

The ABC's of yāšab — AUTHORITY (Providential)

yāšab יָשַׁב - The Game of Dwelling on Earth – Pt. 3

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INTRO ...The ABC's of Yasab



...Upgrades, empowerments, & downloads and cheat codes!

A... Providential AUTHORITY

Psalms 24:1-2 *The earth is the LORD'S and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,
² for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.*

When You Go to Play-the-Game—How Does This Have Meaning?

Deut 10:14 *Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it.
...Standing at the "Doorway of Opportunity"*

Job 41:11 *Who has first given to me, that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine.
...Ownership Meets 'Entitlement'*

...**Job 6:2** *"Oh that my vexation were weighed, and all my calamity laid in the balances!"*

God's "Providential Authority Resume":

Job 38:1-7

— Job 38-41 is God Explaining His Providential Authority over His Creation

Job 38:8 *"Or who shut in the sea with doors..."*

Job 38:12 *"Have you commanded the morning since your days began..."*

Job 38:22 *"Have you entered the storehouses of the snow..."*

Job 38:28-29 *"Has the rain a father, ...²⁹ From whose womb did the ice come forth*

Job 38:36 *Who has put wisdom in the inward parts or given understanding to the mind?*

Job 38:41 *Who provides for the raven its prey*

Job 39:9-12 *"Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will he spend the night at your manger? ...¹¹ Will you depend on him because his strength is great, and will you leave to him your labor?"*

...In All These Mundane Spaces ...God is an "Onsite Landlord"!!

"...I shall bet my life on the assumption that this world is not idiotic, neither run by an absentee landlord, but that today, this very day, some stroke is being added to the cosmic canvas that in due course I shall understand with joy as a stroke made by the architect who calls himself Alpha and Omega." **Clyde Kilby** (Quoted in "Providence", p. 21)

— NOTE: God does not subscribe to doctrines of “Deism” — that the earth was spun into existence by a higher being, but now runs on natural mechanisms! ...God’s rich imagery to Job describes his ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT!

Isaiah 45:5-12 *I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me,*

...God is Providentially Engaged—even when we are Completely Unaware!

⁶ *that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.*

⁷ *I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things.*

...God is Providentially in Life’s CONTRADICTIONS!! ...Even the Things that Look Like They CANNOT Be GOOD!!

⁸ *“Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit; let the earth cause them both to sprout; I the LORD have created it.*

...It is the Providential God—Exercising His Rightful Authority—who brings forth “Salvation and righteousness”!!! ...

— 1 Cor 1:26-30

⁹ *“Woe to him who strives with him who formed him, a pot among earthen pots! Does the clay say to him who forms it, ‘What are you making?’ or ‘Your work has no handles’?”*

... Is 2024 starting with my “Complaints that God didn’t Put HANDLES on my Pot”!!

¹⁰ *Woe to him who says to a father, ‘What are you begetting?’ or to a woman, ‘With what are you in labor?’”*

¹¹ *Thus says the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and the one who formed him: “Ask me of things to come; will you command me concerning my children and the work of my hands?”*

¹² *I made the earth and created man on it; it was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their host.*

...No one has a weightier complaint about the confusion of life’s suffering than JOB!! ...When God brings an explanation near to Job’s life and pain and questions—God Breaks Out his Resume of “PROVIDENTIAL AUTHORITY” (NOT an explanation of “Human Free Will” or the “Consequences of Sin”)

...When Israel is about to be visited with Economic Collapse and Warfare and the loss of their freedoms and exile—God breaks out an Explanation of “Providential AUTHORITY”!!!

Providential Authority = God’s Sovereign Lordship Rights, the Rights of the Creator and Possessor of Heaven & Earth (the right to exercise power; the rights of the potter over the clay; the right to define, ordain, and command; the right to delegate authority to creatures—Adam & Eve, the Devil, disciples, governments, parents, pastors...)

?? — When You Go to Play the Game of Life This Year—Are You Actively Mindful of God’s AUTHORITY??!
...Does it Impact Your Game Strategy??

Pablo the Paralytic Meets Providential Authority

Matthew 9:1-9 *And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. ² And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." ³ And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." ⁴ But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵ For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? ⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home." ⁷ And he rose and went home. ⁸ When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.*

This Passage Lives in Spaces of Life that We Get! ...

- **There's a "Paralytic" ...a person facing "life-conditions" that have seized control of His Life!**

...There's "Hard to Understand" Stuff Here ...Who's Responsible for This Condition?

John 9:1-3

...Joseph's Life of Abandonment & Rejection is Explained by—Gen 50:20

...There's a Life Experience that is "PARALYZING"! **...Under the Control of Some Unseen, Poorly Understood FORCE!!**

?? – How many are experiencing "some kind of paralysis" in life? ...Something about our lives that is under the control of some kind of force that is holding us and keeping us from going free and doing differently!

"ONE WORD, from You, Things Change on Your AUTHORITY"!!

- **There's the Issue of the Forgiveness of Sins!**

...When Jesus surveys the landscape of this person's life and needs ...He doesn't just see that he needs to be able to walk & work! ...He Sees His **ULTIMATE NEED!**—

- **There's a Dramatic Lesson on AUTHORITY! ...v. 6-8**

The Word "EXOUSIA" (Gk.) = "the right to exercise power"

Mk 1:22-27 *And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. ... ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."*

Lk 4:32 *and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority.*

Lk 4:6 *and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory*

...Satan knows the value of AUTHORITY!

Matt 8:8-10 *only say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he marveled...*

...Jesus didn't Marvel at Much!!

Matt 28:18-19 *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples*

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