

Great Opportunities with the Divine, *Reflections and Revelations...*

Who Has The Authority To Declare and Decree A Thing?

The other day someone told me we cannot decree anything anymore, only declare it. I saw so and so evangelist last night on television, and he said that. They said, "God is the only one who can decree a thing" not us. First, I asked if they had tested the spirit. They responded no. Second, I asked if they had gone to God's Word to see if what they had been told lined up with the Lord's Word. They also said no to that as well. I then proceeded to check out what the term decree meant, and dictionary.com defined a decree as a mandate established by someone in authority.

Throughout the bible, kings and those in authority decreed changes in their kingdoms and countries. However, we are made in God's image and in **1 Peter 2:9**, the Lord says, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light". In **Luke 10:19**, the Lord God said, "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you". Additionally, God the Father in **John 14:12** stated, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth in me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he..."

In **Job 22:1-30**, the Lord God states if we turn from our wicked ways, He will cut off those who come against us, and if we submit to His Will, our lives will be peaceful, great, and prosper. Good shall come to us. Furthermore, if we humble ourselves and make the Lord God our precious treasure, He will delight in us, hear our prayers and answer them, even when we pray for those who are not innocent. He also said in **Job 22:28** that if we "... decide and decree a thing, and it shall be established for you; and the light (of God's favor) shall shine upon your ways".

We are told to be careful who we listen to and who we follow. In the last days, false prophets will be exposed and many new prophets will rise up. Be led by the Holy Spirit, and ask the Holy Spirit to give you greater discernment and to confirm what you hear. Man can make mistakes, God will never lead you wrong. Also, remember to always test the spirits.

One thing is for certain, the Lord God is consistent and never changes, He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow, forever through the ages (**Hebrews 13:8**). Seek Him in all situations.

Blessings,

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