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Wednesday, November 17, 2021 - Group Study
Lesson Series: Authority, Submission And Rebellion

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

Lesson 1: God's Authority

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All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.

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- I. The earth is the Lord's.
 - A. The Lord created the earth and maintains it by His Word.
 - B. All things were created by God's Authority.
 - C. He laid the foundations. (*Ps 102:25 - Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.*)
 - D. All of Nature's Laws and all Spiritual Laws are held together by the Lord.
 - E. God's Authority is the highest authority in the universe.
 - F. All other legal authorities are appointed by God.
- II. Etymology
 - A. Authority – author (originator)
 - a. The power to enforce laws, exact obedience, command, determine, or judge.
 - b. One that is invested with this power, especially a government or body of government officials: land titles issued by the civil authority. (*Source: The Free Dictionary*)
 - B. Foundation – found (founder)
 - a. The act of founding, especially the establishment of an institution with provisions for future maintenance.
 - b. The basis on which a thing stands, is founded, or is supported. (*Source: The Free Dictionary*)
- III. Lucifer became Satan when he rebelled against God's Authority. (*Isa. 14:12-15; Eze. 28:13-17*)
 - A. He was created perfect.
 - B. He was the anointed cherub.
 - C. Then iniquity was found in him.
 - a. He wanted to be a King and have his throne to sit in the sides of the north where God's throne was.
 - D. The spirit of Satan is the spirit of self-exaltation. This is exalting our will above God's Authority. This is the spirit of rebellion. Satan was rebelling against God's Authority. Satan is still rebelling and usurping authority wherever He is allowed to.
 - E. If we are to serve God correctly; we cannot employ Satan's spirit and usurp God's Authority.

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- F. We can never preach the Word of God effectively, while operating with the spirit of Satan; i.e. rebellion.
 - G. Jesus said, (*Mat. 6:13 - And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*)
 - H. The administration of the whole universe is maintained by God. Therefore, everything in the universe must eventually bow in submission to God.
 - I. When we preach, teach, and witness about the good news of the Gospel of Christ; we are attempting to bring people under the Authority of God.
 - J. If we as believers are to establish God's Kingdom upon earth as it is in heaven; doesn't it serve to reason that we must meet the terms of that authority and be found serving under its principles ourselves? If not, how will we defeat Satan when we are operating by the same spirit that he is operating by? How can the spirit of Satan cast out the spirit of Satan? We can only cast the spirit of Beelzebub by the Spirit of God. (*Mat. 12:25-28*)
- IV. God delegates His authority to deputies. (*Acts 9:1-18*)
- A. Paul received authority from the High Priest to arrest any Christian Believers that he found, bind them, and bring them to Jerusalem.
 - B. Paul's authority met God's Authority on the road to Damascus.
 - C. Jesus asked Paul, why are you persecuting me? (*Read Acts 9:4-5*)
 - D. Paul had to meet with Ananias, a simple believer, to get His healing from God. Why?
 - a. God needed to teach Paul not to deal with the man, but to deal with authority placed in the man.
 - b. Anyone who really understands authority, doesn't deal with the person first, they deal with God's Authority first, then they deal with the person.
 - c. Submission is not to a person, but it is to "The Authority", which is God. Therefore, when we submit to God's Authority first, not the person, we submit to God's Authority delegated to that person, regardless of who that person may be.
 - d. If Paul would have failed this test of submission, he would have been disqualified.
 - E. The attitude that we receive God's representative is seen by God as the way that we receive Him.
 - a. (*Mat. 10:40-42 - He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.*)
 - b. (*Luke 10:16 - He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.*)

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- F. The Father has determined that there are some things that you and I are not going to get from Him, we must get it from one another. *(1 Cor. 12:21-25)*
- V. God has set forth a remedy for our transgressions, our failures, and our sins.
 - A. However, our rebellion is a whole different order.
 - B. God desires obedience more than our sacrifices.
 - C. God sees rebellion as the sin of witchcraft. *(1 Sam. 15:22-23 - But Samuel replied, "What is more pleasing to the Lord: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams. Rebellion is as sinful as witchcraft, and stubbornness as bad as worshiping idols. So because you have rejected the command of the Lord, he has rejected you as king." NLT)*

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