



STUDY GUIDE

Understanding and Applying Divine Restraining Orders

I. Removing Legal Access to the Enemy

A. When our destinies are locked up:

1. We need to understand what Heaven offers us, legally.
2. Judges on earth can provide restraining orders to keep those who'd harm us out of harm's way.
3. God the Father, our eternal Judge, has a parallel system that provides protection to believers if we know how to access it: Restraining orders.

B. How the revelation of restraining orders came:

1. Samsung built an Android that functioned like an iPhone. Apple sought a restraining order against Samsung to restrict sales of its phones temporarily, worldwide.
2. Samsung pulled their Androids off the shelves to comply with the judge's restraining order.
3. The Lord pointed out what was happening there. A simple restraining order from a judge against a multi-billion dollar company stopped its sales across the globe.
4. The Lord expressed His heart, His hurt:
 - a. His people go through all these things and never look to Him for the protection of His divine restraining orders.
 - b. Yet God's judicial power reaches every part of the world.

- c. One of a judge's tools is the ability to release restraining orders.
5. Francis then studied *natural* restraining orders, how they function. He found they are a carbon copy of restraining orders in the Bible.
 6. The book of Job: Where Francis goes for courts of Heaven information.
 - a. It appears Satan has full access to Heaven.
 - b. Satan actually only has access to *one part* of the Kingdom of Heaven.
 - c. Satan is there as the prosecutor—the tempter himself who tempts men. When men respond to his temptations, he has the legal right to come before God and bring accusations.
 - d. Satan loves to act as a legal adversary.
 - e. God was the one who pointed Job out to Satan.

II. The Legal System and How God Operates within It

- A. God wants to have blameless, upright men and women that He can brag about to Satan: People who fear God and shun evil.
 1. **When blameless men and women ask God for restraining orders, God will not resist them.**
 2. Their life is already a fragrance in His nostrils.
- B. No judicial system on earth will put you on trial without a charge first.
 1. Accusations are powerful.
 2. Satan loves to put us on trial as a prosecutor, because we are breaking the word of God every day.
 3. If we don't repent or allow the blood of Christ to speak to the accusation, we're guilty of violating the Word of God.
 4. SOMEBODY has to pay when the Word of God is violated.
- C. The courts of Heaven are a framework of law.
 1. Satan accuses God of putting a **hedge**, a *restraint*, around Job.

2. God Himself is the restraining order that covered Job's household, every member of his family, his animals, his finances.

D. **Satan is an officer of the court.** As such, he must abide by the decorum of the court.

1. Satan cannot afford to lose access to the court. That's where he gets most of his power.
2. Satan ends up gaining a lot of default judgments against us in the courts of Heaven because many of God's people don't know about their rights there. *"My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge."*

E. **Restraining orders do two things:** They **restrain** and **protect**, once issued by the court. The victim of an adversarial force is going to be protected.

1. You have two choices when a bad person is after you: Deal with him on your own, or simply go to court and get a restraining order.
2. If you let the courts take care of it, you can call the police if the restraining order is violated.
3. **The same is true in Heaven.** You can struggle with things yourself and get nowhere down here, or take it to the courts of Heaven and let God deal with it there.

III. Prepare to Enter the Courts of Heaven

A. **Everything on earth is patterned after the divine. In the same way, human courts are patterned after the courts of Heaven.**

1. A normal person cannot just casually walk into an earthly court without an appointment, without a protocol, without understanding how a court works, demanding that the judge do this or that.
2. The same is true in Heaven. You don't just waltz into the courtroom without understanding the protocol of the court of Heaven and understanding how to function there.

B. The courts of Heaven are a real place within the Kingdom of God. (Daniel 7)

1. Just because we don't know about them doesn't mean the courts of Heaven don't exist.
2. Example: There's no way Moses could end up with the kind of law, the legal system, that God gave him on the mountain.
3. The nature of revelation: You only uncover what's already there. The courts of Heaven have been there all along.

C. Everything in the Kingdom is by faith.

1. We live in a kingdom; it's not a put-on act.
2. Going into the courts of Heaven is an act of faith.
3. We believe God's Word, and it says there is such a thing as the courts of Heaven.
4. We believe God Himself is seated in that place as Judge.
5. Those that come to God must believe that He is, and without faith it's impossible to please Him.
6. We must step into that dimension of the spirit by faith, just as we step into anything supernatural.

D. Get away from the battlefield mindset.

1. When you step into the courts of Heaven, you are putting the onus of arresting the adversary on the courts of Heaven—not yourself.
2. Even in the natural court system, it's the only place where **you are not allowed to address your adversary directly.**
3. The *judge* will say "Order in the court." (Everything addresses the court.)
4. When the arguments have been rendered, the court takes care of everything else. The judge rules on the matter.
5. We have access to our righteous Judge through the blood of Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit, and the courts of Heaven neither slumber nor sleep.
6. We can go before the Lord and request a hearing by faith.

E. Restraining order examples:

1. A German man abandoned his family. A year later the wife went to a Dr. Myles meeting. She stepped into the courts of Heaven on faith, asking for a restraining order against the demons that caused her husband to run away and stopped him from being the king, prophet, and priest of the family. Within 24 hours her husband called her and wanted to reconcile. Not only that, he stood up to his parents and said either they loved and respected his wife and child or they would not be back. Then they went on a second honeymoon!
2. A 20-year-old daughter hooked up with a predatory man in his mid-40's, to the dismay of her parents. Everything they did didn't work until they came into the court of Heaven and issued a divine restraining order. Something immediately changed in the heart of the daughter, and she left the man who had been destroying her life.

F. Operating as a spiritual judge is part of our calling as believers.

1. We must desire to go from becoming just a defendant to one day becoming a recognized judge in the court of Heaven.
2. The devil can't stop you from getting a restraining order unless there's unconfessed sin you want to hold onto.
3. We need to have what is called *standing*, or a relationship with someone, before we have jurisdiction to issue divine restraining orders.
4. We need to issue a divine restraining order against the **demonic entity** that creates a particular scenario, not against situations themselves.