Mat 154

Respect for authority is a key principle within God’s divine establishments

REVELL

PRAYER FOR AWAKENING

Noting the doctrine of historic trends means we have opened up a clear view into God’s divine establishments.

Free will….Christian marriage…the Christian family & Nationalism.

/Mat 13:35 *This was* to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:
“I WILL OPEN MY MOUTH IN PARABLES;
I WILL UTTER THINGS HIDDEN SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.”

Mystery doctrine and spiritual discernment come into view at this point in Christ’s teaching.\

Because the CA is a time of guidance and discernment strictly from the word of God and the filling power of the Spirit and it is not centered on prophecy other than knowing what is to come after the Rapture…we have to have our spiritual glasses on to discern the times we live in.

This study then has to push us into a look at the doctrine of historical trends and in that doctrine one principle outshines the others and that is one word that many people do not like to study…

AUTHORITY.

Turn to Matthew chapter 8 and we can note something about authority right off the bat!

We will look at how authority or variations of that Greek word for authority apply.

/The Bel who desires growth and divine insight (spiritual discernment) needs first to be a student of the chain of command and all that authority encompasses. Until they understand and then incorporate this concept into their daily lives spiritual growth and discernment will never fully flourish in their lives.\

Here is a simple definition anyone can look up but few really understand it and even fewer follow it;

In a [military](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military) context, **the chain of command** is the line of authority and responsibility along which orders are passed within a [military unit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_unit) and between different units.

In more simple terms,

/The chain of command is the succession of leaders through which command is exercised and executed. Orders are transmitted down the chain of command, from a responsible superior, such as a [commissioned officer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commissioned_officer), to lower-ranked subordinate(s) who either execute the order personally or transmit it down the chain as appropriate, until it is received by those expected to execute it.\

This is straight out of the US Army handbook concerning rank and office in military training -

/*"Command is exercised by virtue of* ***office*** *and the special assignment of members of the Armed Forces holding military* ***rank*** *who are eligible to exercise command."*

Until you understand the office and rank are the issue concerning respect you will always find fault in the human aspect of that office or rank.\

Now in Matt chapter 8 -At this point in His ministry TLJC is becoming known for some pretty miraculous healings…HE had just healed a leper and then we see Him in Capernaum in verse 5;

Mat 8:5 And when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, imploring Him,

This is a high ranking officer within the Roman military.

[Mat 8:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/8/6/s_937006) and saying, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, fearfully tormented.”

This Roman military man approaches and immediately speaks to the divine authority of the Lord using the proper title….KUR-E-US

[Mat 8:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/8/7/s_937007) Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.”

[Mat 8:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/8/8/s_937008) But the centurion said, “Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed.

This is a man who has approached the authority of God with respect and now displays a faith stronger then most of the men that had been following TLJC up close and personal. Now we see that faith mixed with the working knowledge of respect for authority…a chain of command brings a mutual respect back toward him from TLJC.

/[Mat 8:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/8/9/s_937009) “For **I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me**; and I say to this one, ‘Go!’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come!’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this!’ and he does *it.*”\

This is a great example of a Bel who has faith mixed with a deep respect for authority because he lives it every day and it shows what happens when both of these attitudes are working in a Bel’s life;

/[Mat 8:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/8/10/s_937010) Now when Jesus heard *this,* **He marveled** and said to those who were following, “Truly I say to you, **I have not found such great faith with anyone** in Israel.\ ELABORATE

THOU-MOD-ZO is that Greek verb for *marveled* it points to admiration…TLJC is saying I admire that quality enough that I will make a bold statement like this.

In verse 13 it tells us the moment this military man…this positive Bel spoke the servant was healed.

Jump down to verse 23

Mat 8:23 When He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him.

[Mat 8:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/8/24/s_937024) And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves; but Jesus Himself was asleep.

The storm is upon them and what is TLJC doing…relaxed MA…so relaxed He was taking a nap.

[Mat 8:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/8/25/s_937025) And they came to *Him* and woke Him, saying, “Save *us,* Lord; we are perishing!”

They are certain they are dying….not a lot of faith considering you have God in the boat with you…right?

There are some scholars that believe there were still a few disciples who had not fully believed until they lived through this event.

There is also some teaching on the fact that as new Bels we fluctuate in how much we have faith in God…and at times even question His authenticity. Either way you have an incredible event taking place;

[Mat 8:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/8/26/s_937026) He said to them, “Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?” Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm.

/Mat 8:27 The men were amazed, and said, “What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and **the sea obey** (*hypakouō*) **Him**?”

To be in complete subjection to Him, having authority and total control over something or someone.\

It is the present, active indicative of the Greek verb HOOP-OH-COOL-OH….

meaning it was and always will be something TLJC has complete control over.

TLJC is GOD….He has complete control and authority over everything.

The Apostle Paul may have said it best;

/Col 1:16 For **by Him all things were created,** *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—**all things have been created through Him and for Him**. 17 He is before all things, and **in Him all things hold together**.\

Until you recognize the one true authority of the universe you have not come to fully believe in TLJC.

First step to understanding authority and chain of command is who is the ultimate authority??? TLJC!!!!!!!!

Who are you under authority too?

/Rom 6:16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone *as* slaves for obedience, **you are slaves of the one whom you obey**, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?\

Turn to 1Peter chapter 3.

There is no middle ground we are either under the authority of the one true God or we are under the authority of the god of this world. IN FLESH or IN NEW MAN

I’m sure this message rubs some folks the wrong way.

Everyone believes they are independent creatures…

free thinkers who have no authority over them…sorry to tell you that is a satanic lie designed to keep you in bondage to the cosmic system & its lies.

Ok ladies here is where you get upset and turn me off if you are living in your emotions and being subjective….the choice is yours…I am just a mouth piece for God the HS who trying to teach everyone….not my words…God’s words.

1 Peter 3:1 In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any *of them* are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,

Emphasis on the wife’s behavior not her words not nagging or yelling.

The emphasis on application….behavior of a Christian woman doing her best to follow the plan of God.

We all fail, we all fall short, but we all just need to do our best.

[1Pe 3:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1pe/3/2/s_1154002) as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.

[1Pe 3:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1pe/3/3/s_1154003) Your adornment must not be *merely* external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses;

God’s word promotes femininity meaning a woman can dress and act like a woman…that is a good thing…I know in the year of our Lord 2020 we lost sight of this…but the most important principle is how does that woman think.

Beauty comes from within the soul structure folks!

/[1Pe 3:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1pe/3/4/s_1154004) but *let it be* **the hidden person of the heart**, with **the imperishable quality** of a gentle and quiet spirit, which **is precious in the sight of God**.

Speaks to a doctrinal woman applying God’s word to her life, walking in her new nature consistently.\

You can put an Unbel super model next to an average looking woman who has Christ in her life and her beauty will come out in her words and action and you will quickly see the surface beauty of the Unbel supermodel fade compared to the doctrinal woman.

[1Pe 3:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1pe/3/5/s_1154005) For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands;

/[1Pe 3:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1pe/3/6/s_1154006) **just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord**, and you **have become her children** if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.

The title is one of respect and divine royalty because Christ has established that seat of authority, nothing to do with the man (human element).\

Same word obey…HOOP-OH-COO-OH is used as when TLJC had the sea under control.

KUR-E-US is the term Lord we have learned about, and notice you become daughters of Sarah in your new nature just like she struggled and failed then finally began to apply God’s word so too can you resemble her. REPEAT

Now men wake up here more is put on you then her.

/[1Pe 3:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1pe/3/7/s_1154007) You husbands in the same way, live with *your wives* in an **understanding way**, as with **someone weaker**, since she is a woman; and **show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life**, so that **your prayers will not be hindered**.\

Weaker is actually meant in a physical sense not mental because often times a wife can be smarter than the husband in some areas…not all because that is not a good thing.

It means men…you are her protector in the sense that you stand in front and take the hit to protect her.

Showing your wife honor means you take the role of head of household serious because if you live in your flesh in that role there is a good chance your prayers will not be answered…blessings from God will be delayed or even blocked by your attitude and treatment of her.

In fact, most men struggle with the authority we were given…it is not easy because we struggle with our OSN, male pride and ego are easily shattered, much more easily hurt than a woman’s.

/Col 3:18 Wives, **be subject** to your husbands, as is fitting **in the Lord**. 19 Husbands, love your wives and **do not be embittered against them**.

Woman must maintain respect, husbands must love without allowing bitterness into their soul. \

Both have a call to duty that they both recognize authority and how to live in it in their calling.

 A woman who disrespects or ridicules that husband breaks down his confidence and undermines his authority and the same for the husband.

 Any bitterness toward his wife breaks down her confidence in her role.

The first authority we all need to recognize is TLJC that will set you free to live in the role God designed you for.

In fact, it is only the authority of TLJC that will set us all free from the grip Satan has put on this world after the fall in the garden.

/Romans 8:20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, **but because of Him who subjected it**, in hope 21 that the **creation itself also will be set free from its slavery** to corruption into the **freedom of the glory of the children of God**.\

/James 4:17 Therefore, to one **who knows *the* right thing to do** and **does not do it, to him it is sin**.

Once a Bel hears the truth they become responsible for that truth.\

The chain of command in the plan of God is evident and important without it we have no peace or prosperity in fact God stands against rebellion.

In the family or business… government or church it doesn’t matter where. Rebellion against authority goes against the teaching of the Bible.

/1Pet 5:5 **You younger men, likewise, be subject to *your* elders**; and all of you, **clothe yourselves with humility** toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE\

As we get ready to close this lesson I want to highlight some of the main principles we have been covering in these last two lessons.

/The need for a divine authority and recognition to the protocol of the chain of command is written everywhere in scripture starting first with the divine authority of the Almighty God Himself. Without that in place and upheld all other levels of human or even angelic authority crumbles. Satan rebelled against divine authority in eternity past and chaos & evil ensued.\

That is really the only example we need.

/The divine establishment of freedom (free will) is only fully functional when there are restrictions and responsibility attached to that freedom which all stem from following a protocol of divine authority and a chain of command.\

/Christian marriage and the family unit all depend upon a chain of command and divine authority being upheld starting with the priority of keeping Christ as the head and His mind (Bible) as the driving force behind decisions, agendas and lifestyle choices.\

Nationalism next time.