

SOP: Authority in Prayer (Handout)

John 17:1-2

Matthew 28:18-20

Kinds of authority:

- Spiritual authority:
- Delegated authority(to those who will give an account)
- Personal:
 - Maturity—
 - Consecration—
 - Submission

Authority in Prayer

- Imparted to us
- Reflected by us

His Will

Hebrews 10:5-9—Behold—I have come to do Thy will

Matthew 26:36—not my will but Yours be done

Matthew 6:9-10—Thy Kingdom come—Thy will be done

His Name:

The name of Jesus is His legal authority to access His power and presence in prayer.

- It is not a formula or guarantee—His name represents His Person, character, relationship and the finished work of Christ.
- Similar to power of attorney—we are authorized to act on His behalf—in His stead—when submitted to His will.
- His name mediates access and favor on our behalf

John 14:13-14

John 14:16

John 16:23-27

John 14:11-12

His Word:

John 15:7

Matthew 4:1-11

Job 22:23-28

Priestly Authority:

- For the sake of intercession—representing people before God

Kingly Authority:

- To govern—rule over territory

Authority is given—not self generated (see the “I will’s” in Isaiah 14:13-14)

Submission is key—comes first—James 4:7

It is gained through the subjection of our flesh—(Matthew 17:21/Mark 9:29—this kind does not go out but by prayer and fasting—certain intense spiritual obstacles, deep seated unbelief, or persistent demonic influence require the authority gained through prayer and fasting.