



"They shall **take up\*** serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." \*airó: "raise, lift up, take away, remove," **Mark 16:18 (KJV)**

## CONQUER! DON'T CUDDLE

While transcribing what the Lord was downloading to me, Holy Spirit gave me perfect recall about the nature of snakes as well as several stories I heard previously. First, there is type of snake that attacks from the back. Secondly, there is one that attacks from the front. Thirdly, there is another one that will cuddle around the neck; every time that one inhales, it moves undetected by that party until it has him in a chokehold, i.e., "restricting hold on neck." It did not have to struggle to strangle him to death. The next command He gave was, "Conquer! Don't cuddle!" He followed on, with an account of a lady who found a snake and brought it home with her because she was so smitten by it. When it stopped eating, she decided to put its lifeless body in bed with her. When she awakened, instead of being coiled up in a circle, it had stretched itself out until it measured her height. Still concerned, she took it to the vet. When she told the him the symptoms, he informed her that it stopped eating to accommodate space to consume her. Then Holy Spirit reminded me of what a young man told me about his father who breeds snakes. He said snakes feed on live things. "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death," Proverbs 16:25. Refuse to make decisions by your five physical senses: what you see, hear, touch, taste, or smell. Ask God for spiritual perception. Pray to God about everything to make it impossible to be prey for the enemy in anything.

## THE NAME OF JESUS KEEPS THE SERPENT SEIZED, SHUT UP, AND SEALED

Holy Spirit led me to search "seize the serpent" online to discover scriptures confirming His *rhema* word. I was pleasantly surprised to find Revelation 20:2. Most of the biblical translations use that identical phrase. The Passion Translation zeroed right on the will of God for the Church at large. It confirmed our present authority and power to seize the serpent. "Binding satan. Then I saw a *mighty* angel descending from the heavenly realm, holding a heavy chain and a key—the key of the deep. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent known as the devil and satan, and bound him for a thousand years. The mighty angel threw him into the pit, locked it, and sealed it so that he could no longer deceive the nations until the thousand years were over. (After that he must be loosed for a brief time.) Footnotes: "satan has been bound since the death and resurrection of Jesus. We now enforce the judgment that took place on Calvary. The thousand years is an obvious metaphor of the time in which we live. We are given the authority to "overpower the mighty man and tie him up" and plunder his goods," Revelation 20:1-3 (TPT). Seize the serpent, satan!

## THE STRENGTH OF YOUR COVENANT PARTNER COVERS YOUR WEAKNESS

Your Intercession: "O True God, how much longer will the enemy mock us? Will this insult continue against You forever? Why do You stand by and do nothing? Unleash Your power and finish them off! Even so, the True God is my King from long ago, bringing salvation to *His people* throughout the land. You have divided the sea with Your power; You shattered the skulls of the creatures of the sea; You smashed the heads of Leviathan and fed his remains to the people of the desert. You broke open *the earth* and springs burst forth and streams filled *the crevices*; You dried up the great rivers. The day and the night are both Yours—You fashioned the sun, moon, *and all the lights that pierce the darkness*. You have arranged the earth, set all its boundaries; You are the Architect of *the seasons*: summer and winter. Eternal One, do not forget that the enemy has taunted You and a company of fools has rejected Your name. We are Your *precious* turtledoves; don't surrender our souls to the wild beasts. Do not forget the lives of Your poor, *afflicted, and brokenhearted ones* forever. Be mindful of Your covenant *with us*, for the dark corners of the land are filled with pockets of violence. Do not allow the persecuted to return without honor; may the poor, *wounded, and needy* sing praises to You; *may they bring glory* to Your name! O True God, rise up and defend Your cause; remember how the foolish man insults You every hour of the day. Do not forget the voices of Your enemies, the commotion and chaos of Your foes, which continually grow," Ps. 74:10-23 (VOICE). God's Intervention: "In that day [the Lord will deliver Israel from her enemies and also from the rebel powers of evil and darkness] His sharp *and unrelenting*, great, and strong sword will visit *and* punish Leviathan the swiftly fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisting *and* winding serpent; and He will slay the monster that is in the sea. In that day [it will be said of the redeemed nation of Israel], A vineyard beloved *and* lovely; sing a responsive song to it *and* about it! I, the Lord, am its Keeper; I water it every moment; lest anyone harm it, I guard *and* keep it night and day," Is. 27:1-3(AMPC). Covenant partnership always brings heaven to earth.

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## Thought for Transformation

*Live breachproof! Activate God's command.*

*"Seize the serpent! The command is in your hand!" Eccl. 10:8 forewarns "...and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him."*

## God's Authority and Power

*Exousia grants you God's authority to bring order while dunamis grants you the God's power for dominion!*

*Exousia is shown in Ex. 4:2-4, KJV. "And the LORD said unto [Moses], What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. And He said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand." Dunamis is shown in Acts 28:3-5 KJV. "And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand. And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live. And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm."*

*Next is Jesus' command to all of His disciples, including you in Luke 10:19 (KJV). "Behold, I give unto you power [exousia] to tread on serpents and scorpions, and power [dunamis] over all the of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you."*