

THE PRINCIPLE OF
AUTHORITY

Matthew 21:23-27



Authority on earth..

MATTHEW 28:18

– *"All **authority** has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."*

JOHN 5:26-27

– *For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, 27 and has given Him **authority** to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.*

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- *However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own **authority**, but whatever He hears He will speak*



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SCRIPTURE

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 2 PETER 1:20

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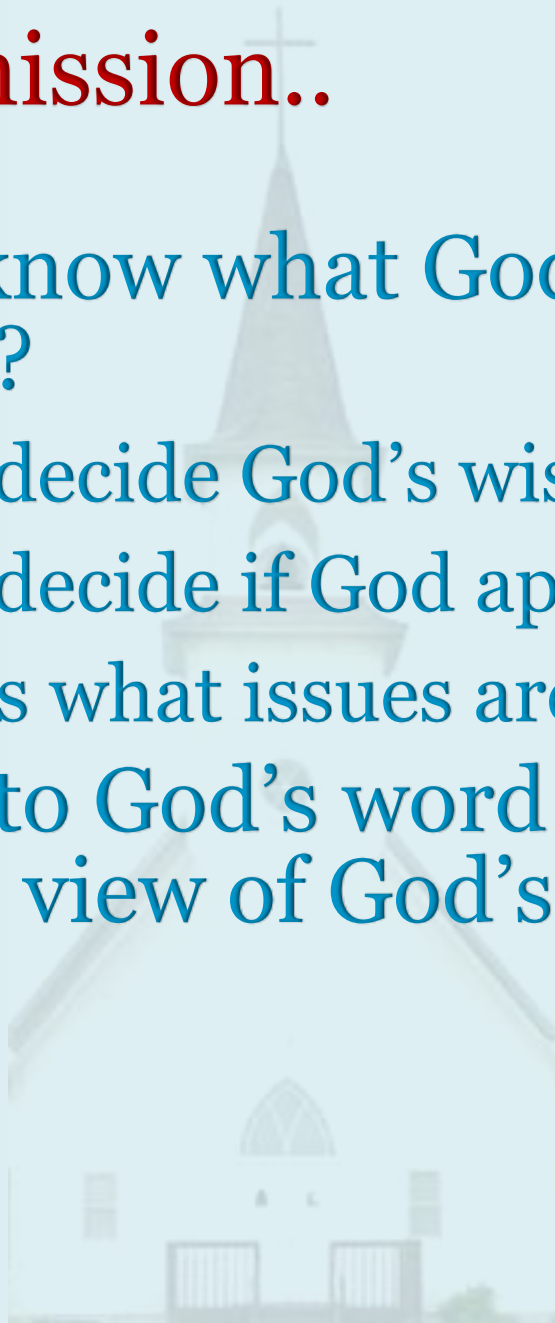
– All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- 2 PETER 1:20-21

– no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Getting permission..

- How do we know what God *approves* or *disapproves*?
 - How do we decide God's wishes?
 - How do we decide if God approves?
 - Who decides what issues are non issues?
- We must go to God's word and weigh every idea in view of God's directives..





Has God *ALWAYS* been concerned with how humans *WORSHIP* Him?

YES

If so is any act of worship a non-issue?

NO

If God decides how He is to be worshiped, every worship action is of importance..

*What does God want
us to do in worship?*

MUSIC?

LIFT HANDS?

PRAISE TEAM?

DEDICATE BABIES?



*How do we know God
wants us to..*

MEET ON SUNDAY?

PRAY?

TAKE LORD'S SUPPER?

SING IN WORSHIP?

PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?

We must have God's approval..

COLOSSIANS 3:17

- And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

In Jesus' Name = By the authority of

ACTS 4:7

- And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, "By what power or by what name have you done this?"

In Jesus' Name.. His Authority

ACTS 4:8-12

*- Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: 9 If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, 10 let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that **by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth**, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. 11 This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

Submission to His Name

PHIL 2:9-10

- Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him *the name which is above every name*, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth.

EXODUS 5:23

- For since I came to Pharaoh to speak *in Your name*, he has done evil to this people; neither have You delivered Your people at all."


ACTS 3:16 ACTS 16:18

Biblical OT Examples

- Genesis 4:5-7 Cain and Abel
 - Heb 11:4; 1 John 3:16
- Leviticus 10 Nadab and Abihus
 - “Strange fire” (profane, unauthorized, unholy)
- King Saul
 - 1 Sam 13:8-14
 - 1 Sam 15:22-23

Biblical OT Examples

- 2 Samuel 6:6-7 Uzzah's intentions
 - 1 Chron 15:13 we did not seek God after the due order
 - Numb 4:15; 7:9; 10:21
- 2 Chron 26:16-21 King Uzziah
 - Entered the temple w/o authority
- 2 Kings 22:14 Micaiah the prophet
 - “as the Lord lives, that will I speak”



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