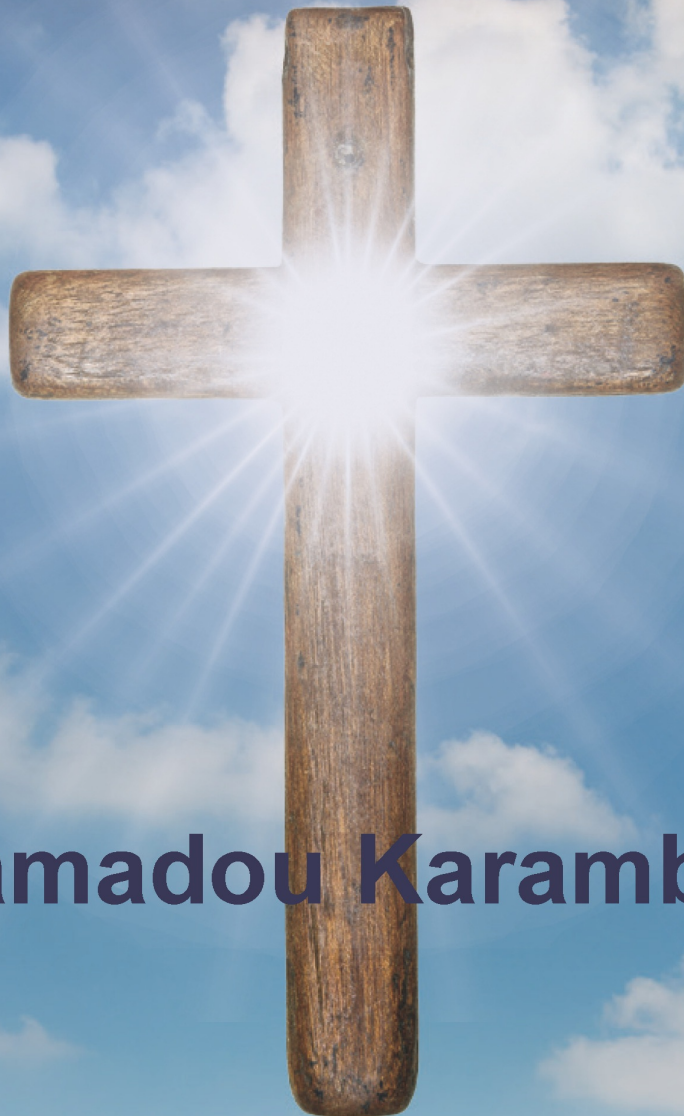


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INTRODUCTION

The Christian life is based not on human traditions and dogmas but on divine truths and facts. Redemption, whose scope goes beyond the forgiveness of sins and the assurance of spending eternity with the Lord, is one of these divine facts.

Christ's finished work, in other words his death, burial and resurrection, turned the spiritual world upside down. A new era opened for humanity when the Son of God died on the Cross.

Contrary to received ideas and teachings, which cause many Christians to fear and cowardice before Satan and the power of darkness, the Bible reveals that through the finished work of Christ, power has shifted hands. We, the new creation in Christ, have been given authority and dominion over all that God has created.

This divine fact accomplished in Christ two thousand years ago is simply the restoration of an original order overthrown by man's sin; this divine order is that God governs in heaven and man on earth.

In this booklet, we explore the biblical foundation of delegated authority to correct some of the misconceptions about authority in the new creation and to highlight what enables you to exercise that authority.

CHAPTER I: ORIGINAL HUMAN IDENTITY AND POWER

God: Ruler of the Universe

Belief in the existence of God is closely linked to belief in his omnipotence, his ascendancy over all things. This is hardly surprising, since the One who created heaven and earth and everything in them could not be seen otherwise.

In the book of Psalms, we find a beautiful description of his greatness: *“O Lord God of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O Lord? Your faithfulness also surrounds You. You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them. You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain; You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.*

The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all its fullness, You have founded them. The north and the south, You have created them; Tabor and Hermon rejoice in Your name. You have a mighty arm; Strong is Your hand, and high is Your right hand.” (Psalm 89:8-13)

This text reveals God's pre-eminence over heavenly powers, the forces of nature, and adversity. The phrase *“You have a mighty arm; Strong is Your hand, and high is Your right hand”* (Psalm 89:13) is an excellent expression of the Creator's power. The arm, hand, and right hand are symbols of power and dominion.

Man: ruler of the earth

In creating man in his own image and likeness, God's desire was to have a representative on earth with some of his power. That is why after forming a body for Adam and Eve, *“God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”* (Genesis 1:28)

The power thus delegated to human beings is so absolute that it arouses astonishment: *“What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that*