

## **LESSON 11**

### ***SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY: PART THREE (THE PATTERN OF AUTHORITY)***

#### **I. THE WAY TO PROMOTION IN THE BODY OF CHRIST**

- A. Mark 9:33-35. Disciples disputing about who would be the greatest in the kingdom.
  - 1. Notice verse 35: “And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, ‘If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all and servant of all.’”

#### **II. GOD’S LINE OF AUTHORITY**

- A. Exodus 17:9-14
  - 1. In this narrative we see the line of authority God had set forth. Each man did his part in his place to achieve the victory.
  - 2. 1 Corinthians 12:13, 18, 27-28  
God sets members in the body as it pleases him and each one becomes members in particular.

#### **III. THE PATTERN OF PROMOTION**

- A. The servitude of Joshua.
  - 1. Exodus 17:9, 14. Battle at Amalek.
  - 2. Exodus 24:13. On the Mount with Moses.
  - 3. Exodus 33:8-11. In the Tabernacle with Moses.
- B. Elijah and Elisha.
  - 1. 1 Kings 19:16-21. Elijah cast his mantle on Elisha.
  - 2. 2 Kings 3:11. The reputation of Elisha.

#### IV. HOW WE CAN RECOGNIZE REBELLION AGAINST SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

##### A. Rebellion in your mind.

###### 1. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

“...bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”

###### 2. Romans 12:2

“...be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...”

##### B. Rebellion through wrong reasoning.

###### 1. Numbers 12. Miriam and Aaron rising up against Moses.

##### C. If thoughts and reasoning are not dealt with, words are manifested that will stir up rebellion among others.