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Wednesday, December 01, 2021 - Group Study  
**Lesson Series: Authority, Submission And Rebellion**

Lesson Series Text: (*Psa. 24:1-2; Heb. 1:1-3*)

**Lesson 2: Authority In The Home**

Lesson 2 Text: (*1 Cor. 11:1-3, 7-10 AMPC*)

**All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.**

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- I. Paul outlines God's Authority and the deputy structure. (3)
  - A. There are two types of authority; natural and spiritual.
  - B. All authority is defined by relationship.
  - C. The natural authority in a family is derived from God's order and designed structure.
  - D. All spiritual authority is derived from our direct relationship with the Lord and in accordance with our individual calling.
- II. God said, "Let us make man" (Aw-dawm'). (*Gen. 1:26a*)
  - A. God wanted a natural and therefore a visible representation of the spiritual and invisible kingdom.
  - B. God prepared earth and placed everything within it that mankind would need. (*Gen. 1:1-25*)
  - C. The male man Adam was created first.
    - a. He was the firstborn. (*Col. 1:18-19*)
    - b. He was the first deputy on earth that God delegated authority to.
    - c. God placed in Adam all of mankind that was to come into the earth.
    - d. Adam was placed in the Garden to carry out his assignment. (*Gen. 2:1-15*)
  - D. Eve was formed from Adam's rib. (*Gen. 2:21-25*)
  - E. She was brought to Adam to help him in his assignment in the garden. (*Gen. 2:22*)
  - F. She was the second person on earth to receive deputyship or delegated authority.
  - G. Adam and Eve produced sons; Cain and Abel. (*Gen. 3:1-2*)
- III. Let's review the lines of authority.
  - A. God is the head of Christ.
  - B. Christ is the head of every man.
    - a. All of the fullness of the Godhead dwells in him bodily. (*Col. 2:9*)
    - b. He is the brightness of God's glory and the express image of God's person. (*Heb. 1:3*)
    - c. He is the head of the body, which is the church. (*Col. 1:18-19*)
  - C. The husband is the head of his wife.
    - a. He is the image (representation) and glory (object of honor or praise) of God. (*1 Cor. 11:7*)

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- b. He is God's vicegerent in this lower world; and, by the authority which he has received from his Master, he is his representative among the creatures, and exhibits, more than any other part of the creation, the glory and perfections of the Creator. (Adam Clark Commentary)
  - 1. Vicegerent – an officer appointed as deputy by and to a sovereign or supreme chief.
- D. The wife is the head of the children.
  - a. She is the glory (object of honor or praise) of the man. (*1 Cor. 11:7*)
  - b. She is the vicegerent of the home. She represents the husband power in the home. Therefore she is the head of the children. (*1 Tim. 5:14*)
- IV. The Husband is to represent God and His authority in the Home.
  - A. He has authority in the home because he is the husband of his wife and the father of his children.
  - B. Because of their relationship to him, wife and children, they are subject to him.
  - C. They are not subject to him because he is good, wise, benevolent; they are subject based on his deputyship of his position accorded him by The Authority; God.
- V. The wife is to represent the husband authority in the home.
  - A. Her authority in the home is because she is the wife and the mother of her children.
  - B. Because of her relation to her husband, the children are subject unto her.
  - C. They are not subject to her because they like her, she is good, or she has a pleasing personality. They are subject based on the deputyship of her position accorded to her by her husband and The Authority; God.
  - D. The whole family is to represent the authority of God in the home.
- VI. When the oldest children are placed in authority in the home, they are to represent the parents.
- VII. The same is true of our authority in the Family of God.
  - A. Our authority, as Sons of God, is based on our relationship with Jesus the Christ; and therefore with the Father.
  - B. Our deputyship is in accordance with the call on our life.
- VIII. In the final analysis' our authority, whether it is natural or spiritual, is in direct proportion to our relation and our obedience.

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