

We have been given authority to trample on snakes and scorpions.

**Blessed be the name of our Lord Jesus.** When you confess Jesus with your mouth or surrender to Him with all your heart, in that very moment, Satan is cast down upon you like lightning, and placed under your feet, and you are given authority over him.

*Luke 10:18-19 says:*

“He replied, ‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.’

19 ‘I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions, and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.’”

There are three areas where we have been given command:

1. **To trample on snakes.**
2. **To trample on scorpions.**
3. **To trample on all the powers of the enemy.**

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1. The command to trample on snakes:

A snake is a creature that strikes with its mouth. Its primary weapon is its bite and venom, and without its mouth, it is powerless. When you crush the head of a snake, it can't harm you. Spiritually, snakes represent people who are used by Satan to harm you through their words, knowingly or unknowingly. In short, their weapon is words.

**Psalm 143:3** describes these people as those whose words are like venomous snakes:

“For the enemy has pursued me; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me dwell in darkness like those long dead.

*And Psalm 140:3 also says:*

“They make their tongues as sharp as a serpent's; the poison of vipers is on their lips.” (NIV)

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The Bible gives us the authority to **trample on** such snakes, not by fighting with them or returning their words, but by ignoring them and not allowing their words to penetrate our hearts. If we allow their words to enter, they become poison to us. So, the best way to deal with such people is to **ignore their words** and reject them, which weakens their power. This is how we trample on their power.

This doesn't mean calling people "snakes," but recognizing the spiritual battle behind their words.

*Proverbs 18:21 reminds us that "The tongue has the power of life and death,"*

so we must be wise with the words we speak and those we receive from others.

## 2. The command to trample on scorpions:

A scorpion strikes with its tail, not its mouth like a snake. These represent people who, while appearing good outwardly, secretly harm others behind their backs, just like a scorpion attacks from behind. Satan may use such people those who seem kind but secretly plot

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against you. We are commanded to trample on them as well. However, we don't do this by retaliating or seeking revenge.

*Romans 12:17-19 reminds us:*

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord.”

If we act in revenge, we become like the scorpions we are trying to trample.

Instead, we are commanded to **move forward**, not to concern ourselves with their thoughts about us. We keep progressing with our lives and work, just as people ignore the Word of God when they continue with their own lives. By ignoring their schemes, we disempower them, and God will fight for us. **Deuteronomy 32:35** says:

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“It is mine to avenge; I will repay.”

Eventually, they may repent and believe in God, and you may have helped save their souls.

**Romans 12:21** tells us:

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

3. The command to trample on all the powers of the enemy:

This is the most important point and the one Satan doesn't want you to understand. He wants people to believe he is very powerful and hard to overcome, so they become bound by his power. For example, many people believe that their sickness or problems are so big that only a massive spiritual effort or special anointing can solve them. Satan uses this belief to keep people oppressed.

But the Bible tells us that we have been given authority to **trample on**

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**all the powers of the enemy.** This means we should **dismiss** any negative thoughts or fears that Satan plants in our minds. If Satan tries to convince you that your sickness is incurable, dismiss that thought. If he tells you your sin is unforgivable, reject it. If he tells you you will die, ignore it. If demons are attacking you at night, stop fearing them. You have the authority to dismiss all of these thoughts and fears. The more you ignore them, the weaker they become, because you are giving space for God to fight for you.

*1 Peter 5:8-9 says:*

“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.”

**James 4:7** also encourages us:

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Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

**Trampling** means **disregarding** something, lowering its importance, and rejecting it. It’s not about engaging in long prayers or fasting to fight Satan; it’s about putting those negative thoughts and fears under your feet and moving on with your life. In **Matthew 16:19**, Jesus says:

“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

By trampling on Satan’s lies, we bind his influence over our lives.

**Hebrews 10:28-29** explains the seriousness of rejecting God’s covenant “

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Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

29 How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?”

When you disregard Satan’s lies, you are trampling on his power. The more you dismiss his thoughts, the more they lose their strength over you.

Remember, **our feet** are a powerful weapon stronger than the heads of snakes, the tails of scorpions, and the power of the enemy.

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