

## **The One Where He Talked About Obedience and Submission...Oh Goody**

### **1. God's Role in Authority**

**Matthew 28:18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

**Colossians 1:16-17** For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

**Hebrews 2:8** You have put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.

**"God's minister"** (Romans 13:4 (2x) and 13:6)

- Greek word *diakonos* - One who executes the commands of another, especially of a master. A servant, attendant, minister. The servant of a King! Believed that the word is from an ancient root word meaning to run errands for

### **2. The Reason for Authority**

**1 Peter 2:13-15** Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men

### **3. Our Role in Relation to Authority**

1. *If we resist the authority of the government, we are resisting God (13:2a)*
2. *If we resist, we bring judgment (consequences) on ourselves (13:2b)*
3. *Rulers are not a terror to good works but to evil (V 3)*
4. *If you don't want to worry about being afraid of government, do good (13:3-4)*
5. *But don't do it just for the sake of avoiding punishment - Do it for consciences' sake (13:5)*

**Matthew 20:25-28** But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

**Acts 5:29** But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men."

#### **4. A Special Request**

**Colossians 1:18** And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

**Ezekiel 3:17** Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me

**Acts 20:28** Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

- *“Christians are not only to remember past church leaders (v7), but heed present leaders who are responsible in discharging their duties in providing spiritual oversight to the congregation. The obedience commanded denotes assenting to someone else’s directions, and submission means yielding one’s contrary opinions in favor of another’s. The writer does not suggest blind, unquestioning obedience to everything a leader says, even in decisions pertaining to changing jobs, making purchases, taking a trip, and the like. The NT teaches the necessity of discernment (1 John 4:1), personal accountability to God (Romans 14:12, Galatians 6:5), and mutual submission (Romans 12:10, Galatians 5:13, Ephesians 5:21, Philippians 2:3-4). Furthermore, church leaders are not autocratic chiefs who lord it over the congregation, but are servants who exercise authority with concern and care.”* New Spirit Filled Life Bible Commentary

***Pray for me!***