

HONOR GOD, SUBMIT TO YOUR LEADERS

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Living for God is our best response to what He has done for us, and one way to honor Him is to be subject to the authorities that He has placed over us (Romans 13:1). Biblical submission is demonstrated through obedience, respect, and humility towards those in authority, regardless of their character or religious background. This may not come very easy especially when the leaders over us are difficult, unreasonable, and abusive. However, GOD CALLS US TO SUBMIT, and Romans chapter 13 tells us why we are to obey His command.

SUBMISSION TO GOD (ROMANS 13:1)

Submission to authorities is ultimately submission to GOD for it is God Himself who places and establishes leaders and authorities. Submission to God's appointed authorities is a sign of trust and humility before the Lord. If we really know God, we will trust Him and be at peace each time we submit especially when it's difficult because He rules over all (Isaiah 9:6) and He is the one who can change hearts (Proverbs 21:1). He will be the one to bless (Jeremiah 22:4) or discipline (Jeremiah 22:5) leaders in His time and according to His ways. In the Bible, we can see that God's commands to submit come with the phrases "as to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:22) and "in the Lord" (Ephesians 6:1). This tells us that our highest motivation in honoring our authorities must be God Himself – the King of kings and Lord of lords, the Highest Authority of all.

PROTECTION OF GOD (ROMANS 13:2)

God's appointed leaders are instruments of His protection, order, and discipline. To resist authorities is an opposition against God, which brings judgment upon those that do. Jeremiah 43:10 shows how

God used a pagan king to accomplish His divine purpose. He used King Nebuchadnezzar to punish and discipline the Israelites for their idolatry, unfaithfulness, and disobedience. It was God's will that the Israelites humble themselves and submit. Those who did were blessed, including Daniel who even gained the king's favor for his godly wisdom and uncompromising faith in God.

GUIDANCE FROM GOD (ROMANS 13:3-4)

God appoints leaders to guide us to the right path. They are His servants for good to those who do what is right and agents of wrath to bring punishment to those who do evil. Even if a leader is not a believer, God can move his heart to lead and to guide for His good purpose. Our part is to submit. Just like Joseph the dreamer, Moses, Daniel, and other great men and women of faith in the Bible who honored, respected, submitted themselves to authorities as unto the Lord, our God will be the one to lift us up when we humble ourselves in obedience to His command and will.

AMBASSADORS FOR GOD (ROMANS 13:5-7)

As followers of Jesus, we submit to reflect Christlikeness to our leaders. The way we respond to our authorities does not only win them to Christ — it wins the people around us to Christ as well. Christianity spread all over the Roman empire and the rest of the world because people witnessed how Christians submitted and honored one another in love. When we seek to please God by submitting to our leaders, we fulfill our mission to make Christ known and bring glory to His name!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What makes it hard for you to submit to your God-given authorities?
- How has God challenged your view of submission?
- What comfort and assurance can you claim as you take the challenge of submission?
- Think of three (3) authorities in your life that God has used to mold your character. Take time today to let that person know of his/her impact in your life.

LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

ROMANS 13:1

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God brought you here for His purpose.

1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments —Deuteronomy 7:9*

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. — Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. — Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. — John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. — John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:11-13



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