

AUTHORITY IN RELIGION

Matthew 21:23-27

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"And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?"

Shows the importance of the proper source of authority!

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- ▣ Some things in religion are accepted as authoritative **without consideration being given to the source** from which it is derived.
- ▣ We not only must have authority, we must have authority **that comes from the right source!**

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- ▣ Religion of fathers.
 - Galatians 1:14; 1 Peter 1:18; Acts 7:51-52

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- The Doctrine or Practices of the O.T.
 - (Tithing; Instrumental Music; Infant membership; Polygamy)
 - Old Testament a shadow & removed Hebrews 10:1; Colossians 2:13-14; Ephesians 2:14-16

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- ▣ Man's conscience.
 - Proverbs 16:25; Acts 23:1; Galatians 1:13; Acts 26:9-11

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- ▣ Decision of the majority.
 - Exodus 23:2 "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil..."
1 Samuel 8:4-7, 19-20; 1 Samuel 15:15,21; Numbers 13-14
 - Matthew 7:13-14; 21-23; Romans 8:31

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- ▣ Preachers
 - 2 Timothy 4:1-2; Titus 2:15

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- Elders of a Local Church.
 - 1 Peter 5:1-4; cf. 1 Corinthians 4:6
 - Romans 14:12 "So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God."

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- The Results Accomplished.
 - Leviticus 10:1-2
 - 2 Samuel 6:1-11; cf. 1 Chronicles 15:1-14

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- ▣ Creeds of men.
 - Jeremiah 10:23; Matthew 15:8-9; 1 Corinthians 2:5; Galatians 1:6-9

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- ▣ Word of God.
 - 1 Peter 1:23; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Acts 20:32

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“And if any man hear my sayings, and keep them not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my sayings, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I spake, the same shall judge him in the last day.”
(John 12:47-48)