Respect for Authority

I. Attitudes Regarding Authority:

A. Common Attitude:
1. Matt. 22:15-22 – Government
2. Numb. 16:1-3 – Religion

B. Proper Attitude:
1. Rom. 13:1-3 – Government
2. Deut. 6:24 – Religion

II. Authority In God's Eyes:

A. Sovereign Authority:
1. Gen. 2:16-17 – God commanded the man.
   a. Gen. 6:5-7, 13; 7:19-23 – Flood
   b. Gen. 19:1-11, 27-28; 2 Pet. 2:6 – Sodom
2. Deut. 4:1-2; 5:29, 32 – Israel expected to be responsive
   a. Exod. 20:8-10; Numb. 15:32-36 – They failed to do so individually.
   b. 1 Sam. 8:4-9 – They failed to do so as a nation.
3. Jonah 1:2; Nahum 3:1 – Gentiles expected to be responsive
4. God expects mankind to be responsive, today:
   a. Matt. 10:28 – Fear him who is able to destroy.
   b. Mk. 16:15-16 – he that believeth and is...
   c. 2 Thess. 1:7-9 – shall suffer eternal destruction

B. Delegated Authority:
1. Gen. 1:28 – given to man
2. Deut. 21:18-21 – given to parents
   a. Eph. 6:4 – father
      - Prov. 22:6 – way they should go
      - Heb. 12:7-11 – Chastening is beneficial.
   b. Titus 2:4 – older women
      - 2 Tim. 2:3-5 – in them…in you
      - Prov. 1:7-8 – teaching of thy mother
3. Eph. 6:5-7 – given to masters
   a. 1 Pet. 2:18 – may be good…evil1 Pet. 2:19-20 - endure
   b. 1 Pet. 2:21-23 – Jesus our example
   c. 1 Pet. 3:8-17 – Do not allow others to use you for their purposes.
4. Eph. 5:22-23 – given to husbands
   a. 1 Pet. 3:1-6 – may save an unbelieving husband
   b. Eph. 5:25-33 – husband's duty
   c. 1 Pet. 3:7 – weaker vessel

III. Thoughts To Ponder:

A. 1 Sam. 15:17-23 – Saul
B. Psa. 51:16-17 – true sacrifice
C. Eccl. 12:13-14 – true duty
D. 1 Sam. 8:7 – rejecting Jehovah

First Prayer of the Continental Congress, 1774



O Lord our Heavenly Father, high and mighty King of kings, and Lord of lords, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers on earth and reignest with power supreme and uncontrolled over all the Kingdoms, Empires and Governments; look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, on these our American States, who have fled to Thee from the rod of the oppressor and thrown themselves on Thy gracious protection, desiring to be henceforth dependent only on Thee. To Thee have they appealed for the righteousness of their cause; to Thee do they now look up for that countenance and support, which Thou alone canst give. Take them, therefore, Heavenly Father, under Thy nurturing care; give them wisdom in Council and valor in the field; defeat the malicious designs of our cruel adversaries; convince them of the unrighteousness of their own unerring justice, sounding in their hearts, constrain them to drop the weapons of war from their unnerved hands in the day of battle!

Be Thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the councils of this honorable assembly; enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation. That the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that order, harmony and peace may be effectually restored, and truth and justice, religion and piety, prevail and flourish amongst the people. Preserve the health of their bodies and vigor of their minds; shower down on them and the millions they here represent, such temporal blessings as Thou seest expedient for them in this world and crown them with everlasting glory in the world to come. All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Savior.

Amen.
Reverend Jacob Duché
Rector of Christ Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
September 7, 1774, 9 o'clock a.m.

Are You Listening?

"He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer is an abomination."
Proverbs 28:9

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches."
Revelation 2:7

"Then they that feared Jehovah spake one with another; and Jehovah hearkened, and heard, and a book of remembrance was written before him, for them that feared Jehovah, and that thought upon his name."
Malachi 3:16

When Jehovah promised Abram the land of Canaan, he said, “Know of a surety that thy seed shall be sojourners in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; and also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. But thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. And in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet full” (Gen. 15:13-16). When Jehovah destroyed the nations that possessed Canaan, it was due to their sins. Jehovah told Israel, “Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out from before you; and the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land vomiteth out her inhabitants” (Lev. 18:24-25). Even today, when a person degenerates into a condition of no return and becomes a danger to society, they are put away, either by death or confinement for life. The wrath of God has been “revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men” (Romans 1:18) time and again. So it was with those of the pre-flood days whose wickedness was great in the earth, “and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” The Apostle Peter said, concerning the days of the flood, that Noah was “a preacher of righteousness” (2 Pet. 2:5) and that through him, Christ in the spirit preached unto those “that aforetime were disobedient, when the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing” (1 Pet. 3:19-20).

Jesus said, concerning those who are spiritually prosperous: “Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men” (Matt. 5:13): Noah was that salt.

Thus, God “preserved Noah with seven others” (2 Pet. 2:5). “By faith Noah, being warned of God concerning things not seen as yet, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; through which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith” (Hebrews 11:7).

For sixteen hundred years, mankind drew closer and closer, day by day unto destruction because the “imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” What of today? Jehovah said, “the heavens that now are, and the earth, by the same word have been stored up for fire, being reserved against the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men” (2 Pet. 3:7). Will mankind heed the warning, or be like those of old who failed to recognize God’s right to rule in their life? ret

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Authority

With Him is

Plenteous Redemption

Psalms 130:7

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Weekly Reading

Mark 11:11-18; Matthew 21:12-17
Matthew 21:23-32; 28:18-20



Luke 16:19-31

Your Choice
Choose Wisely



Revelation 4:4

In the Crosshairs



Wherefore also we make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well-pleasing unto him.

Man’s Progress Toward Evil

Following the death of Abel, the record follows the generations of Adam through Seth unto Noah. Very little is said about the first sixteen hundred years of man’s existence. The genealogy of Adam is given to direct the reader to Noah. Noah was five hundred years old and begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth (Gen. 5:32). The record says, “the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thought of the heart was only evil continually” (Gen. 6:5). Considering Jehovah’s dealings with the nations of the world, it is evident that Jehovah gave pre-flood humanity every opportunity to repent.

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