT), one of the titles reflecting this authority is “the most high Aluah” (**Genesis 14:22**), and in the Brit Hadashah (NT), He is called “Adonai (Lord) of Shamym (Heavens) and Earth” (**Acts 17:24**). **OWYָּאָל** (Yahusha), who is Alhym in the flesh, holds all Authority (**Matthew 28:18**) and has distributed some of that Authority to various people on earth. Because of our Sinful nature, and because of the abuses or failures of Authority that we have experienced, most people struggle on occasion with submitting to Authorities.

One level of Authority that אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) has granted to men is civil or governmental. **Romans 13:1–6** states that “the powers that be are ordained of אַיָּאָל (Yahuah).” Whether rulers are believers or not, and whether they recognize it or not, their civil Authority is actually a type of spiritual Authority, for “they are אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)’s ministers,” exercising power on אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)’s behalf. When we resist their Authority, we are actually resisting אַיָּאָל (Yahuah). Scripture reminds us in **Colossians 3:22–24** that our submission and service to human Authorities should be done “heartily, as to אַיָּאָל (Yahuah), and not unto men.”

Another level of Authority established by אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) is within the home. **Ephesians 5:22–24** commands wives to submit to their husbands as they would submit to אַיָּאָל (Yahuah), because the husband is the head of the wife, just as Mashiach is the Head of the Assembly. This ladder of Authority is stated again in **1 Corinthians 11:3**, showing the woman submitting to the man, who submits to Mashiach, who submits to the Father. Children are commanded to submit to their parents in **Ephesians 6:1**, and **Colossians 3:20** adds that this is well pleasing to אַיָּאָל (Yahuah).

Just as אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) established Authority within civil government and the home, so He established specific Authority within the Assembly. As believers, we are all joint-heirs with Mashiach (**Romans 8:17**) and have full access to אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) by the Ruch Ah Qudesh (Holy Spirit) (**Ephesians 2:18**).

Though אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) is no respecter of persons (**Romans 2:11**), He has chosen to place some in positions of Authority for the sake of order and growth (**Ephesians 4:11–13**). The early Assembly recognized the Authority of the disciples and submitted to their teaching and direction (**Acts 6:2; 15:2**). Next to the disciples in Authority were the Elders, or Pastors, of the Assemblies. As Shaul (Paul) and Barnabas established Assemblies in their missionary journeys (**Acts 14:23**), they ordained elders in every Assembly. These elders (presbyters) were



responsible for teaching (pastoring), supervising (being a bishop), and being examples to the Assembly (**1 Peter 5:1–3**). As spiritual leaders, these elders have a greater responsibility to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) (**James 3:1**) and must meet the qualifications **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) has established (**Titus 1:5–9; 1 Timothy 3:1–7**). Believers are told to acknowledge and respect those who are over them in spiritual matters (**1 Thessalonians 5:12–13**) and even to support them financially **1 Timothy 5:17–18**.

In matters of Authority, the underlying guiding principle is submission. **1 Peter 5:5–6** says, “Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, ‘**אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’ Humble yourselves, therefore, under **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.” In **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)’s matchless wisdom, He has chosen some to hold authority and others to be under that Authority. Perhaps the most surprising thing is that He has also taught that one of the highest qualifications for those in positions of Authority is humility. “If any man desire to be first (1st), the same shall be last of all, and servant of all” (**Mark 9:35**). This is the example that **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha), the highest spiritual Authority, gave when He became the humblest of all and submitted to die in our place **Philippians 2:7–11**.

## HOW TO EXERCISE SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

Today people are very wary of Authority. Of course, it can be abused. However, Righteous, Spiritual Authority is a source of Great Barakah (Blessing).

Ascribe to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), O heavenly beings, ascribe to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) glory and strength. 2 Ascribe to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) the glory due his Name; Worship **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) in the splendor of Righteousness. 3 The Voice of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is over the waters; the Alhym (God) of glory thunders, **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), over many waters. 4 The Voice of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is powerful; the Voice of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is full of majesty. 5 The Voice of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) breaks the cedars; **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) breaks the cedars of Lebanon. 6 He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. 7 The Voice of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) flashes forth flames of fire. 8 The Voice of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) shakes the wilderness; **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) shakes the wilderness of Qodesh. 9 The Voice of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, “Glory!” 10 **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) sits enthroned over the flood; **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) sits enthroned as king forever. 11 May **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) give strength to his people! May **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) Baruk (Bless) his people with Shalum (Peace)! **Psalms 29:1-11**

There is a huge spiritual hunger and need within the Yasharalites community of believers for Spiritual Knowledge and Experience. This psalm points us towards ‘the Voice of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)’ (v.3). David describes the Awesome Power, Majesty and Authority of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)’s Voice (v.4–5,7–9).

Today, the supreme way we hear the Voice of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is through the Words of Scripture. The Word of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is Authoritative, Powerful and Majestic: ‘We fall to our knees – we call out, “Glory!”’ (v.9). Being on our knees is an appropriate way to listen to the Voice of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). Start each day on our knees, reading Scripture, trying to hear **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)’s Voice – asking, ‘**אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), what are you saying to me today?’

David starts by saying, ‘Ascribe to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), you Heavenly beings, ascribe to **אֱלֹהִים**

(Yahuah) glory and strength' (v.1). All Authority, Power and Strength belong to Aluhym. However, he does not keep it all to himself. As you listen to his voice he shares with you his Authority, Power and Strength. David ends with, 'אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) gives Strength to his people' and 'Baruk (Blesses) his people with Shalum (Peace)' (v.11).

These are two (2) things that we desperately need as we face the battles of life (internal and external). We need אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah)'s Strength and his Shalum (Peace).

אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah), thank you that you share with us your Authority, Power and Strength. Please Strengthen me for the battles of today and give me Shalum (Peace) in the midst of the storms of life.

### אֱלֹהִים (YAHUAH) GIVEN AUTHORITY

וְיֵשׁוּעַ (Yahusha) spoke and acted with אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) given Authority. He listened to the Voice of אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) and spoke the very Words of אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah). This is the key. If you want to speak with Authority, spend time with אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah), listening to his Voice.

It was perfectly obvious to everyone that וְיֵשׁוּעַ (Yahusha) had Authority. The only question his opponents asked was where that Authority came from (11:28). וְיֵשׁוּעַ (Yahusha) responded with a brilliant question about Yahukanan (John) the Baptist.

He asked them whether Yahukanan (John)'s Authority was from אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) or of 'human origin' (v.30). They could not answer the question because they did not want to admit it came from אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) (v.31). Nor did they want to say that it came from human origin because the people recognized that Yahukanan (John) was a true prophet (v.32).

Because וְיֵשׁוּעַ (Yahusha)'s interrogators refuse to answer his question about Yahukanan (John) the Baptist, וְיֵשׁוּעַ (Yahusha) refuses to answer their question about his Authority. 'וְיֵשׁוּעַ (Yahusha) said, "Neither will I tell you by what Authority I am doing these things"' (v.33b).

וְיֵשׁוּעַ (Yahusha) then tells a parable, which is intended to reveal the source of his Authority. His opponents certainly recognize וְיֵשׁוּעַ (Yahusha)'s aim, for Mark tells us that they 'looked for a way to arrest [וְיֵשׁוּעַ (Yahusha)] because they knew he had spoken the parable against them' (12:12).

וְיֵשׁוּעַ (Yahusha)'s parable is about a man who 'planted a vineyard... put a wall around it, dug a pit for the winepress and built a watchtower' (v.1). The parable is based on **Isaiah 5:1-7** in which אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) is the owner and his people (particularly the leaders) are the vineyard. In וְיֵשׁוּעַ (Yahusha)'s parable, the servants who are sent and killed are אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah)'s prophets, including Yahukanan (John) the Immerser (Baptist). וְיֵשׁוּעַ (Yahusha) then introduces himself into his own parable: אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) 'had one (1) left to send, a son, whom he loved. He sent him last of all, saying, "They will respect my son."' **Mark 12:6.**

וְיֵשׁוּעַ (Yahusha) shows he has a unique Authority because he is the unique Son of אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah). There is a very clear distinction made between the unique beloved son and heir and the different servants who are sent first (1st). Yet, with amazing foresight, וְיֵשׁוּעַ (Yahusha) declares that he, the unique Son of אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah), will be killed (vv.7-8).

He then explains that the leadership of אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah)'s people will be transferred to a new

leadership (the early leaders of the Assembly) with **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) as their cornerstone: ‘The stone the builders rejected [that] has become the cornerstone’ (v.10; see also **Psalm 118:22**).

The unique Son of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) has unique authority as the unique cornerstone of **AYAZL** (Yahuah)’s people. Listen to him and you too will speak with the authority that derives from his Authority.

Adon, thank you that you are the unique Son of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) who spoke with the Authority of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) himself. Help me to walk in a close relationship with you, hear your Voice and Speak your Words with Authority.

### **AUTHORITY OF OWYAZL (YAHUSHA)**

And when **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had Authority, and not as their scribes.

#### **Matthew 7:28-29**

It is an awesome thing to enter into the presence of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) – ‘The Glory of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) appeared to all the people. Fire blazed out from **AYAZL** (Yahuah)... When all the people saw it happen they cheered loudly and then fell down, bowing in reverence’ **Leviticus 9:23–24**.

The example of Nadab and Abihu (**Leviticus 10:1–2**) shows that access to **AYAZL** (Yahuah)’s presence should never be taken for granted. People today often want a relationship with **AYAZL** (Yahuah) on their own terms and in their own way. However, it is only because of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) that you can enter **AYAZL** (Yahuah)’s presence with confidence and without fear.

**OWYAZL** (Yahusha) has a unique Authority. He is the sinless high priest. As the writer of Hebrews puts it: ‘Such a high priest truly meets our need – one (1) who is Qadosh (Holy), blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the Shamym (Heavens). Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself’ **Hebrews 7:26–27**.

As a result, through **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) you have access to the Qadosh (Holy) presence of **AYAZL** (Yahuah): ‘Therefore, brother and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Qadosh (Holy) Place by the blood of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha), by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of **AYAZL** (Yahuah), let us draw near to **AYAZL** (Yahuah) with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that Amunah (Faith) brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water’ **Hebrews 10:19–22**.

You can come into the presence of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) today and Hear the Voice of **AYAZL** (Yahuah), receive his Strength and Shalum (Peace), and Speak with the Authority that comes from having heard the Voice of **AYAZL** (Yahuah).

**AYAZL** (Yahuah), thank you that I now have access to the Most Holy Place by the blood of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha). Today I want to draw near to **AYAZL** (Yahuah) with a sincere heart in full assurance of Amunah (Faith) to hear the voice of **AYAZL** (Yahuah), receive his strength and Shalum (Peace), and speak with the Authority that comes from having heard the Voice of the

Almighty, יהוה (Yahuah). HalluYAH!!!