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Submission Living Under God's Authority

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Submission

Submit: Strongs Number: G5293

Strong's Definition: to subordinate; reflexively to obey.

To "submit" to YHWH means to arrange oneself under the command of divine viewpoint rather than to live according to one's old way of life based on a human viewpoint. It is a process of surrendering our own will to that of our Father's.

The Scripture has a great deal to say about being in submission to the "higher powers." This has reference to the establishment principles that YHWH has ordained in our world—the government and the leaders, in whatever capacity, that YHWH has placed in authority over us on this earth.

Romans 13:1-7 (KJV) Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of YHWH: the powers that be are ordained of YHWH. **2** Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of YHWH: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. **3** For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: **4** For he is the minister of YHWH to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of YHWH, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. **5** Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. **6** For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are YHWH's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. **7** Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

Hebrews 13:17 (KJV) Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

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1 Peter 2:13-14 (KJV) Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; **14** Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

The principle is that being in obedience to the authority over us, whatever that authority is, will bring a temporal blessing in real time here and now and, for the disciple, reward later. The highest authority is YHWH, and He delegates authority to others; so, in order submit to Him, we submit to the authority He has placed over us. In these passages, no distinction is made between good or bad authority, as long as obedience does not require disobedience to YHWH. We are just to humble ourselves and obey as "unto the Lord."

The wife is to submit to her husband as unto the Lord and the husband is to "love" his wife.

Ephesians 5:22-25 (KJV) Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. **23** For the husband is the head of the wife, even as "Christ" (יהוֹשֻׁעַ Jehoshua Hamashiach) is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. **24** Therefore as the church is subject unto "Christ" (יהוֹשֻׁעַ Jehoshua Hamashiach), so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. **25** Husbands, love your wives, even as "Christ" (יהוֹשֻׁעַ Jehoshua Hamashiach) also loved the church, and gave himself for it; In this context, the wife willingly surrenders to her husband just as her husband chooses to surrender his will to Christ. Submission based on love brings peace and harmony to the family. Biblical submission fosters right relationship with God and spouse and others.

The Apostle Peter writes,

1 Peter 5:5 (KJV) Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for YHWH resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. The theme here is one of humility. One cannot submit to YHWH without humility. Obedience requires us to humble ourselves to surrender to the authority of another, and we are told that YHWH resists pride—the opposite of humility—and the arrogance that fosters that pride.

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Therefore, having a humble and submissive heart is a choice we make. That means as born-again children of YHWH we daily make a choice to submit ourselves to Him for the work that the Holy Spirit does in us to "conform us to the image of "Christ" (יהוֹשִׁיעַ Jehoshua Hamashiach)." YHWH will use the situations of our lives to bring us the opportunity to submit to Him. **Romans 8:28-29 (KJV)** And we know that all things work together for good to them that love YHWH, to them who are the called according to his purpose. **29** For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

The believer then accepts His grace and provision to walk in the Spirit and not after the manner of the old nature. That work is accomplished by choosing to apply ourselves to the Word of YHWH and to learning about the provisions that YHWH has made for us in "Christ" (יהוֹשִׁיעַ Jehoshua Hamashiach). From the moment we are born again, we have all the provisions we need, in Christ, to become a mature disciple, but we have to make the choice to learn about those provisions through study of the Word and to apply those provisions to our daily walk.

We have to choose to submit to YHWH for the process of learning in order to grow spiritually. It is a process begun at believing and ongoing with each and every choice that we make to submit ourselves to YHWH. This process will continue until the Lord comes again or He calls us home. **2 Corinthians 3:18 (KJV)** But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

YHWH does not require us to submit because He is a tyrant, but because He is a loving Father and He knows what is best for us. The blessings and peace that we gain from humbly surrendering and submitting ourselves to Him daily are a gift of grace that nothing in this world can compare to.

James 4:7 (KJV) submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. In this case, resist the devil by submitting to YHWH! **Submit and love YHWH**, in other words, **SUBMIT and be obedient to YHWH!** **Romans 10:3 (KJV)** Nor they being ignorant of God's righteousness,

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and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. See B3-C04-S04- “Righteousness and Holiness Obedience That God Recognizes” for better understanding.

Submission is not agreeing on everything.

Submission never includes obedience to sin or idolatry, for we must obey God rather than men. For instance, in the case of **1 Peter 3:1-6**, if in the situation that the husband would say, “You can’t have that religion. In this family we worship Piggy (or whatever),” the wife would say, “I’m sorry but I will not worship Piggy”.

It’s possible to be submissive and refuse to think what your husband says you should think or worship. **1 Peter 3:1-6** doesn’t make sense without that.

She has sworn allegiance to “Christ” (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach) and He is her Lord and King. She’s an alien and an exile in this marriage. This husband belongs to another god, and she’s called to live with him. Do not get divorced over issues of religion.

In the same manner we do with those who have been given authority over us.

If anyone says, “I don’t want you to be a Christian,” what are we to say? We say, “I love you and respect you. I intend to be obedient to you. But on this point, I have no choice. I belong to “Christ” (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach).” They may send you away. That happens in **1 Corinthians 7** with husbands and wives.

Submission does not mean you must agree with the opinions of your husbands, But as long as it does not go against YHWH, then you are called to submit and be obedient to your husband. **Ephesians 5:22-25 (KJV)** Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. **23** For the husband is the head of the wife, even as “Christ” (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach) is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. **24** Therefore as the church is subject unto “Christ” (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach), so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. **25** Husbands, love your wives, even as “Christ” (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach) also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

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Submission does not mean avoiding the effort to influence or change anyone, especially the unbelieving husband. The whole point is to win them to “Christ” (יהוֹשֻׁעַ Jehoshua Hamashiach).

A disciple’s life is devoted to changing or bringing unbelievers to “Christ” (יהוֹשֻׁעַ Jehoshua Hamashiach) just like a wife’s life is devoted to changing this husband from an unbeliever to a believer. So, if anyone you know is living in sin, or your husband is living in sin or your wife is living in sin or unbelief, then you want them to change, and you wouldn’t be a loving person if you stopped wanting that and if you didn’t try.

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