

39. Jesus' Authority – Hebrews 13:17-19

Review:

Defining Truth – vs. 7

Defending Truth – vs. 8-9

Demonstrating Truth – vs. 10-14

Declaring Truth – vs. 15-16

Deferring to Truth – vs. 17-19

- I. Obey Spiritual Leaders – vs. 17a
 - A. “Be Persuaded”
 - B. Be Eager to Hear, Believe, and Obey – Matt. 13:8, 23
 - 1. Stupidity – Matt. 13:4, 19
 - 2. Skepticism – Matt. 13:5-6, 20-21
 - 3. Sloth – Matt. 13:7, 22 (see Prov. 24:30-31)
- II. Submit to Spiritual Leaders – vs. 17b
 - A. Authority is from Christ – Eph. 4:11-12
 - B. Who is Sufficient for Ministry? – 2 Cor. 2:16
 - C. Hard Work or Hard Hearts – 1 Thess. 5:12-13
 - 1. Keeping Watch Over Your Souls – “to lie awake at night and consider”
 - 2. Giving Account – Serving Christ for the Benefit of His Flock, not Self
 - 3. Obedience makes the Difference between Joy and Grief
 - 4. Unbelief, Dissention, & Strife lead to Unprofitability
- III. Pray for Spiritual Leaders – vs. 18-19
 - A. That they will Live Honorably – Acts 24:16; 2 Cor. 1:12; 2 Tim. 1:3; 1 Tim. 3:7
 - 1. Confidence
 - 2. A Clear Conscience
 - B. That they will Love Fellowship – Rom. 1:9-11; 1 Thess. 2:18; 2 John 12
 - 1. The Church
 - 2. The Community