

# AUTHORITY AND ORDER IN THE KINGDOM



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**Romans 13:1** Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

Let's look at the context:

**Romans 12:1** Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship: [The text continues with the following commands:](#)

- Do not be conformed to this world
- Do not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think
- Abhor what is evil
- Cling to what is good
- Be devoted to one another
- Give preference to one another
- Rejoice in hope
- Persevere in tribulation
- Be devoted to prayer
- Contribute to the needs of the saints
- Practice hospitality
- Bless those who persecute you
- Rejoice with those who rejoice
- Weep with those who weep
- Be of the same mind toward one another
- Do not be haughty in mind
- Associate with the lowly
- Do not be wise in your own estimation
- Don't pay back evil for evil
- Respect what is right in the sight of all men
- Be at peace with all men so far as it depends on you
- Never take your own revenge
- Feed your enemy if he is hungry
- Give your enemy a drink if he is thirsty
- **Be in subjection to the governing authorities - Romans 13:1**
- Owe nothing to anyone except love

This is a list of  
everything that our  
flesh does NOT  
want to do!!

**Romans 13:11** Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. 12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

**Titus 3:1** Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, 2 to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.

[Let's look at the context:](#)

**Titus 2:9** Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, 10 not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect. 11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, 14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. 15 These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

3:1 Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, 2 to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.

3 For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

- [The flesh hates submitting to authority!](#)

**1 Peter 2:13** Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, 14 or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.

Let's look at the context:

**1 Peter 2:11** Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. 12 Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, 14 or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.

15 For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. 16 Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God. 17 Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. 19 For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.

- Favor from God comes from suffering unjustly! AMAZING!!!

**John 19:8** Therefore when Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid; 9 and he entered into the Praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 So Pilate said to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?" 11 Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."

- Yeshua affirms, AND SUBMITS to Pilate's authority, which is from God!

**2 Peter 2:4** For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment; 5 and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; 6 and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter; 7 and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men 8 (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds), 9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment, 10 and **especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority.**

- Despising authority is SERIOUS business!

**Acts 22:30** But on the next day, wishing to know for certain why he had been accused by the Jews, he released him and ordered the chief priests and all the Council to assemble, and brought Paul down and set him before them. **23:1** Paul, looking intently at the Council, said, “Brethren, I have lived my life with a perfectly good conscience before God up to this day.” 2 The high priest Ananias commanded those standing beside him to strike him on the mouth. 3 Then Paul said to him, “God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Do you sit to try me according to the Law, and in violation of the Law order me to be struck?” 4 But the bystanders said, “Do you revile God’s high priest?” 5 And Paul said, “I was not aware, brethren, that he was high priest; for it is written, *\*“You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.”*”

- Paul immediately repents for calling the High Priest a “whitewashed wall” even though he was sinning against him and quotes Exodus 22:28

\* **Exodus 22:28** “You shall not curse God, nor curse a ruler of your people.”

**Jeremiah 27:5** “I have made the earth, the men and the beasts which are on the face of the earth by My great power and by My outstretched arm, and I will give it to the one who is pleasing in My sight. 6 Now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, My servant, and I have given him also the wild animals of the field to serve him. 7 All the nations shall serve him and his son and his grandson until the time of his own land comes; then many nations and great kings will make him their servant.

- God gives authority to whomever He pleases!

**Matthew 23:1** Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: 2 “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. 3 So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.

- Yeshua affirms the authority of the unrighteous teachers of the law and the unrighteous Pharisees!

**Daniel 3:16** Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this matter. 17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18 But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

- They did not obey, but they still honored the King!

Written by Nebuchadnezzar after being given a vision of a great tree:

**Daniel 4:17** “This sentence is by the decree of the angelic watchers  
And the decision is a command of the holy ones,  
In order that the living may know  
That the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind,  
And bestows it on whom He wishes  
And sets over it the lowliest of men.

- Nebuchadnezzar himself affirms that God establishes authority!

**4:19** “Then Daniel, whose name is Belteshazzar, was appalled for a while as his thoughts alarmed him. The king responded and said, ‘Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its interpretation alarm you.’ Belteshazzar replied, ‘My lord, if only the dream applied to those who hate you and its interpretation to your adversaries!’

- Daniel shows complete honor and respect to pagan king Nebuchadnezzar!

**Daniel 4:24** This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king: 25 that you be driven away from mankind and your dwelling place be with the beasts of the field, and you be given grass to eat like cattle and be drenched with the dew of heaven; and seven periods of time will pass over you, until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes.

- Daniel confirms that it is God who determines who shall be in authority.

27 Therefore, O king, may my advice be pleasing to you: break away now from your sins by doing righteousness and from your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor, in case there may be a prolonging of your prosperity.

- Daniel continues to show absolute honor to the king.

**Romans 13:1** Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities...

Including ungodly, unrighteous, pagan kings! Nebuchadnezzar was credited for:

Nebuchadnezzar continued his father's work of reconstruction, aimed at making his capital one of the world's wonders. Old temples were restored; new edifices of incredible magnificence were erected to the many gods of the Babylonian pantheon.

Nebuchadnezzar is also the one who razed Jerusalem, destroyed the temple, and tore apart every temple stone to get the gold out. He besieged Jerusalem where MANY died, and took captive many of those who somehow survived! Daniel 9:12 says, ***“Thus He has confirmed His words which He had spoken against us and against our rulers who ruled us, to bring on us great calamity; for under the whole heaven there has not been done anything like what was done to Jerusalem.”***

This is the Nebuchadnezzar that Daniel honored greatly! Daniel understood Torah!

**Daniel 6:21** Then Daniel spoke to the king, “O king, live forever! 22 My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime.

- Daniel also honors king Darius who threw him in the lions den!

**1 Samuel 24:1** Now when Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, saying, “Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi.” 2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel and went to seek David and his men in front of the Rocks of the Wild Goats. 3 He came to the sheepfolds on the way, where there was a cave; and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the inner recesses of the cave. 4 The men of David said to him, “Behold, this is the day of which the Lord said to you, ‘Behold; I am about to give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it seems good to you.’” Then David arose and cut off the edge of Saul’s robe secretly. 5 It came about afterward that David’s conscience bothered him because he had cut off the edge of Saul’s robe. 6 So he said to his men, “Far be it from me because of the Lord that I should do this thing to my lord, the Lord’s anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, since he is the Lord’s anointed.” 7 David persuaded his men with these words and did not allow them to rise up against Saul. And Saul arose, left the cave, and went on his way.

8 Now afterward David arose and went out of the cave and called after Saul, saying, “My lord the king!” And when Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the ground and prostrated himself.

- David shows honor to the Lord’s anointed who was trying to murder him. In fact, he even felt bad for cutting the corner of the king’s robe!

## CONCLUSION

We don't call the president by last name only, we call them, "President So and So."

We don't need to agree with them to show them honor!

We don't need to violate Torah, but we must still show honor!

As leaders, do we think that every decision we make is righteous and holy?

Are we alone entitled to grace and mercy?

Nowhere in scripture does it say, "**Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities so long as they are believers in Christ.**"

Nowhere in scripture does it say, "**Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities so long as they are acting righteously.**"

But rather:

- **Romans 13:1** Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. 3 For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; 4 for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. 5 Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. 7 Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

When we fail to honor those in authority, we have either declared that the word of God is not true or that Yeshua is no longer on the throne overseeing those He has set in positions of authority.

**Divine, righteous, Kingdom order is honoring those who God set in authority, even when they fail, fall short and miss the mark!**