

“Authority Assessment”

“The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one.” (1 Corinthians 2:15)

Authority Assumption

Romans 13:1-2 – (1) “Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

(2) Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.”

Sensitivity...

1 Samuel 24:4-6 – (4) “And the men of David said to him, ‘Here is the day of which the LORD said to you, ‘Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.’ Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul’s robe. (5) And afterward David’s heart struck him, because he had cut off a corner of Saul’s robe. (6) He said to his men, ‘The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD’s anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the LORD’s anointed.’”

...& Stupidity

2 Peter 2:10 – “...those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority. Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones,”

Jude 1:8-9 – (8) “Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones. (9) But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, ‘The Lord rebuke you.’”

Respectful Resistance

Acts 5:27-29, 40-41 – (27) “And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, (28) saying, ‘We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.’ (29) But Peter and the apostles answered,

‘We must obey God rather than men.’

(40) and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. (41) Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.”

Exodus 1:17-21 – (17) **But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them,** but let the male children live. (18) So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, ‘Why have you done this, and let the male children live?’ (19) The midwives said to Pharaoh, ‘Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.’ (20) So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. (21) And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.”

Leave Judgment to God

1 Samuel 24:11-12 – (11) “See, my father, see the corner of your robe in my hand. For by the fact that I cut off the corner of your robe and did not kill you, you may know and see that there is no wrong or treason in my hands. I have not sinned against you, though you hunt my life to take it. (12) **May the LORD judge between me and you, may the LORD avenge me against you, but my hand shall not be against you.**”

1 Peter 2:21-23 – (21) “For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. (22) He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. (23) When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, **but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.**”

Prioritize the Permanent Transition of Power

Matthew 26:64 – “Jesus said to him, ‘You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.’”

Revelation 11:15 – “Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.’”

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