

Honouring the Seat

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RECAP

Jesus is SEATED at the right hand of the Father.

We're seated with Jesus - *Personal* und *corporate* AUTHORITY

HONOURING SEATS OF AUTHORITY

God has a WAY. God has a STRUCTURE how He arranges Seats of Authority

- In Governments - Civil Society
- In the Church
- In Families
- In Social Context, in Work Place
- In School

There are SEATS of AUTHORITY all the way through society.

Romans 13:1-2 (NKJV)

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will [a]bring judgment on themselves.

Romans 13:1-2 (TPT)

Every person must submit to and support the authorities over him. For there can be no authority in the universe except by God's appointment, which means that every authority that exists has been instituted by God. So to resist authority is to resist the divine order of God, which results in severe consequences.

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ALL AUTHORITY COMES FROM GOD.

This letter was written to the Romans. At that time Nero was the emperor in Rome. Nero was putting Christians each evening on a stake and burning them.

The Roman empire was very corrupt, lots of bribery, sexual perversion.

Now Pauls is saying: "*Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities...*"

Meaning of "*subject*" (a military term that the Romans used)

- Picture of *soldiers that recognised the authority of their officer* and you are *willing to submit to it*, because you understand your rank and *your assignment under it*
- To hide behind someone's back > there is a *protection* for you behind them

When we subject to AUTHORITY, there is a PROTECTION in that for us.

Paul is teaching them that...

IT IS GOD WHO PUTS AUTHORITIES IN PLACE!

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When we understand and submit to the authority, there is protection to you.
AUTHORITIES are actually SERVANTS OF GOD.

Romans 13:3-5(TPT)

*For civil authorities don't intimidate those who are doing good, but those who are doing evil. So **do what is right and you'll never need to fear those in authority.** They will commend you for your good citizenship. **Those in authority are God's servants for the good of society.** But if you break the law, you have reason to be alarmed, for they are God's agents of punishment to bring criminals to justice. Why do you think they carry weapons? **You are compelled to obey them,** not just to avoid punishment, but because you want to live with a clean conscience.*

This is just what the Bible says

Ephesians 6:1-3; 5-9

*1 **Children, obey your parents** in the Lord, for this is right. 2 **Honor your father and mother,**" which is the first commandment with promise: 3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."...
... 5 **Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters** according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; 6 not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, 7 with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, 8 knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free. 9 **And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.***

This is a real challenge to us in the 20th century.

JESUS HIMSELF HAD TO SUBMIT TO SEATS OF AUTHORITY.

When Jesus came into his own SEAT OF AUTHORITY, He also was under Authority.

Matthew 8:9

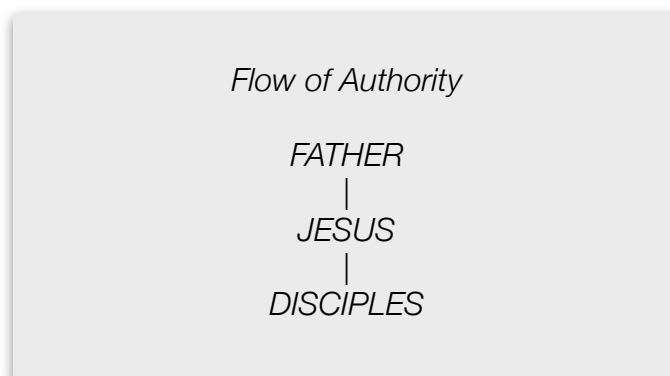
For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it.

JESUS was under the FATHER'S Authority.

And He is anointed to do all those miracles through the power of His Father.
There was a flow of AUTHORITY.

Matthew 10:1

And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.



It is key to understand where the POWER for the miracles comes from.
It comes from the SEAT of AUTHORITY.

Jesus knew His Assignment. And He was able to fulfil what He was called to do.

If we want to see the Kingdom to come “On Earth As It Is In Heaven”, we have to grab a hold of concept of SEATS OF AUTHORITY.

We will have to wrestle with that scripture that “All Authority comes from God.”

If we don't obey authority, there are consequences.

World today: We are not only being trained to reject authority.
We are moving into a time where the self is becoming God. Where not accepting any authority over us, saying “Don't restrain me.”

We all want the world the way I want it.

We want to throw off the authority structures.
The enemy has a strategy to build a culture that not only will disobey the authority, but TO REJECT ANY AUTHORITY.

Back to Romans 13 > All authority is set by God.

As the church of Jesus, the scripture is saying that we have to submit to authority.

Romans 13:2

*Therefore **whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God,** and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.*

The church is called to submit to Authority. - We are not meant to look like the world.

- First thing: To **ACKNOWLEDGE** that all Authority comes from God
- Then we have to **SUBMIT** ourselves to that Authority
Scripture says we have to submit to the Authority, otherwise there will be consequences.

When you rebel against the Authority you rebel against GOD.

Example: **KING SAUL**

King Saul was under God's Authority - but he was not a good King.

1 Samuel 10:9

*So it was, when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, that **God gave him another heart;** and all those signs came to pass that day.*

Saul got a new heart when he was anointed as king. He recognises that God has put him in place. Shortly later, he was to go to war - and as Samuel didn't come in time to offer the sacrifices, Saul brings the sacrifice himself. He disobeys God. Then Samuel came and reproached him. But Saul was NOT REPENTANT.

And then God gave him very direct instructions. And he disobeys.
And Saul finds the best religious excuses, blaming everyone else.

1 Samuel 15:22-23

So Samuel said: "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heethan the fat of rams.²³ **For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft,**



And **stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.** Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king."

There was a consequence because he was resisting the WAY of GOD

When we RESIST GOD and HIS WAYS, we say:

"I WANT to do it MY WAY!" **—————▶ That is IDOLATRY.**

When you rebel against God's Authority, when you resist God and bring yourself out of His Headship, you bring yourself under the headship of the enemy
>> that is what is called WITCHCRAFT

2 Timothy 2:24-26

And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, 25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, 26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

The enemy started to use Saul's Authority so the enemy could use God's Authority against God.

REBELLION is WITCHCRAFT — We have to watch our heart!

2 Timothy 3:1-5

But know this, that **in the last days perilous times** will come: 2 For **men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure** rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!.

It was about 20 years before Saul was taken out of his seat!
All his authority could be turned against God - and against the one God has anointed, Davids. - Saul's SEAT was about to kill GOD's leader.

Let's not fall in the trap of the enemy.

The entire army of Israel is going after David to kill him.

David had a heart of God. He knew that all authority came from God.

1 Samuel 24:2-4

Then **Saul took three thousand chosen men** from all Israel, **and went to seek David** and his men on the Rocks of the Wild Goats. 3 So he came to the sheepfolds by the road, where there was a cave; and Saul went in to attend to his needs. (David and his men were staying in the recesses of the cave.) 4 Then the men of David said to him, "This is the day of which the Lord said to you, 'Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, that you may do to him as it seems good to you.'" And **David arose and secretly cut off a corner of Saul's robe.**

David had the opportunity to kill him, but he only cut a piece of his garment

1 Samuel 24:5-6

*Now it happened afterward that **David's heart troubled him because he had cut Saul's robe.** 6 And he said to his men, "**The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the Lord.**"*

This was a king using all his sources to kill David. And David says: *This is MY MASTER. And his heart troubled him.* And **David knew that he failed the test.**

Then there came another test

1 Samuel 26:9-11

*But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him; for **who can stretch out his hand against the Lord's anointed, and be guiltless?**" 10 David said furthermore, "As the Lord lives, the Lord shall strike him, or his day shall come to die, or he shall go out to battle and perish. 11 **The Lord forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the Lord's anointed.** But please, take now the spear and the jug of water that are by his head, and let us go."*

DAVID PASSED THE TEST HERE.

David had the power to kill Saul, but he HONoured GOD's SEAT OF AUTHORITY

This is our example.

When we understand that God can keep us

2 Peter 2:7-10 (TPT)

Yet he rescued a righteous man, Lot, suffering the indignity of the unbridled lusts of the lawless 8 For righteous Lot lived among them day after day, distressed in his righteous soul by the rebellious deeds he saw and heard. 9 **If the Lord Yahweh rescued Lot, he knows how to continually rescue the godly** from their trials and to reserve the ungodly for punishment on the day of judgment. 10 And this especially applies to those who live their lives despising authorities and who abandon themselves to chasing the depraved lusts of their flesh. They are willfully arrogant and insolent, unafraid to insult the glorious ones.

There is a consequence. - **God will always deal with REBELLION !!**

If God rescues Lot, He knows how to keep you in the midst of a corrupt government.

God has a WAY. He has Authority STRUCTURES. We want to learn to *honor them.*

God knows what's going on in your country, your church, your working place. But he will keep those who are righteous in the midst of all of that.

God wants us to be equipped.

We don't want to be ignorant to spiritual things - and wondering why this and that is going on. Because there are some principles that you were violating.

PRAYER

Lord give us the grace not only to recognise the Seats of Authority, but to honour them. And I am going to trust YOU. You will keep us and our families