

## BIBLE AUTHORITY

**Genesis 1:1**  
**Genesis 1:26-27**

### GOD ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS:

- **Creator, and we are the created/creation**  
(Genesis 1:1, 26-27)
- **Lawgiver, and we are to obey**  
(Genesis 2:16; 4:10; 6:7, Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)
- **Sovereign Lord of all things**  
(Deuteronomy 10:17; Psalms 33:6-9)
- **King, and we are subjects**  
(Psalms 24:10; 10:16-17; 74:12; Isaiah 33:22)

**We can not inherently know the mind nor thoughts of God. We must be told by His revealed word.**

(Romans 1:18-23; 1 Corinthians 2:11; Isaiah 55:8-9; Jeremiah 10:23; 1 Corinthians 3:18-20)

### EXAMPLES OF MAN'S WISDOM:

- **Eve** (Genesis 3:6)
- **Moses** (Numbers 20:1-12)
- **Saul** (1 Samuel 13:7-14)
- **Uzzah** (2 Samuel 6:1-7)
- **Peter** (John 18:10)
- **Paul** (Galatians 1:13-14, Acts 22:3-4)

**Question:**

Whose will and wisdom is most important? God's!

**Question:**

How do we know what His will is then? The Bible!

**All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

### GOD'S PLAN AND DESIRE FOR MAN HAS BEEN REVEALED:

- Pray** (Luke 18:1; Ephesians 6:18-20; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
- Sing** (Ephesians 5:18-20; Colossians 3:16; James 5:13)
- Assemble Together** (Matthew 18:20; Hebrews 10:23-25; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Corinthians 14:26)
- Preach the Word** (Acts 8:4; Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 4:2)
- Teach Others** (Colossians 3:16; 1 Timothy 4:11; 2 Timothy 2:24; Titus 2:1, 15)
- Be Baptized** (Acts 2:38, 41; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:48; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:27)
- Obey** (John 15:10; 1 John 1:7; 2:2-6, 28; Hebrews 5:9)
- Lord's Supper** (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; Acts 20:7)
- Rebuke False Teachers** (1 Timothy 1:3; 2 Timothy 2:24-26; Titus 2:15)

### GOD'S PLAN AND DESIRE FOR MAN HAS BEEN REVEALED:

- Be Like Minded** (John 17:17; Philippians 1:27-28; 2:1-2; 1 Corinthians 1:10)
- Giving/Benevolence** (1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; Acts 2:42-47)
- Reading of Scripture** (1 Timothy 4:13)
- Study** (2 Timothy 2:15; Acts 17:11; 1 Peter 2:2)
- Love each other** (John 13:34; 15:13; 1 Peter 1:22-23; 2:17)
  - The Truth** (2 Thessalonians 2:10)
  - God** (Mark 12:30-33; 1 Corinthians 16:22)
  - Enemies** (Luke 6:27-28)
- Do Good Works** (Hebrews 10:24; Ephesians 2:10)
- Care for each other** (Honor – Romans 12:10; Serve – Galatians 5:13; Be compassionate – 1 Peter 3:8-9)
- Be called "Christians"** (Acts 11:26)

**GOD'S POSITION ON HIS AUTHORITY:****Deuteronomy 4:2**

*"You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you."*

**Deuteronomy 12:32**

*"Whatever I command you, you shall be careful to do; you shall not add to nor take away from it."*

**Matthew 15:4-9**

*"For God said, 'Honor your father and mother,' and, 'He who speaks evil of father or mother is to be put to death.' But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, 'Whatever I have that would help you has been given to God,' he is not to honor his father or his mother.' And by this you invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition. You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you: 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.'"*

**GOD'S POSITION ON HIS AUTHORITY:****Matthew 21:23-27**

*"When He entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him while He was teaching, and said, "By what **authority** are You doing these things, and who gave You this **authority**?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I will also tell you by what **authority** I do these things. The baptism of John was from what source, **from heaven or from men**?" And they began reasoning among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Then why did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the people; for they all regard John as a prophet." And answering Jesus, they said, "We do not know." He also said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what **authority** I do these things."*

**Matthew 28:18**

*"And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "**All authority** has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."*

**GOD'S POSITION ON HIS AUTHORITY:****Colossians 2:9-10**

*"For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority ..."*

**Galatians 1:8-9**

*"But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!"*

**Revelation 22:18-19**

*"I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book."*

**1 Peter 4:11**

*"Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things **God** may be glorified through **Jesus Christ**, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."*

**Let us always remember in matters of faith to speak clearly, plainly, and ONLY from the word of God.**

**HOW TO OBEY THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST**

**Hear the word** (2 Thessalonians 2:14-15; James 1:21)

**Believe the gospel** (Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24)

**Repent of sins** (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30-31)

**Confess Jesus Christ** (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32-33)

**Be Baptized** (Galatians 3:26-27; Romans 6:3-4; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38)

**Remain Obedient** (1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Matthew 7:21; Revelation 2:10; Hebrews 3:12)