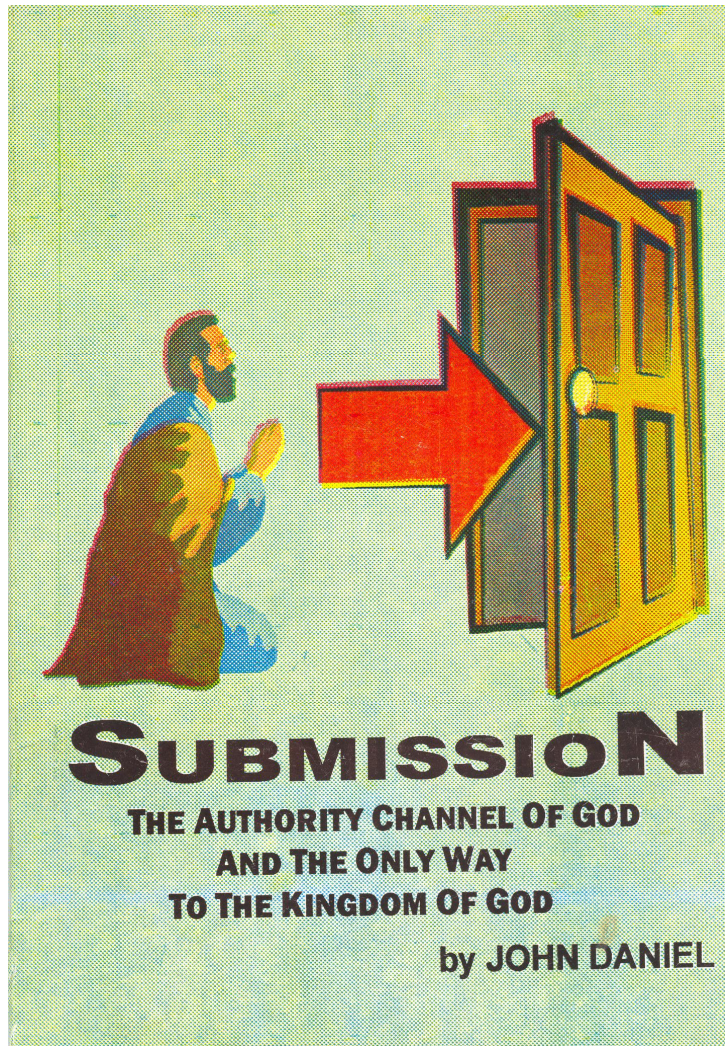




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SUBMISSION

THE AUTHORITY CHANNEL

OF GOD AND THE ONLY WAY

TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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“These things teach and exhort. If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strife of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness, from such withdraw thyself”. I Tim. 6:3-5

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DEDICATION

This book is specially dedicated to my blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who inspired me by His Holy Spirit to write this book as to open the eyes of His Bride. I also dedicate this book to all remnants who are seeking for the truth. For it is written, *“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”* (John 8:32).

PREFACE

“For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me; and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel (church)

And I say unto you, that many (unbelievers that will be converted) shall come from the East and West, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the Kingdom of heaven.

But the children of the kingdom (believers) shall be cast out into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth”. (Matt. 8:9-12).

What is that great faith the Lord has not found in Israel (church) and where does it come from ?

Why will many come from East and West and sit in the kingdom with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, but the children of the kingdom will be cast out ?

This actually may be going on in the minds of many believers and unbelievers as they come across this place in the Bible. I will, with the help of the Lord, try to answer these few questions now, and many more later in this book.



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The faith which Jesus was talking of, is the faith He worked with when He gave up His own will in Heaven, came down, and surrendered Himself completely to the will of His Father. Satan and his demons recognized His absolute surrender, and obeyed Him. Such great faith comes through submission or through sitting under authority. The many that will come from East and West and sit in the kingdom with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, are the unbelievers who will be converted by God's special grace because of their walking knowledge of submission. But believers who don't have the walking revelation of submission will be cast out. As we go into the teaching on submission as unveiled in this book by the Holy Spirit through His Divine interpretation of the Word of God, we will see the damages this lack of knowledge of the Word of God have done in homes, churches, schools, Government offices and the society in general. We will also see the consequences, solutions, and the blessings that come through submission. We will see the curses that are in unsubmission and disobedience.

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PART I

CHAPTER 1

SUBMISSION

What is submission or sitting under Authority or under cover ?

It means having a tendency to submit or yield your will to the Lord Jesus through another person He has placed over you, without any resistance or argument. Will is the power of making a reasoned choice, or decision or the power of controlling our actions. Man was created with a will just like our Father has His own will. And God's will is His word which He wanted man to seek for. That was why He forbade man from eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. But Satan through his subtle ways deceived man into eating that fruit, and from that day, man has been seeking for his own foolish ways or will.

Because the first Adam has failed, God then sent the second Adam (the Lord Jesus) who surrendered His will completely to do the will of the Father that sent Him. And it was because He did the will of the Father, that we are saved by His death and resurrection. He was also given a name above every other name, *"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things on earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should*

confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father". (Phil.2:10-11).

HOW WAS AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED IN ISRAEL

When God wanted to establish the church in the old testament, he placed Moses whom He raised under Pharaoh, in submission to Jethro or Reuel the priest of Midian.

"Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters; and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. And the shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock. And when they came to Reuel their father, he said, How is it that ye are come so soon today ? And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew water enough for us, and watered the flock. And he said unto his daughters, and where is he? Why is it that ye have left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread, And Moses was content to dwell with the man; and he gave Moses Zipporah, his daughter" (Exodus 2:16-21).

"Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian....." (Exodus 3:1).

The above verses of the Bible have shown the divine plan of God. He does not place one who is in rebellion or who is not in submission, in authority. It was because of this divine plan that God made sure He placed Moses in submission to

Jethro before exalting him to the position of being in authority. And Moses could not do the work alone, he needed a reliable helping hand, and God had to raise Aaron to lend that helping hand to Moses.

“And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth, and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do. And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people; and he shall be even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God”. (Ex.4:15-16).

This was how God placed Moses in authority over Aaron his elder brother, and from that moment, the move to liberate the children of Israel from the bondage of the Egyptians began. Moses having been raised in the house of Pharaoh, had no right to confront Pharaoh and demand for the release of his brethren. That will be breaking the principle of God's authority, since Pharaoh was his foster father. God waited until another Pharaoh who knew not Moses came to the throne after the death of the other Pharaoh (Moses's foster father).

“And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died.....” (Ex.2:23).

And the Lord said unto Moses. “See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh; and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet. Thou shalt speak all that I command thee, and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh....” (Ex.7:1-2).

God now gave Moses authority over Pharaoh and because Pharaoh refused to obey him, God confirmed every decree that Moses made against Pharaoh and the Egyptians. When Pharaoh and his armies were finally drowned in the Red Sea, and the children of Israel crossed over into the Wilderness, God then started establishing authority. Again, it was Moses's shepherd (father in law) that He used.

MOSES BEGAN TO SPLIT AUTHORITY

At the word of Jethro, Moses began to split authority. *"Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee; be thou for the people to Godward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God. Moreover thou shall provide out of all the people able men. Such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. And let them judge the people at all seasons; and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge; so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee"* (Ex.18: 19,21-22).

"So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said. And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers

of tens. And they judge the people at all seasons” (Vs.24-26).

Again before Moses came to the end of his mission for God, Joshua was placed and trained under him.

“And Moses rose up, and his minister (servant) Joshua; and Moses went up into the mount of God.” (Ex. 24:13).

“And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned into the camp; but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.” (Ex. 33:11).

Joshua surrendered his will to God through Moses. Though he was married, yet he never departed from the presence of God. He was observing all the instructions that God gave Moses and his faith grew exceedingly. He trusted God so much that in the time of distress when the hearts of the children of Israel failed them because of the evil reports of the men that were sent to spy the land, Joshua and Caleb persuaded them not to rebel against the Lord by fearing. Even when they threatened to throw stones at them, he was not frightened. When finally Moses died, God gave Joshua charge over the children of Israel because he served God faithfully under Moses.

“Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou and all this people, unto the land

which I do give to them even to the children of Israel".
(Joshua 1:1-2).

In spite of the fact that he has been appointed to lead, God did not allow him to exercise his will. He was given the Law of Moses to observe and do as the person appointed to finish the mission given to Moses. He did not need another law because God has given laid down instructions for that great task to be achieved.

"Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the Law, which Moses my servant commanded thee; turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest". (Vs.7).

Some of us today, when appointed in position of authority whether in the home, church or public, become autocratic (not abiding by the principle of God in His word). Joshua had every opportunity to do his will, but had he done that, he would not have prospered in his journey. Joshua had no physical head to submit to as at that time, but he was told to submit to the Law of Moses: Likewise when you don't have a physical head to submit to (for example, in the homes, husbands don't submit to any), you submit to the word of God and obey God's command to husbands, fathers, masters, e.t.c.

JESUS SUBMITTED TO AUTHORITY

From His childhood days, He was submitted to His mother Mary and foster father Joseph, and was not acting selfishly or independently.

“And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them.....” (Luke 2:51).

He was in the Father when authority was established in the church in the wilderness. When it was time for His ministerial work to begin, He submitted Himself to be baptized by John, inspite of John's recognition that it was Jesus who should baptize him.

“Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him, but John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and cometh thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him” (Matt.3:13-15).

When His disciples were urging Him to eat, He said unto them, My meat (food) is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work. (John 4:34). He had a will but never sought for His own will, because He knew His will cannot achieve God's divine plan.

He once said, *“I can of my own self do nothing; as I hear, I judge and my judgment is just; because I seek not my own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me”* (John 5:30).

His words were contrary to the words of Lucifer which he has injected in man.

“How are thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How are thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, “I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High, yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.” (Isaiah 14:12-15).

He was determined to do the will of His Father to the end. All the persecutions He passed through did not make Him to disobey God. All His words were my Father's will, my Father's will, He never took God's glory, contrary to what we do today; I can do this, I can do that, I have this, I raised so and so from the dead. And so pride has been ruling we ministers of God and many people in authority today, as it ruled Satan. It was because of the absolute surrender of our Lord Jesus Christ that made the centurion to tell Him not to bother Himself coming to his house but to speak the word only. The centurion answered and said, *“Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my servant shall be healed”* (Matt.8:8).

Why did the centurion make that statement? He knew what authority means; He was in authority himself and recognizing that Jesus was under the authority of God, and

also the head of all principalities and powers, His commands will be strictly adhered to by the demons of paralysis. Yet this is why 90% of the present believers today will not make it. They do not recognize the authority that God has placed them under.

“He that receiveth you (God’s servants) receiveth me (the Lord Jesus), and he that receiveth me, receiveth Him (God the Father) that sent me”. (Matt.10:40)

When you don’t receive God’s ministers sent to you, whether in the home, in the church, in the public, like schools, offices, hospitals, on the roads, in market places, e.t.c., you are not receiving the Lord Jesus. By saying God’s ministers, I do not mean only Pastors, Evangelists, e.t.c., no I mean anyone in authority where you are. Hear what our brother Peter, the head Apostle of the circumcision had to say about submission.

“Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time” (IPet.5:5-6). The mighty hand of God that we are told to humble ourselves under, is the authority channel set up by God. If you are not in submission or have not graduated to be in authority and you place yourself in authority, God will bring you down.

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the father of light....” (James 1:17). Peter himself submitted to the Lord Jesus during the days of our Lord on earth, and when our Lord ascended into heaven, he started submitting to the rest of the Apostles and they were submitting one to another. He neither said, as the Apostle of the circumcision, he shouldn’t submit to anybody, nor did he say, he will submit directly to the Lord Jesus. And that is why after telling the youngers to submit to the elders, he turned to the elders and said, *“Yea all of you be subject one to another and be clothed with humility”*.

When our brother Paul who was endowed with much knowledge thought that he knew better than God who established authority, and wanted to run the race without being under submission, the Holy Ghost revealed to him that his fourteen years already in the race had been in vain, and that if he continued to run without submission, he will end up in vain.

“Then fourteen years after, I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also. And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run in vain.” (Gal.2:1-2)

What can you say about this? An Apostle called by God, separated and trained by the Holy Spirit, sent out to the



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field, and has preached for fourteen years, only for the Lord, by His Spirit to turn round and told him that, for those fourteen years he was wasting his time, and that if he continued to walk in rebellion, he will go to hell. Does that sound good to many of us that have made ourselves lords of different organizations and say we are submitting directly to the Lord Jesus?

CHAPTER 2

MAIN PURPOSE OF BEING UNDER SUBMISSION

The main purpose of being under submission is :-

- (1) To remove rebellion in us with the effect that we learn to be very submissive and obedient to our Father God.
- (2) When we are in submission to the Lord Jesus through those He has placed over us, God will in due time, exalt us to the place of authority.
*“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.” (IPet.5:6).
Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.” (Jas.4:10).* The oversight of the Lord is His channel of authority, and only those under it, shall be lifted up.
- (3) Submission brings about humility and through humility, you will be honored.
*“The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom, and before honour is humility”. (Prov.15:33).
“Better it is to be of an humble spirit (submissive spirit) with lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud”. (Prov.16:19).*

- (4) The fear of God, riches in the things of God, abundant life which produces peace in the Lord, are the fruits of submission.
“By humility and fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life”. (Prov.22:4)
- (5) Submission brings boldness, and they that are in it shall stand before kings.
“Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings, he shall not stand before mean men”. (Prov.22:29).
“The wicked flee when no man pursueth, but the righteous are bold as a lion”. (Prov.28:1)
A man that is diligent in his business, is a man under submission. He knows what authority is, and that his business is to submit to authority. The wicked is an unsubmitive one, and runs away because he is afraid of authority and does not submit to authority. While the righteous is a submissive person. He is under submission and obeys authority, and has nothing to fear because he knows that the law is not made for the righteous, but for the wicked and those that forsake the law.
“Knowing this, that the Law is not made for the righteous man but for the lawless and disobedient, for ungodly and for sinners.....” (ITim.1:9).
- (6) God adds more grace to the submissive ones, and with the added grace, they can resist the devil. But God

Himself resisteth the proud (unsubmissive). You cannot be cleansed or purified if you are not under submission, you cannot draw nearer to God and He will not draw nearer to you, if you are not under His authority.

“Do ye think that the scriptures saith in vain, the spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud and giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners, and purify your hearts, ye doubleminded”. (Jas.4:5-8).

- (7) If you humble yourself through submission and obedience, God will exalt you, but if you exalt yourself through pride and unsubmission, He will bring you down.

“And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased, and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted”.
(Matt.23:12).

“Pride goeth before destruction and an haughty spirit before a fall.” (Prov.16:18).

“A man’s pride shall bring him low, but honour shall uphold the humble spirit”. (Prov.29:23).

- (8) The kingdom of heaven is for those that are converted as little children, and only those that are in submission can be humbled as little children. The greatest in the

kingdom of heaven are those that are humbled in submission as little children.

And said, "Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven". (Matt.18:3-4)

- (9) The way to the kingdom is narrow and only those that have the walking revelation knowledge of submission, and are submitted to the Lord Jesus through His channel of authority, can find that way. *"Enter ye in at the straight gate (strictness, exactness to the standard of Christ), for wide is the gate, and broad (prosperity in riches) is the way, that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in thereat: Because straight is the gate, and narrow (tribulations, persecutions, afflictions, e.t.c.) is the way, which leadeth unto life (eternal life), and few there be that find it". (Matt.7:13-14).*
- (10) Only the submitted ones can hear the voice of the shepherd, only them can follow the Lord, only them can have eternal life, only them are known by the Lord and they can never perish, neither shall the devil pluck them out of God's hand.
- õVerily, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he*

that entereth in by the door (the Lord Jesus) is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter (Holy Spirit) openeth, and the sheep hear His voice, and He calleth His own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, He goeth before them, and the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice". (Jn.10:1-4).

"My sheep, hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; And I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand". (Jn.10:27-28).

If you try to enter the kingdom by climbing into the sheepfold of our Lord to become one of His sheep, without going through the door (the channel of His authority), you will become a thief and a robber. Those who think they can enter the kingdom by being a lone ranger without recognizing the authority of our Lord are deceiving themselves. To such, the porter (Holy Spirit), will never open the door for them to enter. Anything they do is deceptive and those that follow them are also running the race through the path of deception.

CHAPTER 3

HOW GOD HONOURS THE MAN IN AUTHORITY

Why should a sinless God who abhors sin, honour and bless the man who told a lie, and healed Abimelech and his household when they were prayed for by this sinner?

“Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister, that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee”. (Gen.12:13). This was the command Abraham gave to his wife, and from that moment, Sarah kept on lying in order to be under submission.

“And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, she is my sister, and Abimelech King of Gerar sent and took Sarah. But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said unto him, behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken, for she is a man’s wife. But Abimelech had not come near her, and he said, Lord wilt thou slay also the righteous nation? Said he not unto me, she is my sister? And even she herself said, he is my brother, in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this. And God said unto him in a dream, yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart, for I also withheld thee from sinning against Me, therefore suffer I thee not to



touch her. Now therefore restore the man his wife, for he is a prophet and he shall pray for thee and thou shalt live, and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou and all that are thine". (Gen.20:2-7).

"And Abimelech took sheep, oxen, maidservants, women servants and gave them to Abraham, and restored him Sarah, his wife. And Abimelech said, behold my land is before thee, dwell where it pleaseth thee.

So Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, and his wife and his maidservants, and they bare children. For the Lord had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham's wife". (Vs.14,15,17,18).

God honoured and blessed Abraham because of Sarah's submission. It isn't that God condones sin, but because Sarah obeyed without questioning, she put the whole family under the authority channel of God and He fought for them. The repercussion went to Abraham because his children up to the fourth generation kept on lying, of which Abraham was the cause.

Some ministers tried to justify themselves by saying that you obey, only when the person says the right thing. They cite Ananias and Sapphira's case as an example, saying that if Sapphira had not obeyed the husband, she would not have been killed. The truth is that there was an agreement between Ananias and Sapphira to keep back some of the money. Sapphira wasn't obeying Ananias, she was keeping

the law of the agreement which was to lie and stop the move of the Holy Spirit.

“But a certain man named Ananias with Sapphira his wife sold a possession, and kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the Apostle’s feet”. (Acts 5:1-2).

“Then Peter said unto her, how is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord.... (Vs. 9). She had already told the truth, but because there was an agreement made by the couple to keep back some, before Ananias came to the Apostles, both of them received the same punishment.

“Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine, let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee, be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother’s son bow down to thee: cursed be everyone that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee”. (Gen.27:28-29).

And so it is today that because of that word that proceedeth out of the mouth of that old man Isaac, Israel who was Jacob, became blessed, and this extended to his children up to date. This is the result of being in authority as Isaac used his position judiciously.

“And the Lord said unto Moses, gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them, and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they

may stand there with thee. And I will come down and talk with thee there and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone”. (Num.11:16-17).

God gave Moses authority to choose the men that will bear the burden with him because Moses was in authority, and because he trusted Moses to choose those that will fear God. The spirit that was upon Moses, is the spirit of submission. If today people in authority are asked to choose, they will choose their relations, and friends. Whether they are God fearing or not, it is not their business. *“And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord”. (I Sam.3:19-20).*

“And he said unto him, behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass...” (I Sam.9:6)

Samuel was established to be a prophet because he served Eli faithfully. God honoured him and put him in authority and confirmed every word he spoke. He never emulated the rebellious sons of Eli in sinning against God, and so it was clear to all that he will be in authority.

“And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, ask what I shall do for thee before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let

a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. And he said, thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee, but if not, it shall not be so". (2 Kings 2:9-10).

Elijah gave Elisha the assurance in faith because he knew he was in authority and God confirmed his word. Elisha received the double portion of the anointing also, because he was walking in submission.

"And he answered, fear not, for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw and, behold the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the Lord, and said, smite these people I pray thee with blindness. And He smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha". (2 Kings 6:16-18).

This was how God kept honouring the words of Elisha from the moment he was exalted to the position of authority. Because he knew he was in authority, he needed not to fear his enemies, for God that placed him in that position, will honour His word.

".....My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends; for ye have not spoken to me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath. Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourself a burnt offering, and my servant

Job shall pray for you, for him will I accept.....” (Job 42:7-8).

Because Job submitted to God even in the time of his tribulations and afflictions, God honoured him before his mockers. He accepted Job’s prayer and forgave his friends because of Job.

“A king that sitteth in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes”. (Prov.20:8).

This means that a king that is sitting in the authority of judgment, uses the law that is set before him to dispense all evils or all sins.

“A king by judgment establisheth the land.....” (Prov.29:4). One in authority can establish a land or country that is falling, if he judgeth righteously.

“If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked”. (Prov.29:12).

When one in authority listens to lies, it is because of the subjects. Are we surprised why many nations of the world, including Nigeria are going through difficult times today? It is because of the wickedness of the subjects. If the subjects walk in submission, God will deal with the leaders.

“Where the word of a king is, there is power, and who may say to him, what doest thou?” (Eccl.8:4). There is power in the word of one in authority, for there is no authority without God.



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PART II

CHAPTER 4

SUBMISSION IN THE HOME

The greatest union God has on earth is between the husband and wife, that is why submission in the home is the pivot of the whole race. The greatest force, the greatest covenant that manifests in the earth is between the husband and wife, because it is a picture of the Lord Jesus and His church. If husband and wife agree together, for something, it will surely happen, only God can stop that agreement.

“Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven”. (Matt.18:19).

What was God’s plan for man when He made the woman? Did He sanction two wives? Why did man go on to marry two or more wives inspite of God’s commandment in the beginning?

“And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept, and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib which the Lord had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man”. (Gen.2:21-22).

God made the woman as an helpmeet for man and also for both to multiply and replenish the earth. God never sanctioned two or more wives otherwise He would have taken two or more ribs from man in order to produce many women for a single man. In order to make His words clear so that anyone who loves, and wants to obey God will not be left with any excuse, He said in (Gen.2:24), *“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh”*.

Many people who want to use the law of Moses to justify their selfish motives argue blindly, because, not only did our Lord clear the issue of Moses' law, but the Israelites started marrying many wives in disobedience to the commandments of God before the law of Moses came. Abraham started it centuries before the law of Moses. Jacob and many of his sons married many women. Moses came at the time when the children of Israel were wallowing in the sin of adultery. Moses told them his own mind, but not from the Spirit of God and they obeyed that one easily, and failed to observe the other commandments. Hear what the Lord had to say when confronted with the question by the Pharisees.

“He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives; but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, commiteth adultery, and whoso

marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.”
(Matt.19:8-9).

Jesus made it clear to them that because they were hardened in the hearts by their constant protests about their wives, and were following after other women, Moses allowed them to divorce contrary to the law of God from the beginning. What Jesus said in the above verse of the scripture is clear; a married woman or man does not commit fornication, but adultery. Once married, that is the end. Only death can part two of you. People are deceived from what they read from other Versions of the Bible where some refer to fornication as unchastity or immoral act. Yes, truly speaking, fornication is an immoral act or unchaste act, but it does not stop with fornication. Adultery, Lesbianism, Masturbation, Homosexuality are all embodiments of immoral acts and unchastity. And God did not say a man should divorce the wife because of any of them. What Jesus meant by putting away your wife because of fornication is this; while you betroth a woman, and later find out that she is committing fornication before the marriage is consummated, you have the right to end the relationship because she is another person's property. However, if you decide to ignore such acts and go on to marry her, anything she does in that line after the consummation of the marriage is adultery and not fornication. And in such cases, you cannot divorce her. Only death can separate two of you. Please be warned that only King James Version of the Bible, published 1611, not New

King James, is the only Holy Ghost authorized word of God.

I am not ready for a long argument over this, because the foundation of God standeth sure, for God knowest those that are His. If you are marrying two or more wives, or you are marrying a divorced woman or a person whose husband or wife is still alive, you are on your way to hell except you repent and obey God now as Abraham did to Hagar. For the Lord Holy Ghost spoke through Brother Paul:

“And the times of this ignorance, God winked at (overlooked it); but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent; because he hath appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man who he hath ordained.....” (Acts 17:30-31)

ESTABLISHMENT OF AUTHORITY IN THE HOME

In the channel of God's authority, man is the head of the home and the lord of the woman. The woman submits to every word that proceeds out of the mouth of her husband, whether right or wrong. The scripture does not permit her to choose. Anytime she decides to choose, she will break the flow of the love of God in that family, and there will be attacks from all corners. This is because, she is the fence or the strong tower that protects the man. And once the devil succeeds in pulling her down, that man is finished if the Lord doesn't intervene at once.

“Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he (your husband) shall rule over thee”. (Gen.3:16).

That word *ōruleō* means a law, custom, given out by a ruler which guides or controls the behaviour or actions of his subjects. Therefore, when God says rule, He meant that you obey him (your husband) without any choice unless he allows you to make a choice.

“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord” . (Eph.5:22). Compare the above verse with *“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord”*. (Col. 3:18).

Because of the above verses, many preachers say that you obey your husband as long as he does or says the right thing. Please brethren, God doesn't have such option in His word. You either obey the word of God as it is, or you are out of God's will. God does not want any compromise and there is no neutrality in obeying God. Partial obedience to the word of God is still rebellion before God.

“For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church, and He is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything”. (Eph.5:23-24). This is clear because, if you don't submit and obey your own husband, you have rejected the Lord Jesus Christ. That word *ōeverythingō* means everything; that means, is he

saying the right thing? Obey! Is he saying the wrong thing? Obey! Remember what the Lord Jesus said to His disciples when they made a comment after His teaching on marriage.

".....If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry. But he said unto them, all men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given". (Matt.19:10-11).

So my beloved brethren if you cannot receive this, you are not ready for the Lord and His kingdom.

"Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach or usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression". (I Tim.2:11-14).

"Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands, that if any obey not the word they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives, while they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear". (I Pet. 3:1-2).

No matter the kind of knowledge you think that you have by your educational qualification, you (wives or women) are commanded to learn in silence from your husbands or men. Often I laugh when I see women trying to teach or correct their husbands. Please you are rebelling against the Word of God, only your conversation (lifestyle) which brings Godly fear, can change your husband. You may use any theological extraction from any book or anywhere to

support your rebellion, the word of God is clear, ðall men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is givenö. A woman or wife who does not trust her husband's decision enough to obey him, should not expect to have a peaceful home. She should also take note that the salt of the marriage is lacking. The salt of every marriage is love, but it is important to note that in all the commands God gave the wives, it is only in Titus 2:4 that wives are told to love their husbands. It is so because you cannot submit and obey the person you don't love. The best form of love you can show to anybody is to submit and obey him as Jesus Himself said in the gospel of John.

“Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters ye are as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement”. (I Pet. 3:6).

“Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, after I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?” (Gen. 18:12).

God commands wives to call their husbands ömy lordö if they are really the daughters of Sarah and are seeking after righteousness. If you are seeking to be virtuous as Sarah was, you have to do the good things that she did including calling your husband ömy lordö. Wives that are conscious of the kingdom, call their husbands ömy lordö, and obey them as lords too. They say it from their hearts seeing it as God's commandment that they look unto Sarah, and do what Sarah did. If you obey these words, you command great

respect before the Lord Jesus and His holy Angels, and control the affairs of the family in the spirit realm. Favour and beauty are not love but perfect obedience to the Lord Jesus in your husband (Prov. 31:30). If the wife expects her husband to love her because of her beauty, or if there is anything she does to get the husband's favour outside submitting and obeying him, they will later fade away and that fake love will collapse.

"Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord..... Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you....." (Isa. 51:1-2).

Men of faith and sons of the kingdom are supposed to look unto Abraham and do what he did. While women of faith and daughters of the kingdom are supposed to look unto Sarah and do the good things that Sarah did. Some will say, the scripture says "call no one lord or master on earth". It is true, but the Lord was referring to His church, that means nobody should be called lord, master, or daddy, in the body or the church of our Lord Jesus. We should all call ourselves brothers or sisters as commanded by the Lord Jesus in Matt. 23:8-10.

"How long wilt thou go about O thou backsliding daughter? For the Lord hath created a new thing in the earth. A woman shall compass a man". (Jer. 31:22).

The new covenant that God has now is with the woman. If you don't compass or surround or become a fence to your husband by your submissive character, you are breaking the

covenant of God, and bringing damnation upon ourselves. Women through you, Satan came into God's structure and scattered it, and also through you, God is re-establishing that structure by dismantling the false system set up by the devil.

"A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband, but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones". (Prov.12:4). Anytime the wife disagrees or challenges the husband, in the spirit they are divorced and the marriage is broken, until the wife repents and the Holy Spirit binds them again. The wife's rebellion can destroy the life of the husband and the entire family. (Her children, house helps, and her relations).

"Every wise woman buildeth her house, but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands". (Prov. 14:1).

A submissive wife is the same thing with a wise or virtuous woman, and she is like a crown that covers her head (husband). But she that maketh ashamed or the foolish is an unsubmitive woman who becomes a disease to her husband and through her rebellion, the devil will pluck down the progress of the family in everything.

".....And the wife see that she reverence her husband". (Eph. 5:33).

That word *ōseeö* is a commandment, and the word *ōreverenceö* means to be feared, be afraid, to bow down yourself, to be terrified, to worship. These meanings of reverence is what God commands the wife to do to her

husband. She is supposed to bow down or kneel down in greeting or in talking to her husband, fear him as if he is God, also worship him by serving him as if he is the Lord Jesus. If you do this, you are doing it unto the Lord. The children and househelps should submit to the wife as she tries to implement the instructions of the man in the house except the man changes it.

“Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honour thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise, that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth”. (Eph. 6:1-3).

“Children, obey your parents in all things for this is well pleasing unto the Lord”. (Col. 3:20).

The scripture commands children to obey in everything. They are again not allowed to decide which one to obey and which one to disobey. And their obedience goes with blessings from the Lord. Many people suffer now and they do not know why. It is as a result of their rebellious attitude to their parents when they were young. And those parents in turn released a lot of curses on them and they grew up with those curses which have started affecting them now.

“Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ. Not with eye-service, as menpleasers, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.....” (Eph. 6:5-8).

“Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eye-service as menpleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing God.....” (Col. 3:22-23).

“Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and His doctrine (of submission) be not blasphemed”. (I Tim. 6:1).

Nobody is left out in submission, servants are to obey their masters, no matter the way they are treating them.

“Servants be subject to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward”. (I Pet.2:18).

If you submit and obey them, God will deal with the master if he is not treating you well.

GOD’S COMMAND TO THE MAN OR HEAD OF THE FAMILY

“.....And He is the saviour of the body”. (Eph. 5:23).

Just as the Lord Jesus is the saviour of His body (the church) which He purchased with His blood, so also is the man, the saviour of his own body (wife, children, househelp and relations of the wife), which he purchased with the dowry paid on the wife as a symbol of the blood.

“Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having

spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself". (Eph. 5:22-28).

God has sent the man as He sent the Lord Jesus to love the wife and die for her, even if that is the only way you will show your love for her. The man is to teach the wife the word of God as the Lord Jesus is teaching His body. He is to provide the woman with all her desires but he has to be knowledgeable in the word of God to know the desire that is contrary to the word of God. If he does not stop any desire that is contrary to the word of God, he invokes the wrath of God upon himself and his family. For example in the case of Adam and Eve in eating the forbidden fruit, Abraham and Sarah over Hagar's issue and how Job stopped the wife's suggestion to curse God, e.t.c. You have to defy all odds to show her your love so as to discern the devil over her rebellious act. Comfort her in times of sorrows and difficulty and let her understand that if things improve, you will also increase your subvention to her. Praise her in the good things she knows how to do (Prov. 31:28). Provide enough finance for her upkeep when you have it, so that when you don't have, she will be comforted and understand your situation.

"Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weak

vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers be not hindered". (I Pet. 3:7).

Husbands, God commands you to dwell with your wives according to the knowledge they have. They don't have the same understanding with you because the battle is mainly between the wife and Satan as God said in (Gen. 3:15). Have patience with them and allow them some time to understand, especially in times of difficulty they tend to be impatient. See them as weaker vessels and heirs together with you men. If you don't do this, your prayer will be hindered. Your unity has power over any situation on earth. If a wife is very submissive and the husband decides to maltreat her, God's wrath will fall on the man in these ways :-

- (a) God may cause the man to be converted by force, with afflictions.
- (b) He may allow the devil to take the man's life and free the woman from the man's law (see I Sam.25:3-38, Rom. 7:1-3).

However, if a slacker husband decides to allow his wife do her will as an evidence that you love her, or as a way of having peace in your house, then you have established the authority of Jezebel's spirit in your house, and God will deal with you. God holds you (the man) responsible for any sin she commits, except the man gives out a warning to stop her and she defies it by doing her will. In a case like that, God will deal ruthlessly with the woman.

“.....But if her husband altogether hold his peace at her from day to day, then he establisheth all her vows, or all her bonds, which are upon her, he confirmeth them, because he held his peace at her, in the day that he heard them. But if he shall any ways make them void after he hath heard, then he shall bear her iniquity”. (Num. 30:6-15).

Christ loved the church (His body) and did the will of the Father, so will the husband love his wife and do the will of God. If in showing your love to her, it conflicts with the will of God, God takes the upper hand, straightway. Make sure you rebuke and correct her when she misses it, but don't nag her. Be rather patient with her to understand and follow in the things you have corrected her. Often people have gone into so many debates as to how children should be treated. Many say corporal punishment is not the best, some said, it is the best. Well I am not a good debater, but I choose to stand on the Lord's side. Hear God's own side and the final answer to the debate :-

“He that spareth his rod hateth his son, but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes” (early, in good time when he is still young). (Prov. 13:24).

“Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.” (Prov. 19:18).

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” (Prov. 22:6).

“Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction shall, drive it far from him “. (Prov. 22:15).

“Withhold not correction from the child for if thou beatest him with the rod he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell”. (Prov. 23:13-14).

“The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.” (Prov. 29:15).

“Correct thy son and he shall give thee rest, yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.” (Prov. 29:17).

When the scripture is saying sons here, daughters and househelps are also under the same category. Even though, this is a joint relationship between the husband and the wife, God holds the man responsible for any sin in the home because he is the head. If you shift your responsibility to teachers in the school or househelps, you will eventually regret it. You are their trainer, all others are just assisting to build on the foundation you have laid. If there is any mistake, it is your fault.

“A foolish son is the calamity of his father.....” (Prov. 19:13). When your son is rebellious, he will bring shame to the mother, but it is going to be disastrous to the man. Why? Because it is his duty to bring his children under subjection with all gravity. A man who is so busy with the affairs of this world that he has no time to train his children, will one day account for the calamity that is going to befall the family, through the bad conduct of his children which they emulated from evil communication with other untrained children.

õGravityö means force or seriousness, so do all in your power to bring them under subjection, by starting early to correct them, and God will do the rest. This gravity indicates that you flog them with your cane or you give them some other corporal punishment where they deserve it, because only hard beating with a cane can drive out the demons attacking a foolish child.

“And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” (Eph. 6:4)

“Fathers provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.” (Col. 3:21).

Donø scare them away, rather in your correcting them, explain to them the benefits of that correction. After beating them for an offence they committed, console them when they have cried for sometime, to show them that you still love them, or they will start running away from you: However, you donø have to over pamper them so that they will not feel you are making a mistake by beating them.

“And ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening, knowing that your Master also is in Heaven, neither is there respect of persons with him.” (Eph. 6:9).

“Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal, knowing that ye also have a Master in Heaven.” (Col. 4:1).

You masters donø treat your servants as slaves. If you know what you will do for your children, do the same unto

them. Take them as God's own servants, and have a fair treatment to all, because you will give the Lord Jesus account of how you treated them. Remember that you are also a servant to the Lord.

Finally, you wives, your office is in the home. The devil's plan is for you to leave the home God has given you to guide, and he (devil) will come in and scatter the house, and kill God's move in the house.

"I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully." (I Tim. 5:14).

"That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." (Titus 2:4-5).

This is the only teaching God permits women that are aged or rather matured in the things of God to teach, because this is what they must have gone through or are going through. You teach young women and children not men, how to be keepers at home, how to guide the house, how to bear children, how to live the life of Christ, how to submit and obey their husbands, and how to love their children. Wives don't wait for the man to start first, it is in submitting and obeying him, that His head (the Lord Jesus), will change him. God doesn't depend on the man's side to save the family.

CHAPTER 5

WHO HAS THE GREATEST SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

“And he said, cursed be Canaan, a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.” (Gen. 9:25).

This was a statement God allowed to come out of the mouth of Noah in preparation to unfold His divine plan, in restoration of mankind to his lost glory. Noah had cursed the last son of Ham (Canaan), after Ham saw the nakedness of their father. His curse went further :-

“And he said, blessed be the Lord God of Shem, and Canaan shall be his servant. God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem, and Canaan shall be his servant.” (Gen. 9:26-27).

God ordained it that through serving, man will be restored back to the position of rulership. This was why Jesus came, not to be served, but to serve the world. And so it is that Shem became the father of Israelites and all Arab Nations, while Japheth became the father of the Europeans, Americans and some part of Asian countries. Ham then, became the father of Cush (Ethiopia), Mizraim (Egypt), Phut (Libya), Canaan and all blacks throughout the world. Who then are the Canaanites that were cursed? They are the

West African Countries. Nobody needs to be told what these West African Countries went through during the slave trade, colonial era, and what they are still going through now. The curse is now over with the death of our Lord Jesus who nailed all curses on the cross, that through the preaching of the gospel, they will be exalted to the place of authority.

We the Canaanites, were the original inhabitants of the land where the children of Israel and the Arab Nations are dwelling now. God took that land away from us and gave it to Abraham and his descendants, because of our idol worship. Salem, the place where Jerusalem dwells now, is the land of Canaan. Are you surprised why Jesus, who was Melchizedec, became the first King of Salem? (Jerusalem) (Heb. 7:1-3). Can you now see why God is looking for priests after the order of Melchizedec who was a Canaanite, so as to restore them to their spiritual land which they lost through Noah's curse.

"For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens". (Heb. 7:26).

Well, let us not go to genealogy, for in the kingdom, there is no Jew or Gentile, no bond or free, no male or female, for all are free to enter the Kingdom if you keep the principles of God.

And the Lord said *"who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his Lord shall make ruler over his*

household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath". (Luke 12:42-44) and (Matt.24:45-47).

"Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof, so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured". (Prov. 27:18).

These quotations confirm that once you serve the one over you, you will be spiritually elevated and you will reap the fruits of your labour. A faithful and wise steward is he that does the will of his Master, and his reward is exaltation to the position of rulership.

".....Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you, but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister (servant), and whosoever of you will be chiefest, shall be the servant of all". (Mark 10:42-44).

If you want to have a great spiritual authority, become a servant, because when you become a servant and serve others, you will be exalted to be in authority.

".....Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Matt.20:25-28).

Jesus obtained His position as Lord and Master through service. If we follow the same footstep, we will also obtain

the same position of lord and king. After all He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and we are the lords and kings whom He is their head, if we hold on to our profession of faith unto the end.

“Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal to God, but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”. (Phil. 2:7-11).

The mind that was in the Lord Jesus before He came, was the mind of a servant who came to do the will of His Master (Father), and that was why when the Galileans sought to take Him by force and make Him a king, He disappeared from their midst and rejected the offer. (John 6:15). He was equal with God the Father, but He left all those equality behind Him, and took the position of a servant and became an ordinary man with flesh and blood, and became obedient even unto death. Jesus had showed us an example that through humility and serving, we will also obtain a name

(authority) that is higher than what the kingdoms of this world can offer.

“Ye call me Master and Lord, and ye say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, the servant is not greater than his lord, neither is he that is sent greater than he that sent him.” (Jn. 13:13-16).

If you call Jesus, your Lord and Master, you should serve as He did. He even served His disciples to show them an example of how to serve one another. If our Lord who sent us served in order to be Lord and Master, who are we that are sent? If you feel that you are greater than Jesus who served, then the Kingdom is not for you. The Kingdom is for servant of servants (the servants of God that are sent to serve other servants).

“For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.....” (I Cor. 9:19-23). Paul learnt how to be a servant everywhere he went in order to gain more from the Lord. No matter the authority he had in Christ, he humbled himself everywhere he went to become a partaker of the glory of our Lord Jesus.

“But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased, and he

that shall humble himself shall be exalted.” (Matt. 23:11-12).

We are called to be servants in order to be honoured in the end. Today many of us are ushered into the crusade grounds or seminar halls, by their escorts, as kings. The Kingdom of our Lord is not of this world. Remember the Lord’s service did not stop with ministering the word to the multitudes, He also served them. Let us not stop with ministering the word, but also humble ourselves to serving one another.

“A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.” (Prov. 17:2).

“Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.” (Gal. 4:7).

If you serve faithfully, you become a son and have rule over other servants, and will also receive your inheritance. A woman also, whom the word of God commands to obey the husband in everything, is like a servant of servants, for she serves the husband who also is a servant of God. But her power in the spirit realm, is nowhere to compared with that of the man. If a woman who is submissive and obedient to the word of God through the husband, goes down on her knees for anything she wants, that is in line with the word, God does not hesitate to manifest it. So men, if you say because you are the head, therefore you can do whatever pleaseth you with the woman, if she reports you to the Lord Jesus in prayers, you are gone. God will send the devil to



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come and show you how to love the woman. And until you
change the devil will not be stopped.

CHAPTER 6

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DON'T OBEY AUTHORITY

“And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian whom he had married, for he had married an Ethiopian woman. And they said, Hath the Lord indeed spoken by Moses? Hath He not spoken also by us? And the Lord heard it.....” (Num. 12:1-8).

Miriam thought that because she helped their mother to raise up Moses when he was a child, and as the eldest of the three (that is Herself, Aaron and Moses, for she was Aaron's senior, while Aaron was Moses's senior), she could join Aaron in challenging the Lord in Moses.

“And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them, and he departed. And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle, and behold Miriam became leprous, as white as snow, and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and behold she was leprous. And Aaron said unto Moses, alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned. Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb.” (Vs. 9-12).

Fear gripped Aaron when he saw what the Lord did to Miriam, and in his prayer of repentance for both of them, he quickly remembered to call Moses, my lord and not brother. People may ask, why didn't Aaron become leprous too? The answer is simple. God doesn't spare anybody that challenges authority, as you will see in the latter part of the chapter. In the case of Aaron and Miriam, Aaron was in authority as well as Moses, though he was under Moses, and both of them (Moses and Aaron) were men. Miriam was a woman, and she was not in authority, but even if she was in authority, she could only control other women and not a man.

".....And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown. And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, everyone of them, and the Lord is among them, wherefore then lift ye yourselves above the congregation of the Lord? And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face..." (Num. 16:1-19).

These Levites are people that God separated from the other tribes of Israel, to serve in the tabernacle and stand before the rest of their brethren to minister unto them, in fulfillment of the blessings Jacob gave Levi when he was about to pass away. They jealously started eyeing the office of priesthood that is clearly reserved for Aaron and his children, and they

felt that God made a mistake in choosing Moses in the first place and also Aaron his brother to lead them. When they stirred up the spirit of rebellion in the whole congregation and they all gathered together against Moses and Aaron, the Lord spoke: *“Separate yourselves (Moses and Aaron) from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment”*. And they (Moses and Aaron) fell upon their faces, and said, *“O God, the God of the Spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wrath with all the congregation?”* (Vs. 21-22).

If it wasn't that Moses and Aaron interceded immediately, God would have wiped the whole congregation. But, were those men that gathered this congregation, left unpunished? No, God dealt with them according to the decree of Moses and all of them perished.

“And Moses said, hereby ye shall know that the Lord hath sent me to do all these works, for I have not done them of mine own mind. If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men, then the Lord hath not sent me. But if the Lord make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit, then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the Lord. And it came to pass, as he made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them. And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that

appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them, and they perished from among the congregation.” (Vs. 28-33).

This is an evidence to prove that God doesn't spare, irrespective of what you are. Moses having interceded for the whole congregation with his brother Aaron, decreed judgment of God upon this people to serve as a warning to the rest of the congregation. But they were not stopped from murmuring and challenging the authority of God in Moses and Aaron.

“On the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, ye have killed the people of the Lord. And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation, and behold the cloud covered it and the glory of the Lord appeared....And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces.” (Vs. 41-45).

“....And, behold, the plague was begun among the people, and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people. And he stood between the dead and living, and the plague was stayed. Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred....” (Vs. 47-49).

The hearts of the children of Israel became seared with hot iron that they were no more afraid of death. When you allow your heart to be hardened through rebellion and disobedience, that you are no more afraid of death, when your heart becomes hardened through rebellion and disobedience, that you are no more afraid of God and His judgment, you will become reprobate, and the Holy Ghost will no more convict you. And if the Holy Ghost stops rebuking or convicting you, then know for sure that your conscience is dead and it has now turned to sin against the Holy Ghost. The children of Israel were gripped by the spirit of rebellion that they failed to see God in Moses and Aaron inspite of all the miracles.

“.....But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king’s commandment by his chamberlains, therefore was the king very wrath, and his anger burned in him.” (Esther 1:10-12).

This was how Jezebel spirit wanted to use Vashti the Queen, to pave the way for women to start doing their will, but the spirit was quickly checked by the king and those who knew the law.

“What shall we do unto the queen Vashti according to law, because she hath not performed the commandment of the king Ahasuerus by the chamberlains? And Memucan answered before the king and princes, Vashti the queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the people that are in all the provinces

of the king Ahasuerus. For this deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported, the king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not. Likewise shall the ladies of Persia and Media say this day unto all the king's princes which have heard of the deed of the queen. Thus shall there arise too much contempt and wrath....." (Vs. 15-18).

"That it be not altered, that Vashti come no more before the king Ahasuerus, and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she. And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great), all the wives shall give their husbands honour, both great and small." (Vs. 19-20).

And so, at the king's commandment, not only was the spread of rebellion and disobedience checked in the whole empire, but Vashti lost her position as the first lady (Queen), and it was given to a more beautiful, submissive and obedient woman. The rulership of men over their wives and families were also firmly established. It was no more an issue of if you want to obey the word of God, but it becomes a decree with severe punishment. This is one of the decrees that should be approved today in homes, churches, schools, government offices, and the public in general. Rather than this decree of women's submission, we are following the Western Civilization, and many people are

clamoring for women's liberation. If you keep God's command by the side, you cannot achieve any success.

Saul, the first king of Israel lost his kingship because of rebellion and disobedience to the word of God through Samuel, the Prophet.

"And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king." (I Samuel 15:22-24).

Some people when they are given instructions by their heads or those in authority, try to choose a better way of obeying, by doing some of the instructions and leaving some undone, and giving so many excuses to justify their rebellious attitude. What God told Saul through Samuel, was to go and utterly destroy, not to spare any. Who is he sacrificing to? Is it not the same God whom he had already disobeyed? Rebellion is the same sin with witchcrafting, and you know the scripture said, *"Thou shall not suffer a witch to live"*, so if a witch is to be killed, rebellion is also to be stamped out in like manner. And the people spake against God, and against Moses. *"Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no bread, neither is there any water, and our soul loatheth this light bread, and the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people,*

and they bit the people, and much people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, we have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; Pray unto the Lord, that He take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.” (Num. 21:5-7). When they learnt to open their mouths, and pleaded for forgiveness, God also forgave them, and heard the prayer of Moses concerning them.

“He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.” (Prov. 28:9).

“He that being often reprovèd hardeneth his neck shall be destroyed, and that without remedy.” (Prov. 29:1).

You may say you heard the law, but when you don’t abide by it, then you don’t want to hear the truth in the first place, and the scripture records that your prayer will be abomination unto the Lord. If you are being rebuked constantly because of an error or a sin, and you don’t want to change, God will allow the cruel messenger to visit you.

“An evil man seeketh only rebellion, therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.” (Prov. 17:11). And when the cruel messenger comes, he will execute God’s vengeance upon the children of disobedience on you.

“And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the Lord met him, and sought to kill him. Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said surely a bloody husband art thou to

me. So he let him go; then she said a bloody husband thou art, because of the circumcision.” (Exodus 4:24-26).

Even Moses had a taste of God’s wrath, for when in the process to allow peace reign in his house, he failed to keep the covenant of God with Abraham, which says that all the male born of the children of Israel will be circumcised. His wife Zipporah refused to allow Moses to do it to his son, and Moses yielded to the will of Zipporah. On the way God sent the cruel messenger, and when Moses was struck down, nearly dead, Zipporah then ran and did it herself, and started cursing Moses which led to her going back to her father with her children.

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stones them which are sent unto thee....Behold, your house is left unto you desolate....Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.” (Matt. 23:37-39).

If you are walking in rebellion; your house will be left in desolation unto you. You won’t be walking in revelation knowledge of the Word, you will not have divine protection from the Lord, no divine health and there will be attacks here and there for you. Until you repent and start accepting and obeying the one over you, you will never see the glory of God in your life.

“He that heareth you heareth me, and he that despiseth you despiseth me, and he that despiseth me, despiseth Him that sent me.” (Luke 10:16).




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“He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his Holy Spirit.” (I Thess. 4:8).
If you hear and obey your head, you have heard and obeyed God, if you despise your head, you have despised God. Always see the person as sitting in the position of God to you or else, you invoke the wrath of God upon yourself.



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PART III

CHAPTER 7

SUBMISSION IN THE CHURCH

The husband is submitted to the Lord Jesus Christ through a righteous servant of God, just the same way the wife submits to him. But the servant of God does not lord the man as he (the husband) lords the wife. He teaches him (the husband) the word of God, counsels him, rebukes him when he errs, but allows the Holy Ghost to direct him. Bachelors, spinsters, widows, separated couples, women who have unbelieving husbands, should submit to a righteous man of God. But the woman will submit to a man of God with the consent of their husbands, for spiritual growth. This is to avoid clash in marriages as the husband reserves the right to approve anything the wife is doing, or has decided to do (ref. Num. 30:6-8). Just as God does not want your shepherd to be lord over you, He also does not want you to challenge him. If he tells you anything wrong, don't challenge or question his authority, rather go to the Lord Jesus who placed him over you, and complain to Him.

Likewise, Pastors, Evangelists, teachers are submitted to God's own anointed Apostles/Prophets, not self appointed Apostles and Prophets. That a man of God is the General Overseer of a denomination does not make him an Apostle

of righteousness. True Apostles and Prophets are very scarce, they are not easily known or seen, but with prayers, God will lead you to one. Apostles are the pillars of the true church of Christ which are written in heaven. They have to lay the foundation of any true fellowship. Apostles submit to themselves (fellow Apostles) that is, their submission is one to another. They are then directly under the Holy Ghost and the Holy Ghost is under the Lord Jesus. One cannot become an Apostle by the number of years he has served the Lord. It is a ministerial gift given by the Lord Jesus to whomsoever He wills, irrespective of age. They must be very vast in the walking revelation knowledge of God, not knowing the verses of the Bible in their heads without working it out. This is so because as a pillar, he must lead others through example and experience.

“Son of man., I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel, therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.....” (Ezekiel 3:17-21).

Your pastor, shepherd or cover is your watchman. You are the house of God that he watches over, for the Owner (The Lord Jesus). Just like a house whose landlord is in a far Country or City, and appoints a caretaker to look after the house for him, do some repair works, collects the house rent for him, etc., so has the Lord Jesus appointed watchmen or caretakers to look after His sheep, and furnish Him with the day to day running of their lives.

“And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you: And to esteem them very highly for their works sake. And be at peace among yourselves.” (I Thess. 5:12-13).

We know that the one over you labours to make sure you are on the right path just like the caretaker of a house labours to make sure that things are in proper shape in the house. Therefore have a special regard for them because of the work of God they do in your life.

“And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren, but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit.” (I Tim. 6:2).

Do not despise the man of God over you, don't challenge or criticize him. If there is any fault you see, don't open your mouth to talk about it, but rather go down on your knees and pray for the Lord Jesus to reveal it to him, so that he will repent and be converted. Many Christians have been destroyed because of this act of challenging and criticizing their pastors. It is a dangerous ground to tread on, "Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm", so says the Word of God. If you lay hands in any way on God's ministers, or you do any harm to them either in word, thought or action, you will invite God's judgment on yourself. This does not mean that everything the man is doing must be right. No, I am not saying that, but God's principle is that He does not allow the congregation or the

subjects to deal with the person He placed in authority. He (God) deals with those in authority by Himself, if they miss Him.

“Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder, yea all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility, for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.” (I Pet. 5:5-6). The mighty hand of God, is the authority channel of God where He can stretch His hand anytime He likes to direct them. Those under the mighty hand of God are very sensitive to the moves of God, and they follow the Holy Spirit, and God does not fail to exalt them to the position of being in authority after they have passed training under the Holy Spirit. Everybody in the body of Christ is supposed to be under submission to the Lord Jesus through another man of God. The words *ōresisteth* and *givethō*, show a continual process, it means God will keep on resisting you, as long as you refuse to submit; and he will keep on adding more grace to the submissive ones. Once you are submitted, you receive a lot of truth, a lot of revelations from the Lord, and a lot of blessings will also follow it.

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” (Jas. 4:7).

“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.” (Vs. 10).

That you are born again, baptized in water and the Holy Spirit does not make you to be in the sight of the Lord. This in His sight are those that are under His authority channel, and He will lift them up to the position of authority at His appointed time. If you are under submission, you become a major target for the Kingdom of darkness, but the Lord will add His unmeasured grace that will help you resist them (Satan and his agents), and they will flee from you.

“Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.” (I Cor. 11:1).

“Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God, whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.” (Heb. 13:7).

Submit yourself to your Pastor and follow his footsteps as you watch him follow God. This calls for carefulness, because if you don't pray to be guided by the Lord in your submission, you may submit to a man of God who is already in deception, and he will mislead you. Your shepherd is your local Pastor. That you are a member of a church with large congregation, is not an evidence that you are under submission. You have to go to a Pastor personally and tell him that the Lord Jesus has sent you to submit yourself to him. There is no way a true Pastor can supervise a large congregation, for he cannot attend to their personal matters individually. Just as you have a personal doctor who attends to you whenever you are sick, this is how your Pastor should be your spiritual doctor. How can a Pastor who is

busy with so many activities in the church, attend to the personal affairs of a large congregation? This is not possible for real spiritual growth and for a perfect training and supervision by your shepherd on your daily relationship with God.

“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves, for they watch over your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief, for that is unprofitable for you.” (Heb. 13:17).

As the sheep submits and obeys you (shepherd), you watch over his soul (spiritual life), as one that must give account to the Owner of the sheep. You don't have to shift your responsibility to another by establishing house fellowships, and urging the sheep to go there and fellowship with other brethren only. I am not saying that fellowshiping with other brethren is wrong, no, far from that. What I am saying is that the sheep cannot receive proper counsels, rebukes, proper teaching that his soul is longing for, If he is missing God, he cannot know, because he will find it difficult to confess his fault in an open fellowship. If you that is submitting, makes things difficult for your Pastor, by keeping secrets and failing to share your dealings with him, it will be unprofitable for you, because he will not counsel you aright. If he counsels or rebukes you and you ignore him, or despise him in some cases, he will start recoiling and it is going to be disastrous for you.

“Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.” (I Tim. 5:17).

Brother Paul was talking of honouring your leaders by submitting and obeying them, because they labour to receive from the Lord and minister unto you the word of God.

“Let him that is taught in the Word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.” (Gal.6:6).

The Lord says òcommunicate unto himö (your Pastor), pass on information, your dealings, your feelings about the move of God in your life, share or exchange revelations from the Lord, with your shepherd. Do not feel too big, for God that placed him over you is not a fool. Minister unto him with your carnal things, as you are led, because this is the only way you can pay him his wages. It should however not be by compulsion but willingly as you are led by the Spirit of God, because freely he has received the knowledge from God, and freely he should pass it on to other people.

“I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints, that ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with us, and laboureth.” (I Cor. 16:15-16).

This was a family in the days of Brother Paul, who gave their lives to serving their fellow brethren. You know what it is for somebody to be an addict of a particular thing, this was how this family, took it upon themselves to live all their

lives, ministering to the saints. And we are urged to submit ourselves unto such people.

“For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. Let your women keep silence in the churches, for it is not permitted unto them to speak, but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home, for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.” (I Cor. 14:33-35).

“This is an hard saying, who can hear it?” And this was the statement that came out of the mouths of many of Jesus’ disciples, when He told them, that except they eat His flesh and drink His blood, they will not have eternal life. The above quotation about women is a hard saying, who can receive it? In this dispensation when the devil has succeeded in using Jezebel spirits to teach and seduce the servants of God to commit fornication (mixing up with the system of this world), will one be quoting these verses. But the scripture made it clear, no matter what you were taught by any man or a Bible school, if your church is the type where saints attend, and if the Lord Jesus is the Head of that church, women should not speak. That means, they are not to lead in anything. They can pray, praise and worship God, but a man must lead. They are not to teach, prophesy or share revelations in the church. They report to their husbands or Pastors at home, who in turn shares it on their behalf in the church. Some may say this is heresy, after all

the daughters of Philip, the Evangelist (Acts 21:8) prophesied. Yes, they prophesied, but the scripture did not record that all of them including Paul and his company were together with the damsels when they prophesied. Women can prophesy if they are praying among themselves, and also with children. They can teach fellow women and children, but not men, who are the express image of Christ. The Lord made it clear through Brother Paul in Heb. 6:17-18, that by two immutable (unchangeable) things, it is impossible for Him to lie. The two things are His Word and His Spirit, therefore whatever you say or believe that God has told you, must be tested and judged with the Word of God. And it is the same word of God that said, women should not teach, but learn in silence with all subjection. When this issue of women wanted to creep into the Corinthian church during the days of Paul, the Holy Ghost who is the author of the Bible and Lord in the church, spoke through Paul and said :- What? That is, what am I hearing? That, women are speaking in the church? He asked again, came the word of God out from you? Or came it unto you only? Did the word of God come out from women or did it come to you from men only? See, the Lord is not joking. Men are the express image of God and therefore the word of God in humanity, but the word of God came unto women only.

He said further, *“If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. But if*

any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.” (I Cor. 14:36-38).

The Lord said further through Brother Paul that, if you are a prophet, or think yourself to have grown spiritual, acknowledge that this is the true commandment of the Lord, but if you refuse to accept it, remain with your ignorance. Some may say, but when so and so sister prays or preaches, many people fall under anointing and are healed. Yes, Jesus comes to glorify His name whenever He is called by faith. After all He said,

“ Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you, depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” (Matt. 7:22-23).

Miracle is good and acceptable, but it is not the only way to prove the existence of God, for Satan himself can work miracles. There is no miracle that is greater than the miracle of regeneration. Is it not a great miracle for a mentally deranged person to be converted and be preaching the gospel of Christ like one who is mentally okay before his conversion. God is looking for the doers of the word, not only hearers. Your gift from the Holy Ghost will be used to edify your fellow women, and children, on how to submit and obey their head not in the church of the saints. Leave that theological knowledge and follow the Holy Spirit direction in His word. You were not told the truth because



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the person that taught you in that your Bible school didn't receive the truth either. The Holy Spirit is the only Teacher, and He has laid out the principles which He received from the Lord Jesus, in the word. Any other thing or teaching outside this commandment about the conduct of women in the church, is not from the Holy Spirit. It is from the kingdom of darkness.

CHAPTER 8

QUALITIES OF THE ONE YOU SHOULD SUBMIT TO

“Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews. And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house...wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.....I have coveted no man’s silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.” (Acts 20:19-35).

You submit to a man that has these qualities. He never withheld the counsel of God from the sheep. He gave them everything the Lord had given him to give out. He was constantly praying for them with tears so that they could walk in the footsteps of our Lord. He should be a man that had laid down his life for the sake of the gospel. He

shouldn't be a man that merchandises people with the gospel of give me, give me, and God will reward you. He should allow everybody to be led by the Lord in giving. He should not manipulate anybody to please himself for he did not die for anybody.

"For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail, for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God." (I Thess. 2:9).

"Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith." (I Thess. 3:10).

"My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you." (Gal. 4:19).

Brother Paul was talking of how he prayed day and night through groaning, traveling, and weeping for the word of God to be formed in the people he was overseeing. If you cannot see them often, to teach and counsel, then through labouring in intercession, the Holy Ghost will give the sheep the revelation that He wants him to get.

"A bishop (overseer or shepherd) then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant (watchful) sober (self controlled), of good behaviour, given to hospitality (friendly and generous in reception of guests), apt to teach (well suited to teach). Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre (profit or money making), but patient, not a brawler (fighter), not covetous. One that ruleth well

his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity (force or seriousness). For if a man know not how to rule his house, how shall he take care of the church of God? Not a novice (New convert, one without experience), lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must give a good report of them which are without (unbelievers), lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.” (I Tim. 3:2-7).

“If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God, not self willed, not soon angry, not given to filthy lucre; But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;” He has to be a man that strives daily to know God, and also partake of his sufferings. He will not be counting himself as one who has made it, but will be ready to keep on suffering persecutions with Christ. He will not be an hireling that runs away when persecutions come, leaving his sheep to scatter. He has to care for the sheep by laying down his life for them. He will not be a novice who has not got any experience, else the devil will get back at him because of this loophole and pull him down. He will not be the kind of person that does his selfish will without putting into consideration what the will of God for the sheep under him is. He has to be one who knows how to divide the word of God so as to be able to teach the sheep a sound doctrine or the present truth.

“Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight (watchful care) thereof, not by constraint, but willingly, not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but being examples to the flock.” (I Pet. 5:2-3).

“But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distress, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings. By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left. By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report, as deceivers, and yet true; As unknown, and yet well known, as dying, and behold, we live, as chastened, and not killed. As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing, as poor, yet making many rich, as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.” (II Cor. 6:4-10).

He will be a man that will be willing to feed the flock of God. He will not rule them as if they are his own. He will just speak the word of God to them and allow them to be led by the Holy Ghost. He has to be approved by these verses of the Bible. Some will give a good report of him, while some will give a bad report because they don’t want the truth. He may be termed as deceiver, but the word will prove that he is true. He will be kind, and regarded as a man of sorrows, and yet rejoicing in the Lord. He may not be

known in the Christendom, but God, His holy angels and those who belong to the church of the firstborn which are written in heaven, will know and recognize where he comes from the moment they hear him speak.

“But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.” (Matt. 6:33).

He will be a man that seeks the Kingdom of God and His righteousness first, and then patiently waiting on the Lord to add all the necessary things needed for his ministerial work.

“I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem which shall never hold their peace day or night, ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence. And give him no rest, till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.” (Isaiah 62:6-7). He will be the man that will not hold his peace day and night in prayers, until God glorifies His name in His sheep.

“My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, sit thou here in a good place, and say to the poor, stand thou there, or sit thou here under my footstool. Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts? (James 2:1-4).

“If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food. And one of you say unto them, depart in peace, be ye

warned and filled, notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body, what doth it profit?" (Vs. 15-16).

"It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment!" (Prov. 24:23).

"To have respect of persons is not good, for, for a piece of bread, that man will transgress." (Prov. 28:21).

He will be willing to help the needy. He will not treat the poor with disrespect, while he honours the rich brother like a king.

CHAPTER 9

RESPONSIBILITIES IN SUBMISSION AND OBEDIENCE

“And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you.” (I Thess. 5:12).

Your shepherd has a responsibility, and the one under has a responsibility too. Both labour together to see that the righteousness of God is maintained in the fellowship.

“For ye remember, brethren our labour and travail, for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.” (I Thess. 2:9).

“Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?” (I Thess. 3:10).

The one over you has to labour (groaning, travailing, weeping, wailing, howling, roaring and warfare) night and day in order that you will be perfected in your shortcomings.

“And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly and

from house to house. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God". (Acts 20:20, 27).

It is the job of the one over you to teach, counsel, rebuke you with all longsuffering. He doesn't have to hide the counsel of God from you, and he will not withhold anything that will be profitable to you, except you don't really submit to him.

"I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that is the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints) that ye submit yourselves unto such, and to everyone that helpeth with us, and laboureth." (I Cor. 16:15-16).

You should submit as this family who gave their lives to serve the rest of the saints. You should labour with your shepherd and help him in everything. You make out time as the Holy Spirit directs you, to go to his house to help him. Help him in some of the domestic works, for example, washing his clothes, his car, if he has any, cleaning the house, helping him in the farm work, if he has a farm, etc. He doesn't have to force you to do any of these things, no, you do it willingly and heartily as unto the Lord, expecting your reward from the Lord. You should run some errands for your shepherd where he demands you to do it for him. Some of you who are Carpenters, Shoe-Makers, Tailors, Doctors, Nurses, Engineers, Electricians, Motor Mechanics, etc., can help him in your areas of specialization free of charge. For example, sewing his clothes, repairing his shoes,

making some good furniture, etc. after all he ministers the Word of God to you and watches over your spiritual life freely.

“Preach the word, be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.” (II Tim. 4:20).

This verse is very important to shepherds in dealing with those under. If a sheep is constantly coming to your house or office to be fed, feed him with the word. Don't wait for the Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays Bible Study or fellowship to teach them generally. The Lord that puts the hunger and thirst for the word in him/her, knows why He has put it. After all, anybody that is ready for the kingdom should put every hindrance aside to run the race. Those that want to be fed on fellowship days only will be fed, and those that want to be fed daily have to be fed. Don't run away, shepherds, don't feel bored, that is why God chose and anointed you, A doctor doesn't run away from his patients, so why will you run away from your sheep?

“.....For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, my son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him. For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If you endure

chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons, for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.....Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous but grievous, nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.” (Heb. 12:2-11).

Here we see the Lord chasteneth, the Lord scourgeth, but how does He do it? He does the scourging and the chastening through those that are over us, and that is the more reason why we should see them as sitting in the office of God. If you do not endure the chastening, God will not deal with you as a son, rather you become a bastard who does not know his father. Chastisement and scourging pinch very hard in the heart, but if you endure them, it will yield the peaceable fruit of righteousness.

“Brethren pray for us.” (I Thess. 5:25).

“Finally, brethren pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.” (II Thess. 3:1).

“Pray for us, for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.” (Heb. 13:18).

It is the job of the sheep to pray for the shepherds so as to be delivered from attacks and temptations. You pray for them also, so that they will be able to receive the truth and counsel you aright. If you don't fervently pray for them and they don't receive proper from the Lord, you will feel the

impact. You have to pray also that God will bless him financially, spiritually, materially, etc., because if God rains blessings upon him, and he (your shepherd) is the type that is generous, you are likely going to benefit from his generosity.

“For, for this cause pay ye tribute also, for they are God’s ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues, tribute to whom tribute is due, custom to whom custom, fear to whom fear, honour to whom honour.” (Rom. 13:6-7).

“For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem. It hath pleased them verily, and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.” (Rom. 15:26-27).

The above scriptures can be clearly understood. First of all, it was called dues, then tribute, custom, then fear, and finally honour. In the second place, Paul said if one is ministering unto you spiritually, you are in debt to minister your carnal (worldly i.e. money, material, physical etc.) things to him. He went further to say that it is a duty which cannot be neglected. I have heard people argue about tithes and offerings. Many approved that it should be paid, others quoted the scriptures to disapprove it. Well, I am not a judge, the word of God is the judge. And the same word said in the mouth of two or three witnesses, every word

shall be established. The two or three witnesses, are the Law represented by Moses, the Prophets personified in Elijah, and the grace represented by Jesus and the new testament disciples. I don't need to touch tithes and offerings in the law for we all know that it is there, and it is the issue of controversy. In the prophets, it is there, but let me take the one of Malachi :-

".....Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me; But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings, ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." (Mal. 3:7-9).

And looking at tithes and offerings from what Solomon the Preacher said;

"Honour the Lord with thy substance and with the first-fruits of all thine increase. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." (Prov. 3:9-10).

Now look at what God's Grace (Jesus) that came down to man said by Himself :-

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith. These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other (tithes of all the first fruits) undone." (Matt.23:23).

If the law is for the Jews, and not also for us as some people said, hear what the head Apostle of the Gentiles said :-

“If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power, but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ. Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? And they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.” (I Cor. 9:11-14).

Malachi representing the Prophets in all these quotations said, if you don't pay it, you are a robber and have departed from the Lord, and the Lord will not rebuke the devourer for your sake. The preacher Solomon said, if you don't honour the Lord with your tithes and offerings, your barns will not be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall not burst out with new wine. Then our Saviour representing the Grace, said that judgment (truth), mercy and faith have to be taught and implemented on first, for they are the weightier matters of the law; but tithes and offerings should not be left unpaid. The head Apostle of the Gentiles, Brother Paul, cited so many examples, and said that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple. He said further, that God had ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. Again tithe and offerings have started existing before the law. Abraham the father of all that have faith in the Lord Jesus

whether Jew or Gentile, bond or free, male or female, paid tithe to Melchisedec (Ref. Gen. 14:18-20). Jacob vowed to be paying God's tithe if he becomes successful, and he kept the vow (Ref. Gen. 28:22). What further proof do we need to show that tithes and offerings should be paid, by even the New Testament ministers. If you are not paying it, you are robbing God and depriving yourself of the blessings of God. If you are paying it wrongly, you are also depriving yourself of the blessings of God. Some of us that give tithe cards or envelopes for miracles seed or envelopes for whatever, you are robbing the people of their blessings. Pay your tithe to he, who feeds you, but don't record it in any card. God wants your giving to be in secret so as to reward you openly. If you publish your giving, then you will receive praise from men and that is your reward. (see Matt. 6:1-4). When the children of Israel started this same act of not paying their tithes and offerings regularly, and also proclaiming and publishing it whenever they give. God sent His prophet Amos and he rebuked them (Amos 4:4-5). Tithes and offerings are the channels through which God will bless you. You can't give to God through your shepherd without receiving reward. And we ministers, should remember the poor saints, the fatherless, the widows that are widows indeed (I Tim. 5:3-11), the needy etc. God wants us to present the living Christ to them by ministering unto their needs physically. If your giving is under compulsion, don't give, but if you give willingly and



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PART IV

CHAPTER 10

SUBMISSION IN THE PUBLIC

If submission in the homes and churches are properly carried out, then there wouldn't have been all these problems in the government and public circles. God looks at His children (believers) to live out this example, but are we (believers) doing it? No, the problem is that we move about, claim the blessings of God as His children, quote some scriptures to show that we have made it and then fail to obey the weightier part of the whole race. When we are then faced by the law set up by God, through the people He has placed in authority, we start criticizing and condemning them, and also claiming that we are suffering for Christ. My brethren, we suffer for Christ when our faith in Christ Jesus is being challenged or questioned and we hold on firmly to our faith. But if you refuse to obey the law of the land which God approves, you are an enemy of God. How then, do you know the law approved by God? Paul had the answer in his letter to Timothy :-

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (II Tim. 2:15).

If you keep your own knowledge and wisdom, and allow the Holy Ghost to teach you, He will lead you into all truth, and you will know what authority is. How then do we submit in the public? Everybody that is sitting in authority, whether in government, schools, hospitals, public offices, private offices, markets, on the roads, in the motor parks, in public transports, etc., is representing the Lord Jesus, and therefore should be obeyed. If we believers know this, and apply it, you will see what will happen in the whole countries of the world.

“If I shut up heaven that there be no rain (God’s blessings), or if I command the locusts to devour the land (demons to destroy our vessels and the entire country through earthquakes, flood or erosion, wars, etc.), or if I send pestilence among my people (incurable diseases among His people); If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” (II Chron. 7:13-14).

If believers can humble themselves in submission, to the authority channel of God, and start interceding for the unbelievers and those that are in authority and start seeking the face of the Lord in spirit and truth, and turn back from every kind of rebellion to God and His authority, God will turn everything around. It isn’t the Military Government or Civilian, it isn’t democracy or communism, it isn’t any type

of government that is the answer, it is believers rebellion to God, that has caused all these problems. Believers have decided to leave their position as watchmen who can always report the affairs of the nation to God in prayers, to join the rigmarole that is in politics. We cannot change the leaders by joining in the leadership role, we change them rather by loving them and praying for them so that the anointing of God will be poured on them and they will change and fear God.

"Take away the wicked (the rebellious) from before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness." (Prov. 25:5).

"The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water, he turneth it whithersoever he will." (Prov. 21:1). No matter how difficult a ruler may be, if we obey God's law, He will turn the heart of that king to obey Him. He did it to Pharaoh in Egypt over the children of Israel, He did it to Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon, He has done so to many kings, and He is still the same God, and will do the same to us if we obey Him.

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God, the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God, and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation."

"For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good

and thou shalt have praise of the same. For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid, for he beareth not the sword in vain, for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.” (Rom. 13:1-5).

“Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work.”. (Titus 3:1).

There is no authority that God is not aware of, and Jesus is the Head of all authorities. If you therefore resist that authority, you are resisting the ordinance of God, and also bringing damnation upon yourself. Rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the disobedient. Any man in authority is a minister of God, set up by the Lord to execute punishment upon them that are disobedient. We are then urged to submit, not only because we will be punished if we disobey, but also to have a good conscience towards God. It was because rulers are also ministers of God, that the Holy Spirit spoke through Brother Paul in his letter to Timothy :-

“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.” (I Tim. 2:1-2).

The Lord commanded us to pray for all men, for kings and anyone in authority. If we don't pray particularly for kings and those in authority, then we will never lead a quiet and peaceable life. And the fault is not in the leaders but in us (believers).

"Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether it be to the king, as supreme, or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men." (I Pet. 2:13-15).

"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to reserve the unjust until the day of judgment to be punished ; But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. (authorities, high ranked people)." (II Pet. 2:9-10).

"Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion (authorities, rulers), and speak evil of dignities." (Jude 1:8).

God has ordained it, that by walking in submission and obedience to Him through those He placed in authority, will we put to silence the ignorance of fools who do not know Him. He said through Brother Peter, that He knows how to reserve the disobedient one unto the day of judgment. He

also makes a way of escape to the submissive one when temptations come upon them. Those that despise authorities, those that are selfwilled, those that criticize government or authorities, God is reserving one painful day for you, except you repent now.

“Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. The kings favour is toward a wise servant, but his wrath is against him that causeth shame.” (Prov. 14:34-35).

“By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.” (Prov. 11:11).

If you are walking in submission, you are then walking in righteousness, and a nation that walks in submission will be exalted. But people of an unsubmissive nation will be disgraced. A submissive servant receives favour of the Lord from a ruler, but the anger of the ruler is against the rebellious.

“Thou shall not revile the gods nor curse the ruler of thy people.” (Exodus 22:28).

“.....For it is written, thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people.” (Acts 23:5).

Do not curse or speak evil of a ruler. If you do it, you are speaking evil against the Lord Jesus and bringing judgment upon yourself.

“I counsel thee to keep the king’s commandment, and that in regard of the oath of God. Where the word of a king is, there is power, and who may say unto him, what doest



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thou? Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing, and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment." (Eccl. 8:2, 4-5).

The Preacher said, obey the commandment of a king because it is the oath (commandment) of God. Whenever a king gives a command, God will back it up with His power and nobody can question him for giving such a decree. If you keep that commandment, his sword will not fall upon you. A submissive heart will understand both the time and the purpose of the judgment.

CHAPTER 11

BLESSINGS FOR OBEDIENCE AND CURSINGS FOR DISOBEDIENCE

This word “Submission”, that has so much been emphasized by the Law, the Prophets, Grace, and His witnesses, what does one stand to gain from it? What is that great blessing in it, that made Jesus to obey? What are the curses for not obeying? Let me try to answer these questions as we go into the word.

“Behold I send my Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not, for he will not pardon your transgressions, for my name Is in him. But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.....And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water, and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land, the number of thy days I will fulfill. I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs on thee.” (Exodus 23:20-27).

In the Old Testament time, it was an Angel, in the New Testament church, it is the Holy Spirit. If you obey, God said, He will be an enemy unto thine enemies and an adversary unto thine adversaries, and will cause them to turn their backs unto you. He shall bless thy bread (your physical and spiritual food), He shall bless your physical water and make it pure, and also your spiritual water which is the word. You will not die young. You will fulfill your calling and the number of years God has written for you. He will remove sickness away from you. You will not be barren (physical barrenness and also spiritual barrenness in the things of God). People will see you and call you õblessed of the Lordö

“Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee, turn not from it to the right or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein, for, then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.” (Joshua 1:7-8).

If you submit and obey without turning left or right in disobedience, you will then prosper in your ways, and will have good success. But if you are rebellious and disobey, you will not succeed and you will not prosper. What then is prosperity? Prosperity is not excess riches or too much

wealth as being propagated by many of us, rather it is having good success or doing well in all your ways. In your spiritual life, you succeed and grow to the position of sonship, who knows the will of his father and does it. In your physical life, you succeed and be healthy, you marry if you are not an Eunuch, bear children and raise them up for the Lord. In your financial life, you succeed and feed yourself, clothe yourself, provide for your own family, provide for the widows, fatherless and the needy. In your material life, you succeed by having a home (if you have not been called as a missionary) and the basic things needed in the home. This is the meaning of prosperity, but today, many of us believe that prosperity is that, you keep on acquiring wealth until you become the richest man on earth. Solomon had a taste of excess riches and when he was finally delivered from the snare that is in it, he had this to say, *“Two things have I required of thee, deny me them not before I die. Remove far from me vanity and lies, give me neither poverty nor riches, feed me with food convenient for me. Lest I be full, and deny thee and say who is the Lord? Or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.”* (Prov. 30:7-9).

Poverty is a curse in this world, but no rich man can enter the kingdom of God. I am not condemning rich people, but the Lord said through Brother Paul in (I Tim. 6:17-19) that they be willing to distribute to the poor, and willing to communicate to the needy, fatherless, widows, with their

riches. And I tell you, if you do it, you will not be rich but rather comfortable, and will obtain for yourself, great name and riches, in the kingdom.

“Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the Lord thy God shall keep unto the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers. And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee, he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee. Thou shalt be blessed above all the people, there shall not be male or female among you, or among your cattle. And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knoweth upon thee, but will lay them upon all that hate thee.” (Deut. 7:12-15).

“And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul; That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full. Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and soul, and bind them for a sign upon your land, that they may be as frontlets between

your eyes. And ye shall teach your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shall write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates, that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children in the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.” (Deut. 11:13-15, 18-21).

If you obey Him, the fruit of thy womb will be blessed, you cannot be barren whether male or female. Even if the devil attacks you with barrenness the Lord will fight back and open your womb. All these fast-spreading diseases will not come upon you. God will cause rain to fall upon your land in due season. You will also be counted worthy to receive the latter rain (the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in His fulness). God will also cause the ground to bring forth grass for your cattle. If you refuse to obey and rebel, you will be unfruitful in everything. You won’t bear children, and if you bear, they will be very rebellious. You will be constantly sick, and all these fast spreading diseases will infect you. You will not have rain fall upon your land. Rain may be falling in another city, but in the city you dwell, there will be scorching sun, and all that you sowed in your land will die. Your flock of cattle will be dying one after the another.

“And unto Adam he said, because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, thou shalt not eat of it.

Cursed is the ground for thy sake, in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee, and thou shalt eat the herb of the field, in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat, till thou return unto the ground, for out of it was thou taken, for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.” (Gen. 3:17-19).

And so God cursed Adam because of unsubmission and disobedience to His word. He (Adam) allowed the will of Satan through his wife, to govern him, in the place of God’s will, and so lost the glory of God that covered them. Adam died spiritually from that moment and lost the true fellowship with God. He was also driven away from the garden of Eden to suffer by tilling the ground in order to feed. And this is why man sweats before eating.

“And he said, what hast thou done? The voice of thy brother’s blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now art thou cursed from the earth which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother’s blood from thy hand. When thou tillest the ground it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength. A fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.” (Gen. 4:10-12).

And so Cain became a fugitive and a vagabond because he rebelled against God by killing his brother. He said further, that the ground will no more yield enough to him whenever he tills it. Many people today in the body of Christ and in the world, are fugitives and vagabonds. They have, in one way or the other, killed their brothers and sisters. They

wonder about because of this spirit of Cain. They have either killed their brothers/sisters physically, or they have killed them spiritually by betraying them, and speaking blasphemies against them and their faith in the Lord Jesus. And these diseases in the world today, are as a result of God's curses. All these earthquakes, all these wars, all these destruction of lives and properties, all these barrenness, all these premature deaths, all these famines, etc., are as a result of God's curses, because we have refused to obey His word. If you read (Deut. 28:1-End) and (Deut. 30: 1-End), you will see that Moses outlined this very well for the children of Israel, and for us. If we turn back to Him, He remaineth faithful. He will forgive us all our sins, cleanse us, and restore us back to fellowshiping with Him, and all these blessings will follow.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground, neither shall your vines cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts." (Mal.3: 10-11).

Give God His portion by paying your tithes and offerings. Submit to His channel of authority and obey them, and He will rebuke the devourer for you. You will not have the room to contain the blessings God will pour down on you, if

you read, understand and practice the message that is contained in this book. The power in the word of God is in doing it. Do what the Lord has said here, and you will testify that the Lord is good to you and to those that obey Him. If you want to heap for yourself, teachers or ministers with itching ears, who will preach to you after your own lusts, and tell you that this is heresy, well, you will have yourself to blame on the last day, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ (the word of God).” (Col. 2:8). Let everything be proved with the word, for the Spirit of God cannot, and will never contradict His word. Do not say, because it is done like this in other churches, therefore we won’t be different from them, we have to do like them. After all Israel sought for a king contrary to the will of God for them at the time, in order to be like other nations. God promised them a king, but not that time they demanded the king. He needed David to grow to maturity, and also for the ninth generation to pass out in Jesse (David’s father). David was the tenth generation from Judah, and was the right person after the end of the curse that God gave, concerning any bastard coming into the congregation of Israel. So Jesse was not ripe to be king (the king is to come from the tribe of Judah) it was Jesse’s children that are ripe to be king. And so God had earlier purposed in His heart, that David

will be the right king, but devil pushed the children of Israel and they demanded a king when it was not time for them to have a king. David was however, the second and last king of Israel. Though many kings came after him, but God still reserved that throne forever to him as evidence to show that he was the second and last king.

In conclusion, women! women! women! Precious daughters of our Lord Jesus Christ, if you know the great price that God has kept for you, if you will obey His voice, you will drop all the glories of this world and run to it. Many of you are in the wrong place, with your position in the forefront. Who can find a virtuous woman? So says the Lord through the mouth of king Solomon in (Prov. 31:10). If you know the way God sought for a righteous man, and could not find any, before He sent the Lord Jesus, this is the way our Lord Jesus, in this end time, is looking for virtuous women, who know how to submit to their husbands in everything. Hear what the Lord said through Isaiah :-

“As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.” (Isaiah 3:12).

“Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge (i.e. knowledge of the word of God) and their honourable men (the big ministers) are famished (hungry for truth), and their multitude (congregation) dried up with thirst (dying in thirst of the word of God).

Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure, and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.” (Isaiah 5:13-14).

This message outlines the issue of women, because they refused to stay in their God ordained position, and chose to rule with men, they have cut off the anointing of God from men. We (ministers) don't receive the truth anymore. Jezebel spirits have used many women to cause believers to rebel against the Lord Jesus, like Jezebel misled Ahab. Look at hell that is meant for Satan, his demons and the wicked sinners, is also enlarging daily waiting to swallow the children of God. Please women, God loves you and has entered into a new covenant with you. He wants you to be the fence of the man. He wants you to be an help meet to the man, not a ruler. If the submission in the homes is practiced effectively, it will bring healing in the body of Christ, and the general public will be healed.

May the good Lord guide you by His Spirit as you try to practice and do His word in the Blessed name of our Lord Jesus ðAmenö.



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