

Lesson 3: The Ultimate Source of 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 to act by the order or instruction of the one who has the rightful power to rule or to command.

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



God is the ultimate source of authority

✓ Job 38-41

- ✓ “Who is this...?”
- ✓ “Where were you...?”
- ✓ “Have you...?”
- ✓ “Who has...?”
- ✓ “Can you...?”
- ✓ “Do you know...?”
- ✓ “Will the....be willing to serve you?”
- ✓ “Have you given...?”
- ✓ “Does the...by your wisdom?”
- ✓ Job 40:6-14

Some of God's Attributes

✓ Eternal

- ✓ Deuteronomy 33:27
- ✓ Exodus 3:14
- ✓ John 8:58

✓ Creator

- ✓ Genesis 1:1
- ✓ Acts 17:24-29
- ✓ Isaiah 45:9-10; Romans 9:20-21
- ✓ Hebrews 11:3

Some of God's Attributes

✓ Sustainer

✓ Colossians 1:16-17

✓ Hebrews 1:3

✓ Acts 17:24-29

✓ Infinite Knowledge - Omniscient

✓ Psalm 139:1-6

✓ Hebrews 4:13

✓ 1 John 3:20

✓ Isaiah 41:21-23

✓ Isaiah 46:10

Some of God's Attributes

- ✓ Unlimited in power, ability - Omnipotent
 - ✓ Revelation 19:6
 - ✓ Job 42:2
 - ✓ Psalm 135:6
- ✓ His presence - Omnipresent
 - ✓ Psalm 139:7-12
 - ✓ Jeremiah 23:23-24

Some of God's Attributes

- ✓ Perfect in holiness and righteousness
 - ✓ 1 Peter 1:16
 - ✓ Isaiah 6:3
 - ✓ Deuteronomy 32:4
 - ✓ Revelation 15:3
- ✓ All-truth
 - ✓ Romans 3:4
 - ✓ Titus 1:2

Compare men to God

- ✓ Isaiah 55:8-9
- ✓ Matthew 15:8-9
- ✓ Matthew 10:37
- ✓ James 3:15



Recap

- ✓ God alone has inherent power/right to command all
- ✓ The Father has given Jesus the Son all authority
 - ✓ Matthew 28:18
- ✓ Even the apostles only bound and loosed what was already bound and loosed in heaven
 - ✓ Matthew 16:19; 18:18
- ✓ Since God is the ultimate authority, shouldn't we have the utmost respect for His authority?

