AUTHORITY IN THE BIBLE

1. God the Son is to submit to the authority of God the Father. 1 Cor 15:28; John 5:19–30

1 Cor. 15:28, "Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all."

2. Angels are to be subject to Christ. 1 Pet 3:22

1 Pet. 3:22, "who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him."

3. Every church age believer is to submit to the authority of Christ. Eph 5:24

Eph. 5:24, "Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything."

4. Servants are to submit to their masters, slaves to their owners. 1 Pet. 2:18; Eph 6:5

1 Pet. 2:18, "Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh."

5. Wives are to submit to their husbands. Col. 3:18; Eph 5:22

Col. 3:18, "Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord."

6. Children are to submit to their parents. 1 Tim. 3:4; Eph 6:1

Eph. 6:1, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."

7. The young are to submit to their elders. 1 Pet 5:5

1 Pet. 5:5, "Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for 'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble'."

8. Church members are to submit to their leaders. Heb 13:7, 17

Heb. 13:7, "Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

Heb. 13:17, "Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you."

SUMMARY POINTS

- 1. Authority is not part of the created order but part of the makeup of the Triune Godhead.
- 2. Authority is necessary for any social group, organization, or order to function.
- 3. At the very center of all authority is God who is the source of all authority.
- 4. Authority was the ultimate issue in the angelic conflict, so authority becomes the ultimate issue in the believer's spiritual life. Not just the authority of God, but response to other authorities which God has established.

ISAIAH 14

13, "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly, in the recesses of the north.

14, "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."

GENESIS 3

3:1, "Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, 'Has God indeed said, "You shall not eat of every tree of the garden"?"

3:2, "And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;"

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3:3, "but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'

3:4, "Then the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die.

3:5, "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil"."

18:1, "And it came to pass after many days that the word of the Lord came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, 'Go, present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the earth'."

18:2, "So Elijah went to present himself to Ahab; and there was a severe famine in Samaria."



18:3, "And Ahab had called Obadiah, who was in charge of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the Lord greatly.

18:4, "For so it was, while Jezebel massacred the prophets of the Lord, that Obadiah had taken one hundred prophets and hidden them, fifty to a cave, and had fed them with bread and water.)"

18:8, "And he answered him, 'It is I. Go, tell your master, "Elijah is here."

18:9, "So he said, 'How have I sinned, that you are delivering your servant into the hand of Ahab, to kill me?"

18:10, "As the Lord your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my master has not sent someone to hunt for you; and when they said, 'He is not here,' he took an oath from the kingdom or nation that they could not find you.

18:11, "And now you say, 'Go, tell your master, "Elijah is here"!"

18:12, "And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from you, that the Spirit of the Lord will carry you to a place I do not know; so when I go and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he will kill me. But I your servant have feared the Lord from my youth."

18:13, "Was it not reported to my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the Lord, how I hid one hundred men of the LORD's prophets, fifty to a cave, and fed them with bread and water?"

18:14, "And now you say, 'Go, tell your master, "Elijah is here." 'He will kill me!

18:15, "Then Elijah said, 'As the Lord of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely present myself to him today'."

THE JEWISH MIDWIVES - EXO. 1:15-22

1:15, "Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah;

1:16, "and he said, 'When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.'
1:17, "But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive."



1 Sam. 24:6, "And he said to his men, 'The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the LORD'S anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD'."