

Power of Attorney

The devil has no power of his own. That is a fact! Romans states that “...there is NO power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God” (Rom. 13:1).

Everything that the devil does is allowed or permitted by God! If that were not so, then God would not be God.

The classic Bible example of the concept is found in the life of Job. The debate raging in the heavens was about Job's motivation to serve God. Satan claimed Job served God because of Divine blessings. Nothing else.

On Satan's challenge, the Lord said, “...Behold, all that he hath *is* [now] in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand...” (Job 1:12; see Job 2:5, 6). Everything (I would love to capitalize that word!). The devil does have limits!

These limits are issued by God somewhat like a power of attorney given to another person allowing that person to act on their behalf, only within the scope of permitted powers, as stated in the notarized document.

Like David said, “...for the LORD hath bidden him” when Shimei pelted him with stones as he fled Absalom “...he cast stones at David...” “...because the Lord hath said unto him, Curse David...” (2 Sam. 16:6, 10). When God allows Satan to act, so it shall be (the devil will never lose a given chance to torment God's people!).

However, all given permission, all power of attorney can be canceled (this is another word I would like to capitalize!). Our prayers can cancel the devil's reach into our lives through prayer and also by a voice of authorized commanding power!

It is always better to be judged directly by God who shows tender mercy when we groan under His judgment than to fall under the torture of a cruel devil. David was wise enough when he was being punished for numbering Israel, to “fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies *are* great: and let me not fall into the hand of man” (2 Sam. 24:14).

It is amazing to me that so many accept, without complaint, the harsh hand of the devil in their lives without realizing that all powers given can be canceled at any time! Also, remember: everything the devil does has imposed limits that he cannot exceed under the terms of his POA (power of attorney)! Satan may even

try to bluff beyond his given powers. Rebuke that liar!
If his cruelty is too great, ask God, the issuer of the POA,
to cancel that document of authorization!

Finally, understand: it is not of God's nature to act in a psychopathic manner, just for the pleasure of hurting His beloved vessels of worship! God always offers a way out (unless deliberately rejected)! The angel of death, sent/allowed by God to plague Egypt on that fatal last night before the miraculous release from slavery, was **PRE-LIMITED** by the blood of the lamb on the doorposts! No one had to die that night, not even the Egyptians! All death could be canceled with Blood and today by the Blood of Jesus!

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