



Biblical Leadership In the Congregation

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Authority Structure

If we want to experience the blessings of the Ruach HaKodesh, the manifestation of gifts, healing, restoration and spiritual growth. It is imperative to have a Biblical Leadership structure. Fostering responsibility and accountability. Keeping intact the authority chain of command that comes from Gods throne, to His servants...

Gods Holy Spirit came to bring the Kingdom to this age! **Heb 6**
God “sent us out” (pool of Siloam), with the Spirit **John 7**

Wells and Rivers:

- Wells of personal salvation:

John 4:13-14 Yeshua answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never be thirsty again! On the contrary, the water I give him will become a spring of water inside him, welling up into eternal life!"

- Personal responsibility: Exo 21:33-34
- Public Rivers of the Spirit, for the community:

John 7:37-39 Now on the last day of the festival, Hoshana Rabbah, Yeshua stood and cried out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him keep coming to me and drinking! Whoever puts his trust in me, as the Scripture says, rivers of living water will flow from his inmost being (Neshamah)!" (Now he said this about the Spirit, whom those who trusted in him were to receive later — the Spirit had not yet been given, because Yeshua had not yet been glorified.) — 3

Authority - Chain of Command

Rev 1:1-3 This is the revelation which God gave to Yeshua the Messiah, so that he could show his servants what must happen very soon. He communicated it by sending his angel to his servant Yochanan, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Yeshua the messiah, as much as he saw. Blessed are the reader and hearers of the words of this prophecy, provided they obey the things written in it! For the time is near!

Authority – Chain of Command

- When we are doing what we should, when we should: 2Chron 5:2-3
- God is approached properly: 2Chron 5:4
- Holiness in the Assembly: 2Chron 5:6
- Holiness in Leadership 2Chron 5:11
- The body in unity: 2Chron 5:12-13
- Then....

2Chron 5:13-14 then, when the trumpeters and singers were playing in one accord, to be heard harmoniously praising and thanking Adonai, and they lifted their voices together with the trumpets, cymbals and other musical instruments to praise Adonai: "for he is good, for his grace continues forever" — then, the house, the house of Adonai, was filled with a cloud; so that because of the cloud, the cohanim could not stand up to perform their service; for the glory of Adonai filled the house of God.

Authority – Chain of Command

- Yeshua is the head of our structure, under God:

Rev 2:26-29 To him who wins the victory and does what I want until the goal is reached, I will give him authority over the nations; he will rule them with a staff of iron and dash them to pieces like pottery, just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give him the morning star. Those who have ears, let them hear what the Spirit is saying to the Messianic communities." ‘

Mat 7:28-29 When Yeshua had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at the way he taught, for he was not instructing them like their Torah-teachers but as one who had authority himself.

Mat 10:1 Yeshua called his twelve talmidim and gave them authority to drive out unclean spirits and to heal every kind of disease and weakness.

Col 2:10 And it is in union with him that you have been made full — he is the head of every rule and authority.

Authority releases blessing!

Mat 8:5-13 As Yeshua entered K'far-Nachum, a Roman army officer came up and pleaded for help. "Sir, my orderly is lying at home paralyzed and suffering terribly!" Yeshua said, "I will go and heal him." But the officer answered, "Sir, I am unfit to have you come into my home. Rather, if you will only give the command, my orderly will recover. For I too am a man under authority. I have soldiers under me, and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes; to another, 'Come!' and he comes; to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it." On hearing this Yeshua was amazed and said to the people following him, "Yes! I tell you, I have not found anyone in Isra'el with such trust! Moreover, I tell you that many will come from the east and from the west to take their places at the feast in the Kingdom of Heaven with Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya`akov. But those born for the Kingdom will be thrown outside in the dark, where people will wail and grind their teeth!" Then Yeshua said to the officer, "Go; let it be for you as you have trusted." And his orderly was healed at that very moment.

Messiahs Authority Chain



Authority and Order

- When the Tabernacle (a picture of the body) was arranged in perfect order according to Gods commandments, Gods presence filled the Tabernacle and lead the community!

Exo 40:34-38 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of Adonai filled the tabernacle. Moshe was unable to enter the tent of meeting, because the cloud remained on it, and the glory of Adonai filled the tabernacle. Whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Isra'el continued with all their travels. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not travel onward until the day when it was taken up. For the cloud of Adonai was above the tabernacle during the day, and fire was in [the cloud] at night, so that all the house of Isra'el could see it throughout all their travels.

Authority and Order

1Cor 12:27-31 Now you together constitute the body of the Messiah, and individually you are parts of it. And God has placed in the Messianic Community first, emissaries; second, prophets; third, teachers; then those who work miracles; then those with gifts of healing; those with ability to help; those skilled in administration; and those who speak in various tongues. Not all are emissaries, are they? Not all are prophets, are they? or teachers? or miracle-workers? Not all have gifts of healing, not all speak in tongues, not all interpret, do they? Eagerly seek the better gifts. But now I will show you the best way of all.

1Pet 2:5 you yourselves, as living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be cohanim set apart for God to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to him through Yeshua the Messiah.

What slows us down!?

- ❑ If any part of the “chain of command” is broken or out of order, the authority in the chain is also lost!
- Lack of calling (anointing): Building your own kingdom, eschatology etc..
- Biblically unqualified: A collegiate degree means nothing of itself
- Lack of Eldership plurality: “Pastor reigns supreme” (Acts 14:23, Titus 1:5)
- No head leader: “I’m a facilitator in a home group” (1 Chron 24)
- Not Spirit Filled = Cannot be apart of the chain of command!
 - Lack of Holiness within the congregation
 - They can’t “hear” the commander!
 - Carnality proliferates

Biblical Qualifications:

- Both the Torah leadership model (**Mosses model**) and the New Testament leadership model (**Church model**) are the same, and the same qualifications are required:

- Called/Chosen:

Exo 18:21 But you should choose from among all the people competent men who are God-fearing, honest and incorruptible to be their leaders, in charge of thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.

Deut 1:13 Pick for yourselves from each of your tribes men who are wise, understanding and knowledgeable; and I will make them heads over you.'

Biblical Qualifications:

Titus 1:5-9 The reason I left you in crete was so that you might attend to the matters still not in order and appoint congregation leaders in each city — those were my instructions. A leader must be blameless, husband to one wife, with believing children who do not have a reputation for being wild or rebellious. For an overseer, as someone entrusted with god's affairs, must be blameless — he must not be self-willed or quick-tempered, he must not drink excessively, get into fights or be greedy for dishonest gain. On the contrary, he must be hospitable, devoted to good, sober-mindedness, uprightness, holiness and self-control. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message that agrees with the doctrine; so that by his sound teaching he will be able to exhort and encourage, and also to refute those who speak against it.

Biblical Qualifications:

1Tim 3:1-7 Here is a statement you can trust: anyone aspiring to be a congregation leader is seeking worthwhile work. A congregation leader must be above reproach, he must be faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, orderly, hospitable and able to teach. He must not drink excessively or get into fights; rather, he must be kind and gentle. He must not be a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, having children who obey him with all proper respect; for if a man can't manage his own household, how will he be able to care for God's Messianic Community? He must not be a new believer, because he might become puffed up with pride and thus fall under the same judgment as did the Adversary. Furthermore, he must be well regarded by outsiders, so that he won't fall into disgrace and into the Adversary's trap.

Ephesians 4:11-13

Furthermore, he gave some people as emissaries, some as prophets, some as proclaimers of the Good News, and some as shepherds and teachers. Their task is to equip God's people for the work of service that builds the body of the Messiah, until we all arrive at the unity implied by trusting and knowing the Son of God, at full manhood, at the standard of maturity set by the Messiah's perfection.

***Apostles BUILD,
Prophets REVEAL,
Pastors NURTURE,
Teachers EXPLAIN,
Evangelists GATHER.
We need them ALL!!***

Biblical Qualifications:

Woman can hold the position of prophet or deacon alone:

- **Apostle:** In tandem with a Husband **Romans 16:7**
- **Prophet:** Within the Congregation **1st Cor 11:5, Acts 11:27–28, Acts 21:9–10** (Not over the nation, king or congregation)
- **Evangelist:** In tandem with Paul **Phil 4:2–3**
- **Pastor/Teacher:** In tandem with a Husband: **1Cor 16:19, Rom 16:3–5, (See Acts 18:2) Titus 2:4–5**
- **Deacon:** **Rom 16:1–2, 1 Tim 3:8–11**

The head overseer and final decision maker in conflicts must always be a male and husband of only one wife (**1 Timothy 3**).

Reference: **Ephesians 5:22–24, 1 Corinthians 11:3 & 1 Timothy 2:11–14**

“Moses model” and the “Church model”

- Civil Judges: 70 Leaders Num 11:16-25 → Luke 10:1, Mat 19:28 & 1Cor 6:2-3
- Priesthood: 24 Courses Exo 39:21, 1Chron 24 → Rev 4:4
- National: 12 Tribal Leaders, 4 Lead tribes Num 1, Num 2 → Rev 4:7
- All of these reported to Moses!
- Yeshua is the Prophet like Moses, Deut 18:18, Acts 3:22 & 7:37
 - Thus, He is the head of all offices, like Moses was!

Eph 4:11 Furthermore, he gave some people as emissaries (apostles), some as prophets, some as proclaimers of the Good News (evangelists), and some as shepherds (Pastors) and teachers.

- Yeshua held, holds and is the originator of all these offices!
- These offices are all represented by plural leadership, with one male leader
- The Church model rolls back to one of the 3 offices of the Moses model

Yeshua, “the prophet like Moses”

- Yeshua is now in the roll of Moses, at the head of ALL offices. It is in this light that Yeshua said:

Mat 23:8-9 "But you are not to let yourselves be called 'Rabbi'; because you have one Rabbi, and you are all each other's brothers. And do not call anyone on earth 'Father.' because you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor are you to let yourselves be called 'leaders,' because you have one Leader, and he is the Messiah! The greatest among you must be your servant, for whoever promotes himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be promoted.

All the above titles are used later in the Brit Chadesha in reference to ministry leaders. Yeshua is pointing out the fact that anyone who serves under Him and through Him (Yeshua), it's as if Yeshua is the ministry head at the congregation!

Note the emphasis on servitude (Aved & Avodah)

Yeshua the Leader under God

Rev 4:10-11 The twenty-four elders fall down before the One sitting on the throne, who lives forever and ever, and worship him. They throw their crowns in front of the throne and say, "You are worthy, Adonai Eloheinu, to have glory, honor and power, because you created all things — yes, because of your will they were created and came into being!"

- Even though it is the leaders crown of salvation, crown of responsibility etc... it belongs to the Lord! He is the leader!
- Read **Ephesians 1:18-23** & **1 Corinthians 15:22-26**
- This can only be done through the Spirit!
- A leader without the Holy Spirit is building his own Kingdom — 19

Hebraic Thought

- Hebraic thought vs western thought. Water bottle example
- Titles are about “FUNCTION” and “RESPONSIBILITY”
 - Not honor, power, position or control.
- There is not a degree in the World that can earn you a function.
- However, those that function in their purpose and are taught, are the most dangerous for the Kingdom.
- Example Paul compared to others **Acts 4:13**

Mat 11:25 It was at that time that Yeshua said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you concealed these things from the sophisticated and educated and revealed them to ordinary folks.

“Lo Beseder” Out - Of - Order

- Demonic influence often disrupts congregations, causing chaos and disorder by confusing Gods chain of authority: 2Pe 2:10, 3Jn 1:9-10, Jud 1:8
- To correct a leader, is to place yourself above them in the authority chain.
- Mathew 18 applies to all, but words of personal correction are always private.

1Tim 5:19 Never listen to any accusation against a leader unless it is supported by two or three witnesses. (Read v20)

1Tim 5:1 Rebuke not an elder, but exhort him as a father; the younger men as brethren:

1Sa 24:6 (24:7) He said to his men, "Adonai forbid that I should do such a thing to my lord, Adonai's anointed, as raise my hand against him! After all, he is Adonai's anointed."

Biblical Procedure:

- Like David, its not a respect for Saul per say, rather a respect for the process and the anointing (calling) on God's commissioned leaders. Follow process = God rewards.
- When they are out of order, treat them like a father or brother. You approach them softly.
- When in obvious sin, after private talk, then two or three witnesses, then public rebuke.
- This process is rarely followed, going on an out of order attack or they will just leave when due process needs to be followed.

Our Biblical Structure:

- Bob & Jacquie are the Elders, the function in the office of Prophet and Apostle above and to this congregation.
- I function as the Leader, Pastor & Teacher with my wife Samantha.
- Samantha is the “Shameshim” (Deacon).
- Saul has joined in the Teaching function.
- Many are training to be messengers of the Good News (Evangelists)
- There are many who function in gifts here, through the authority chain that is from God, to the Messiah, to His servants **Rev 1:1**.
- As we grow, so will elders and functions

Functions and Titles

- Whatever current functions I do have, I claim no title. Just as Yeshua requested. However, all elders (any function) are due respect.

1Tim 5:17 The leaders who lead well should be considered worthy of double honor, especially those working hard at communicating the Word and at teaching.

2Cor 10:8 For even if I boast a little too much about the authority the Lord has given us — authority to build you up, not tear you down — I am not ashamed.

Luke 16:10 Someone who is trustworthy in a small matter is also trustworthy in large ones, and someone who is dishonest in a small matter is also dishonest in large ones.

Mat 25:21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful with a little, so I'll put you in charge of much. Enter into your master's joy!'

A task of Joy!

- By attending here, you are submitting to Gods authority structure, through His servants, the elders here at TOL.
- It is our responsibility to listen, teach, train and maintain Holiness in this community.

Heb 13:16-18 But don't forget doing good and sharing with others, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your lives, as people who will have to render an account.

So make it a task of joy for them, not one of groaning; for that is of no advantage to you. Keep praying for us, for we are certain that we have a clear conscience and want to conduct ourselves properly in everything we do.

Shabbat Shalom!

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS?

When you get a friend request from someone with "Apostle" or "Prophet" in front of his name:



THE FACE YOU MAKE WHEN

**SOMEONE IS A SELF
PROCLAIMED PROPHET**