

Love Authority

The purpose of this document is to encourage people to love authority. God controls all authority. A few days ago when I was writing [Rate the Deeds](#) I got the notion to encourage people to love authority using those deeds of God that involved his control of authority (starting on page 13 in the Types of Deeds section). The basic path to loving authority is to realize that God is using authority in our life for good, mostly our own good. If we use the [Lectionary](#), daily the Psalms speak to us of taking refuge in God. Look at his deeds and see what that refuge means. God controls command authority and when we serve God with what we control (our expertise, influence, and calling), God's control of authority will be in our favor because it will be in God's favor. Loving authority means loving God's use of authority for good, the protection or refuge we receive from that control, and loving the influence we have with God.

Israel to Babylon and back in only 70 years

Probably the greatest example of control of human authority is the story of God's People sent to Babylon for only seventy years. This story involved God's control of the kings of five nations. It was announced prophetically both three hundred years and then again fifteen years before it happened. Each time it was announced it was completely unbelievable based on the strength of the nation in control at that time. But things happened quickly compared to the four hundred years they spent in Egypt. Not only did they get to come back to Jerusalem, but the rebuilding of the Temple was financed and all the gold and silver items stolen from the original Temple were returned.

Joseph's story shows God' control over human authority

Joseph the slave rises to command Egypt; so, God through Joseph could deliver the World and Israel (Jacob) from famine, and make Egypt the strongest and richest nation on Earth.

Moses' story shows God's control over individual authority

Moses- 0 year old Moses saved from Pharaoh-Egypt's king. 20 year old Moses rises to a command position in Egypt as an heir of Pharaoh. 40 year old Moses rejects Kingship, moving to the most desolate place (Median in Saudi Arabia). 80 year old Moses defeats Amalekites near Horeb. When Moses held up his hand Israel prevailed. When he let down his hand Amalek prevailed. The Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation. Under Moses' leadership, Israel exits Egypt with Egyptian spoils. Those Egyptians owned those spoils and God made them give them to individual people of Israel who soon thereafter gave them to the Tabernacle project.

David's story shows the result of submission

Through his submission to authority, King David establishes eternal Kingdom of God. Even though he was anointed King of Israel by the High Priest Samuel, David continually submitted to God and God's timing by honoring King Saul's authority while Saul was trying to kill David. Because of this and other things, David was God's favorite, a man after God's heart. David loved authority.

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