

Aspects of the word authority

- ✓ Rule
- ✓ Command
- ✓ Obedience
- ✓ Divine appointment or approval
- ✓ Power
- ✓ Right to rule
- ✓ Law
- ✓ Liberty or choice
- ✓ Control

To be concerned with authority is to be concerned with

- ✓ God's rule and His instruction and His law
- ✓ What I must do and what I can do

Lesson 2: The Universal Need for Authority

We saw in lesson 1 that in the Bible the word “authority” can refer to the right or power to command, enforce, and judge as well as the right, whether by obligation or liberty, to act. To act with authority is to act by the order or instruction of the one who has the rightful power to rule or to command.

Objective of Lesson 2

Recognize the universal need for authority and the need to respect authority



Man's Nature Demands the Need for Authority

- ✓ We need rule and instruction
- ✓ Jeremiah 10:23
- ✓ Proverbs 14:12
- ✓ Proverbs 16:25
- ✓ 1 Corinthians 1:21



History Shows What Happens When There is Disrespect for Authority

- ✓ Disregard, Ignorance of, Unconcerned with, Disobedient to
- ✓ Romans 1:21-28
 - ✓ Leviticus 10:1-3
- ✓ Ephesians 4:17-19
- ✓ 1 Corinthians 1:18-21
- ✓ Judges 21:25

The need for authority is universal in all areas of life

- ✓ For example...
- ✓ Family
 - ✓ Ephesians 6:1-4
 - ✓ Proverbs 29:15; 22:6
- ✓ Nation
 - ✓ Romans 13:1ff
 - ✓ Judges 21:25
- ✓ Work
 - ✓ Ephesians 6:5

Authority: A Universal Need. And a Universal Answer.

- ✓ God's authority extends over all men everywhere
- ✓ Romans 1-3
 - ✓ Romans 3:23
- ✓ Acts 17:30-31
- ✓ Matthew 28:18
 - ✓ Isaiah 33:22

Recap

- ✓ Man was not made to direct his own steps; he needs to be under authority, the authority of God
- ✓ Without the recognition of, the respect for and the adherence to the authority of God, spiritual ruin will result
- ✓ The need for authority is recognized in all aspects of life
- ✓ The authority of God extends over all people everywhere
- ✓ If we today do not respect the authority of God, there will be trouble
- ✓ There are eternal consequences to respecting and to disrespecting
 - ✓ Revelation 22:14-15



Lesson 3: The Ultimate Source of Authority

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In lesson 2, we emphasized the need for all men everywhere to respect authority.

Objective of Lesson 3

In lesson 3, we will see 1) that there must be an ultimate source of authority; 2) God is the ultimate source of authority; and 3) the consequences of God having ultimate authority.



There must be an ultimate or final source of authority

- ✓ ...and who commanded or permitted you to...?
- ✓ Final authority will be either heaven or men
- ✓ Matthew 21:23-27
- ✓ Implication of verse 25
 - ✓ If from heaven, then need to OBEY

God is the ultimate source of authority

- ✓ 1 Corinthians 15:24-28
- ✓ Matthew 28:18
- ✓ Romans 13:1
- ✓ 1 Chronicles 29:11-12

