

Spheres of Authority

The Ultimate Authority of God

Selected Scriptures

1. God's Authority _____
God is the creator of all things and has ultimate authority over all things (Gen 1:1; John 1:1-3). God guarantees the salvation of sinners because He is able to plan and accomplish what He has set out to do (John 10:28-29; Rom. 8:31ff; Eph 1:3ff). God's authority to do what He has intended will never be thwarted (Num. 11:23; Isa. 14:27).

2. God's Authority _____
God has the authority to hold every created thing accountable to His will and commands. A failure to submit in obedience to God's authority on any level is accounted as disobedience on every level (Deut. 27:26; James 2:10). Failure to submit in obedience to God's authoritative commands are dealt with severely (Gen. 2:16-17; Ezek. 18:20; Rom. 6:23).

3. God's Authority _____
We must submit to the authority of God first and foremost. God's authority supersedes the laws, commands, and authority of civil governments (Ex. 1:17; Acts 4:19; 5:29). God's authority supersedes the actions and influence of duly appointed Christian leaders (Gal. 2:11ff). God's authority supersedes the comfort or preferences of parents (Luke 2:41ff). God's authority supersedes the abilities of human logic and reason (Gen. 17:21; 22:1ff).