

Scripture: Ephesians 5:18-33 & 1 Peter 3:1-7 LD 39 #4
Singing: 171:1-4 – 394:1-3 – 386:1, 4 – 305:1, 3 – 435:9

Honor My Authority

I. As you exercise *as a husband* II. As you respond to it

I. Honor my authority as you exercise it

A. All authority in this universe is vested in GOD: Rev. 4:2, 8-11 (Is. 6:1-3)

B. All (!) this authority was given to Jesus: Phil. 2:9-10; Matt. 28:18

C. The authority delegated to us humans is *limited*

1. No earthly ruler has *a divine right* like Jesus has

2. God's Word prescribes those limits accurately for each authority figure

D. The authority we are given is *ambassadorial authority*

1. Our exercise of authority is to be *reflective* of God and Jesus Christ
a. not only applies to *the details of His will*

b. also covers includes we do it in a *Christlike* manner

2. Our exercise of authority is never to be self-serving: Matt. 20:25

a. the context of this teaching: Matt. 20:20-24

b. the disciples were aspiring to the *world's way of authority*: vs. 25

c. acting like vs. 25 is a serious breach of the 5th commandment

3. Our exercise of authority is to be serving: Matt. 20:26-27

a. Jesus puts this down as *His will*: 26a

b. Jesus reinforces His teaching with *His example*: 28 (Phil. 2:5-7)

c. Jesus specifies *heart* of the exercises of authority: vs. 26-27

Closing Reflections on our position as (future) husband: Eph. 5:25-30

A. God gives more instructive detail to the husband

B. God doesn't any command us to *demand submission*: 25-28a

C. Jesus loved His bride though she was not beautiful: 26-27

D. Jesus and our goals as husbands is to be *growth in bride's holiness*: 26

E. Jesus commands us to love her as He loved His church: if that standard is too divine, He gives us that more human: 28-29

F. God reminds us that marriage is rooted in the theology: 30a-32

TRUTHS ABOUT MARRIAGE

As God by creation made two of one,
so again, by marriage, He made one of two. (T. Adams)

Marriage is more than finding the right pers. It is being the right person.

Never be yoked to one who refuses the yoke of Christ.

A pledge to take a wife as your woman is the pledge to sacrifice your life.