

THE ANSWER NOT THE AUTHOR OF MY PROBLEMS

I. Understanding our dominion/authority affects our views.

A. Three main views about what happens to us on Earth:

1. God is in control.
2. Satan is in control.
3. Man's decisions control/influence (creating/responding/not responding).

B. It was God's idea to give man dominion/authority; He both designed and delegated it to Man Gen. 1:26, 28.

1. Ps. 8:3-9; Heb. 2:5-8 He left nothing not under him.
2. Luke 4:5, 6; 2 Cor. 4:4; Jn. 12:31.

II. Jesus got our dominion/authority back as a Man

A. He came where we were and became what we were Heb. 2:9-18.

B. Rev. 1:17, 18; Matt. 28:18.

C. All of His authority is vested in His Name, Jesus Philippians 2:5-11.

Views About What Happens to us on Earth

1. **God** is in control of everything that happens on earth.
2. **Satan** is in control of everything that happens on earth.
3. **Man's personal decisions** influence what happens on earth:
 - a. In creating by cause and effect
 - b. In responding to what happens (from satan's attacks, others choices, or the effects of living in a fallen world).
 - c. Not responding; passive; neglect to act