

Authority & Submission 2

Heb 13.7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith ... 17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. [ESV]

* **What** are the four major areas of life Paul touches on in Hebrews 13?

* **God's** purpose with us as believers is to bring us, as the Bride of Christ, into the divine _____ & _____ of the Trinity.

Eph 3.19 "to know the love of Christ ... that you may be filled with all the fulness of God."

* **All** _____ authority & submission is designed by God to reflect authority & submission within the divine life & love of the Trinity.

* **All** human authority is _____ to others, which is delegated by God, directed by God, and accountable to God, and therefore it ought to be gladly _____ to by those whom God has placed under it. This kind of authority and submission was modeled by _____.

* **Heb** 13.17 says Christians are to "_____ your leaders and _____ to them," because (1) "they are keeping _____ over your souls," and (2) they must give an _____.

* **Jesus** called himself the "_____ shepherd" (Jn 10.11), and Peter called him the "_____ shepherd" (1Pet 1.4), which means Jesus is the ultimate _____, and the one who will _____ all shepherds.

* **Between** the shepherd and the sheep, who is the servant, and how does he serve?

* **Why** should the sheep follow and obey the shepherd? Why

should they be a joy to lead?

* **What** led Jesus to correct the disciples' view of leadership and authority in Mark 10.42-45?

Mark 10.42 "[T]hose who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. 43 But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

* **What** does the Greek for "recognized" indicate in vs 42?

* **What** does the Greek for "lord it over" indicate?

* **What** attitude does God condemn in Deut 17.20?

* **What** obstacles did God the Son have to overcome in order to identify with us as his brethren?

Heb 2.14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same ... 17 Therefore, he had to be made like his brethren in all things ...

* **Did** Jesus exercised real authority over the disciples?

John 14.21 "He who has my commandments and keeps them is the one who loves me."

Mat 28.20 "[M]ake disciples of all the nations ... teaching them to observe all this that I have commanded ..."

* **Why** did God in the OT, and Jesus in the NT, give us commands?

Deut 10.12 "[W]hat does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways and love him, and to serve the LORD your God ... 13 and to keep the LORD'S commandments ... which I am commanding you today for your good?"

* **How** does Peter apply Jesus' concept of leadership and authority to church elders in 1Pet 5.1-4?

1Pet 5.1 Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder ..., 2 shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; 3 nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock. 4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

* **How** do these same basic principles apply to human authority and submission in the home?

Eph 5.22 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ... 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her ...

Eph 6.1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord ... 4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

* **How** about in the workplace?

Eph 6.5 Slaves, be obedient to ... your masters ... in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; 6 not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart ... 9 And masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, know that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with him.

* **How** about civil government?

Mat 22.19 "Show me the coin used for the poll-tax." And they brought him a denarius. 20 And he said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" 21 They said to him, "Caesars." Then he said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

* **Whose** image did Caesar bear, and what is the significance of that?

* **In Rom 13**, Paul says, "There is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God," and therefore, "[e]very person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities" (vs 1).

– **Paul** is not saying all civil authorities _____ use their authority.

– **Paul** is not saying that civil rulers wield authority by "_____,", where in effect, whatever they say, God says, and therefore whatever they do is right, and no one can _____ it.

– **Paul** is not saying that Christians must _____ obey whatever civil rulers say.

– **What** Paul is saying is that human authority is _____ idea, that God's kingdom is like leaven, and its effect is to _____ the world not blow it up, and while God wants to get rid of the _____ water, he does not want to throw the _____ out with it. So rulers, including Caesar, are answerable to a higher authority, namely _____.

* **When** Paul says in Rm 13.3-4 that "rulers are not a cause for fear for good behavior, but for evil ... [and are] minister[s] of God to you for good," he is not speaking descriptively, but _____. He is not describing what is, but what _____. He is calling all rulers to be what they are _____ to be, and letting them know that they have a _____ above them, who has given his word to mankind, and they will be held _____.