

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church The Jurisdiction of Heaven March 19, 2024 Suzi Armstrong

Job 38.4-12 NIV

⁴“**Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand.** ⁵Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—⁷while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? ⁸“**Who shut up the sea behind doors** when it burst forth from the womb, ⁹when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, ¹⁰when **I fixed limits** for it and set its doors and bars in place, ¹¹when I said, ‘**This far you may come and no farther;** here is where your proud waves halt?’ ¹²“Have you ever given orders to the morning or shown the dawn its place.

- The Lord speaks to Job in great detail about how He created the Heavens and the earth and set in place boundaries and limits.
- These boundaries were determined by God and He has jurisdiction over all that He made.

What is jurisdiction? The simple definition of jurisdiction is the power or right of exercising the authority to govern, to declare or apply the law. Jesus delegated that authority to the sons and daughters of God. In the Name of Jesus, we have been given judicial power and the right to apply the jurisdiction that God has put into place. The jurisdiction of Heaven sets in place the blessings of God and the goodness of God in the land of the living.

Practically, that means we can declare a thing come under or back under the jurisdiction of Heaven – meaning return to operating how God defined operation. Jurisdiction is the right of enforcing God’s laws by our decrees and declarations. What we speak by the power of the Spirit of God carries legal weight in the Heavens and the earth. The jurisdiction of God is enforced by the angles of God.

The Book of Jude describes an encounter between Michael the Archangel and the devil, over Moses’ body. The devil was trying to remove Moses’ body out from under the jurisdiction of Heaven. Michael the Archangel was there to enforce the jurisdiction of Heaven.

1 Peter 5.8 NKJV

⁸Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil** walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

- Adversary in Greek means one who brings a lawsuit. To bring a lawsuit one must build a case.
- The devil speaks in the spiritual realm to try and bring a lawsuit that he might devour you.
- That legal place is removed by the blood of Jesus. Stay under the jurisdiction of the blood.

Colossians 1.16 NIV

¹⁶For **by Him all things were created, things in Heaven and on the earth**, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

We operate in prayer, decrees, and declarations through delegated authority given to all believers by Jesus Himself. We operate in God’s legal system and within His courts. He is the judge, the King, and the lawgiver. He set His creation in place and determined how it would operate. There is no higher court system than God’s court system.

1 Kings 17.1 NIV

¹ Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, **there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.**"

Joshua 10.12-13 NIV

¹² On the day the LORD gave the Amorites over to Israel,

Joshua said to the LORD in the presence of Israel:

**"Sun, stand still over Gibeon,
and you, moon, over the Valley of Aijalon."**

¹³ **So the sun stood still,**

and the moon stopped,

till the nation avenged itself on its enemies,

as it is written in the Book of Jashar.

The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day.

All of these truths are founded in the legal system of God that He created. Each one of the truths in the Bible is a place that describes, gives boundaries, and establishes the jurisdiction of Heaven. God set the physical laws of the universe and as Lawgiver, He set the laws of Heaven in place. His laws, which are revealed in scripture, set jurisdiction in place. God's power is omnipotent, meaning His power is supreme. He is above and He is not subject to any physical or spiritual limitations that He puts in place. He is the Sovereign Lord – He is God alone and above all else. He is the Supreme Magistrate.

Psalm 139 goes into great detail of how God created everything about us; how we are unique and valued by God. Here is a real example: something happens that would corrupt and harm the DNA that God put in you as He knit you together. You can speak to your DNA by decreeing that it is under the jurisdiction of God and must align to God's original intent. Another example: destructive and unnatural weather patterns are being released through artificial weather manipulation. Declare that the weather patterns come under the jurisdiction of Heaven. This is releasing the government of God and carries great authority. We can release the jurisdiction of Heaven over timelines, health, business, children, cities, nations, etc. – anything that God has defined in His Word. The Word is your anchor for releasing the jurisdiction of Heaven.

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

Father, we honor You. We honor Jesus and Holy Spirit, for You made the Heavens and the earth. You spoke Your boundaries into place. Everything is under Your jurisdiction. We say to Detroit, come under and align with the jurisdiction of Heaven; come under the timeline of Heaven. We thank You Father for pouring out Your blessings on the City and on its communities. You have jurisdiction over everything. We declare that **You are the One True God and that You are Lord over Detroit.** We thank You for Your angels that are over our City – that are here to enforce Your decrees and the power of Your righteous right arm over our land. You watch over Your Word to perform it.

I hear the sound of courage in the Heavens above Detroit, and it is being released into the earth, in our City, in our neighborhoods, in our families, in our workplaces, and in our hearts. We incline our ear and hear the sound of strength and courage. We transact with the sound of Heaven – we receive what the You are releasing. We receive strength and courage. I hear the Lord say, fasten yourself to Me and be filled with My might and My power, My strength, My glory, My wisdom, My knowledge and understanding. **The whole earth is under the jurisdiction of Heaven.**