

In the spiritual realm, there are two kingdoms that are constantly at war with each other – the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan. Through His Cross, Jesus provided the Church with spiritual weapons to protect themselves from every form of attack and to advance the Kingdom of God on Earth. In His own words:

See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing will hurt you.

(Luke 10:19-20)

The young Christian might wonder how this would operate and in what situation. The answer to the first question is found in the following words:

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

(Matthew 18:18)

What an incredible statement! Believers have authority to prevent and permit whatever is prevented and permitted in Heaven! To bind is to prevent something from happening, or from having any effect on you. To loose is to permit or release something.

The word *whatever* is not limited exclusively to demonic activity; it can apply to almost anything negative or destructive deriving from natural causes. Finally, in His Second Epistle to the Corinthians the Apostle Paul made another powerful statement:

But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession and through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing him.

(2 Corinthians 2:14-15)

The words *always* and in *every place* mean there is absolutely no time and no place where we cannot use and share the triumph of Jesus over the powers of darkness!