

ATTITUDES

THE VALUE & IMPORTANCE OF GODLINESS

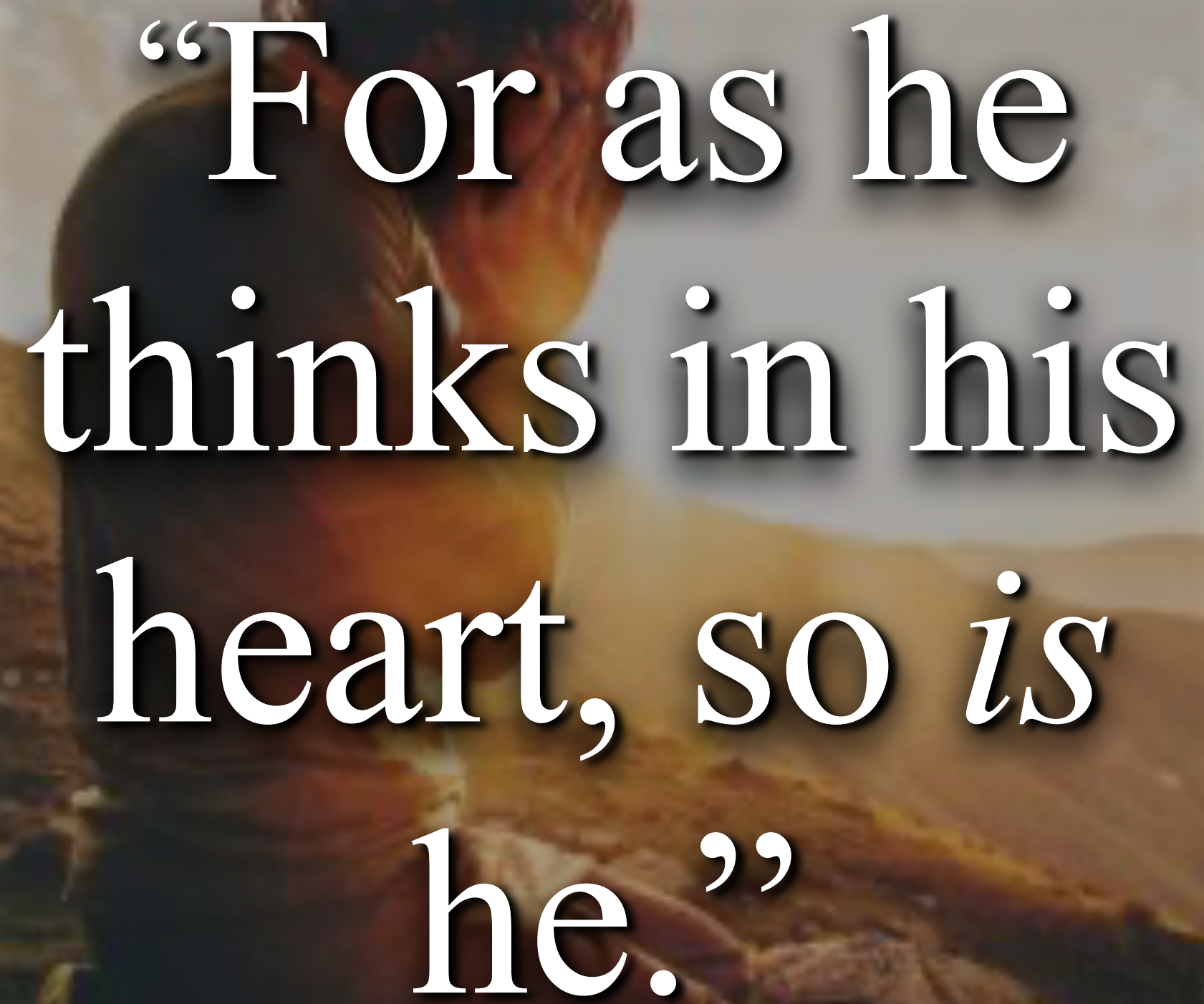
Our Attitude Towards AUTHORITY MATTERS

(Matthew 8:5-13; 21:23-27; Colossians 3:17)



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A person wearing a dark, hooded garment is shown from the chest up, looking down. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with hills and a warm, golden light, possibly from a sunset or sunrise. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent dark rectangle.

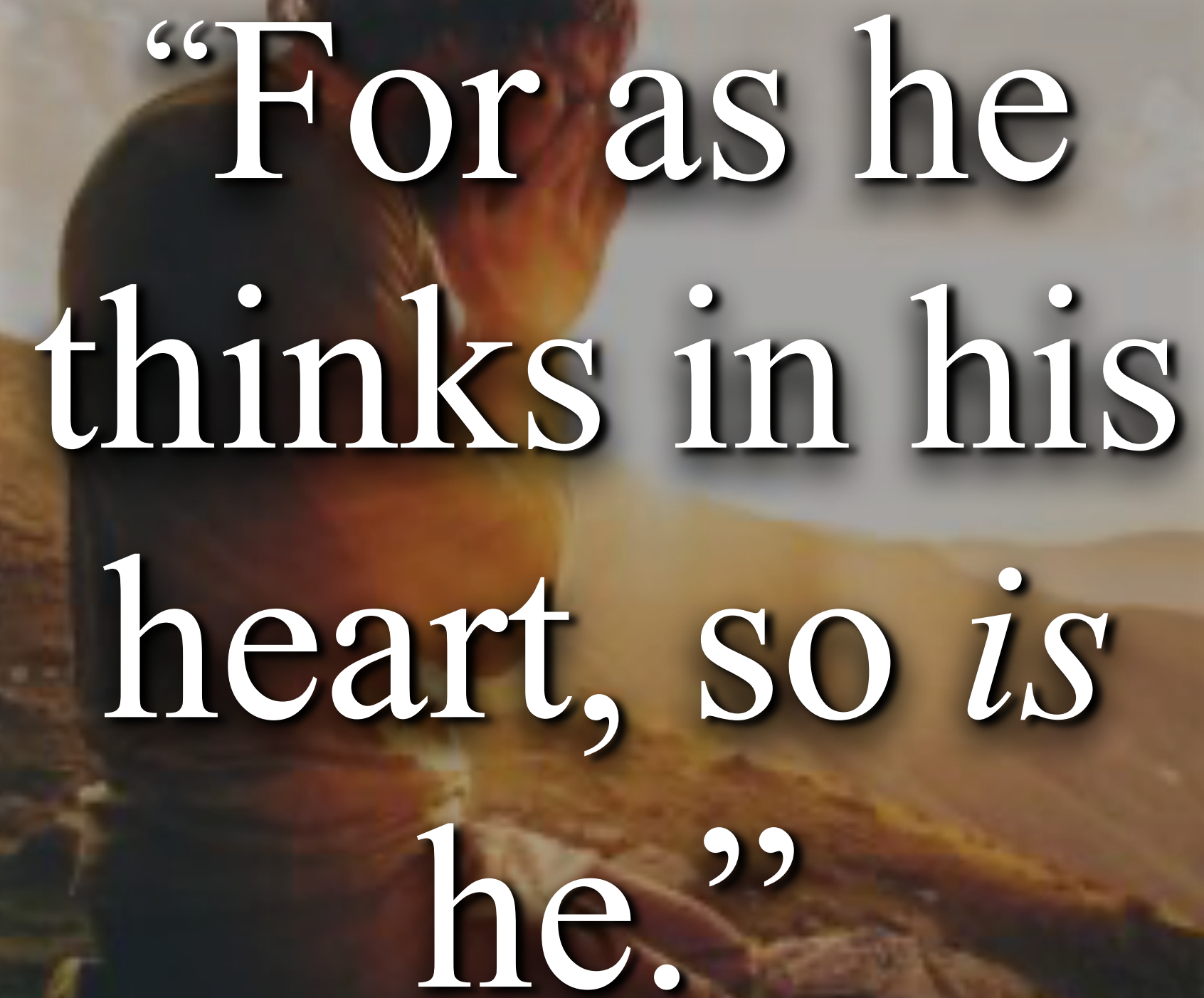
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Proverbs 23:7

- HAVING THE RIGHT ATTITUDE IS ESSENTIAL TO SERVING GOD
- NOT MERELY ADVOCATING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, BUT A GODLY ATTITUDE!
- OUR ATTITUDE: “Our beliefs, emotions, and behaviors toward a particular object, person, thing, or event”

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■ **OUR ATTITUDE
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IF WE RESPECT, BELIEVE & LOVE GOD'S WORD ...



- ▶ We will accept everything the Bible teaches as truth and strive to follow the teaching of Jesus accurately.
- ▶ We will recognize our need to study & follow the Bible AS GIVEN!
- ▶ We will STRIVE to establish Divine authority for ALL we do.

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⁷ And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.”

⁸ The centurion answered and said, “Lord, ⁱ I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only ^j speak a word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this *one*, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does *it*.”

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¹⁰ When Jesus heard *it*, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! ¹¹ And I say to you that ^kmany will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. ¹² But ^lthe sons of the kingdom ^mwill be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹³ Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that same hour.

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Luke 13:28 (NKJV)

²⁸ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out.



Luke 6:46 (NKJV)

⁴⁶ “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?”

Matthew 8:12 (NKJV)

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■ **JESUS IS LORD**

(Mat. 28:18-20; Col. 1:13-20; Heb. 1:1-3)

■ **HUMILITY**

(Mat. 5:3; James 4:6-10)

■ **SUBMISSION**

(Lk 6:46; Mat. 28:19,20; Heb. 5:8,9; 2 Thes. 1:7-9)

■ **WALK BY FAITH**

(2 Cor. 5:7; Rom. 10:17; Jer. 6:16; 1 Cor. 4:6;)

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Matthew 21:23–27 (NKJV)

²³ ^xNow when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and ^ysaid, “By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?”

²⁴ But Jesus answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things: ²⁵ The ^zbaptism of ^aJohn—where was it from? From heaven or from men?”

And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘From men,’ we ^bfear the multitude, ^cfor all count John as a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus and said, “We do not know.”

And He said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

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Matthew 21:25 (NKJV)

²⁵ The baptism of John—where was it from? From heaven or from men?” And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’

From Heaven

Mt. 21:23-27

1 John 4:4-6

Gal. 1:6-9

Col. 2:6-10

2 Thess. 2:15

Matthew 21:25-26

**Only Two
Possible
Sources**

From Men

Mt. 15:1-9

1 Cor. 4:6

Gal. 1:10-17

Col. 2:8

2 Thess. 2:2-4

Walking by faith means walking by what God has said

2 Cor. 5:7; 1 Cor. 4:6; Gal. 1:6-9

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2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**We cannot know
the mind of God
except through
revelation**

1 Cor 2:10, 11, 14; Eph 3:3-5;
Deut. 29:29; Isaiah 55:8,9

**Faith
comes by
hearing the
word of
CHRIST**

Romans 10:17

**God has revealed
everything
He wants us to
know & do –**

2 Pet 1:3; 2 Tim 3:16,17; Jude 3

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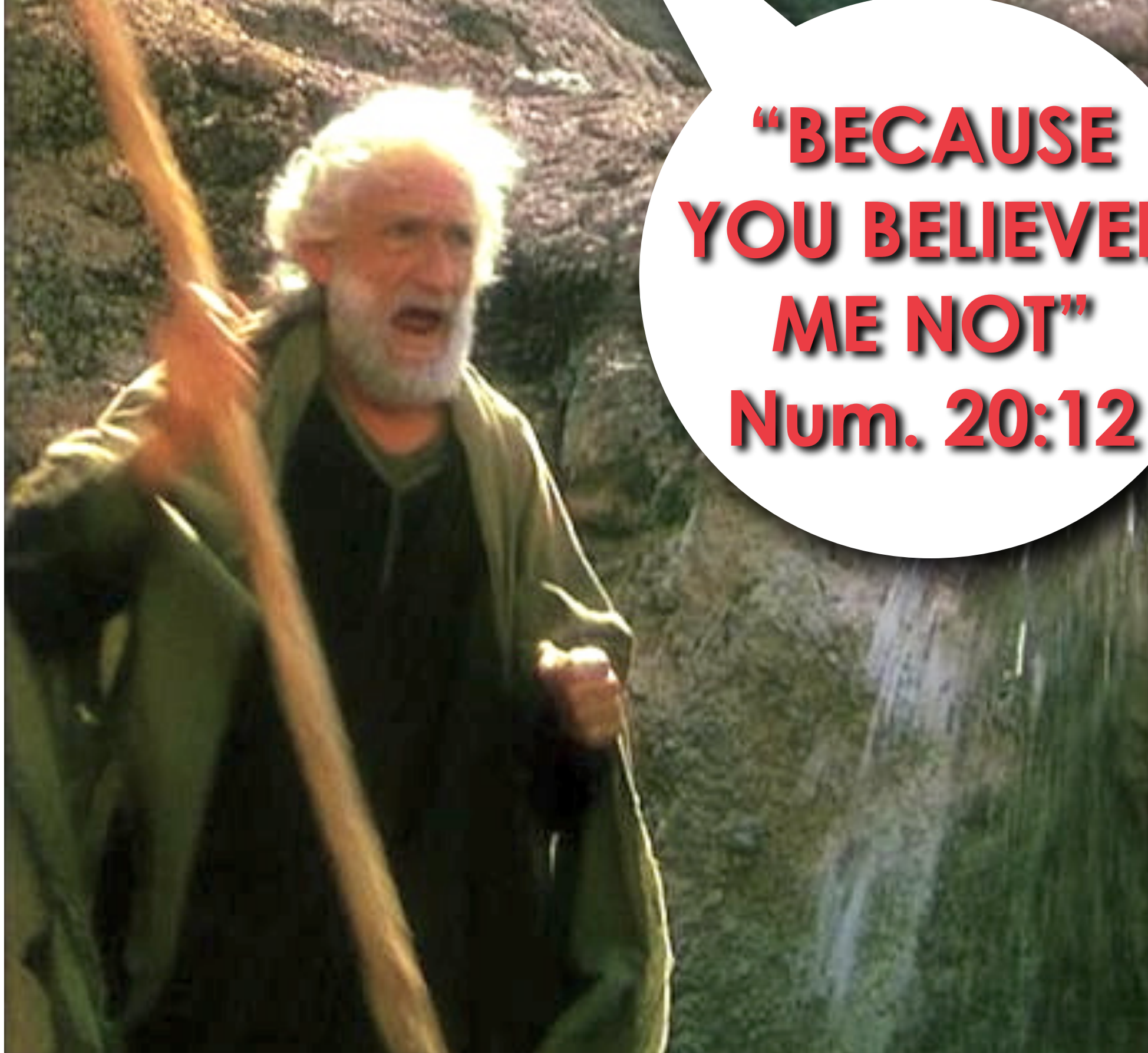
- ▶ Cain & Abel (Gen. 4:1-7; Heb. 11:4)
- ▶ Noah Built The Ark (Gen. 6; Heb. 11:7)
- ▶ Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10:1,2)
- ▶ Moses Strikes A Rock (Num 20:8-24)
- ▶ King Saul (1 Sam. 13 & 15)
- ▶ David's Ox Cart (1 Chron 13:5-8)
- ▶ Jeroboam (1 Kings 12:25-33)
- ▶ Uzziah (2 Chr. 26:16-23)

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God **STILL** means what HE SAYS

(God's silence is NOT permissive!)



**“BECAUSE
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Num. 20:12**

When God **specifies** - we
CANNOT substitute

(1 Chron 13:5-8; Heb. 7:11-14)

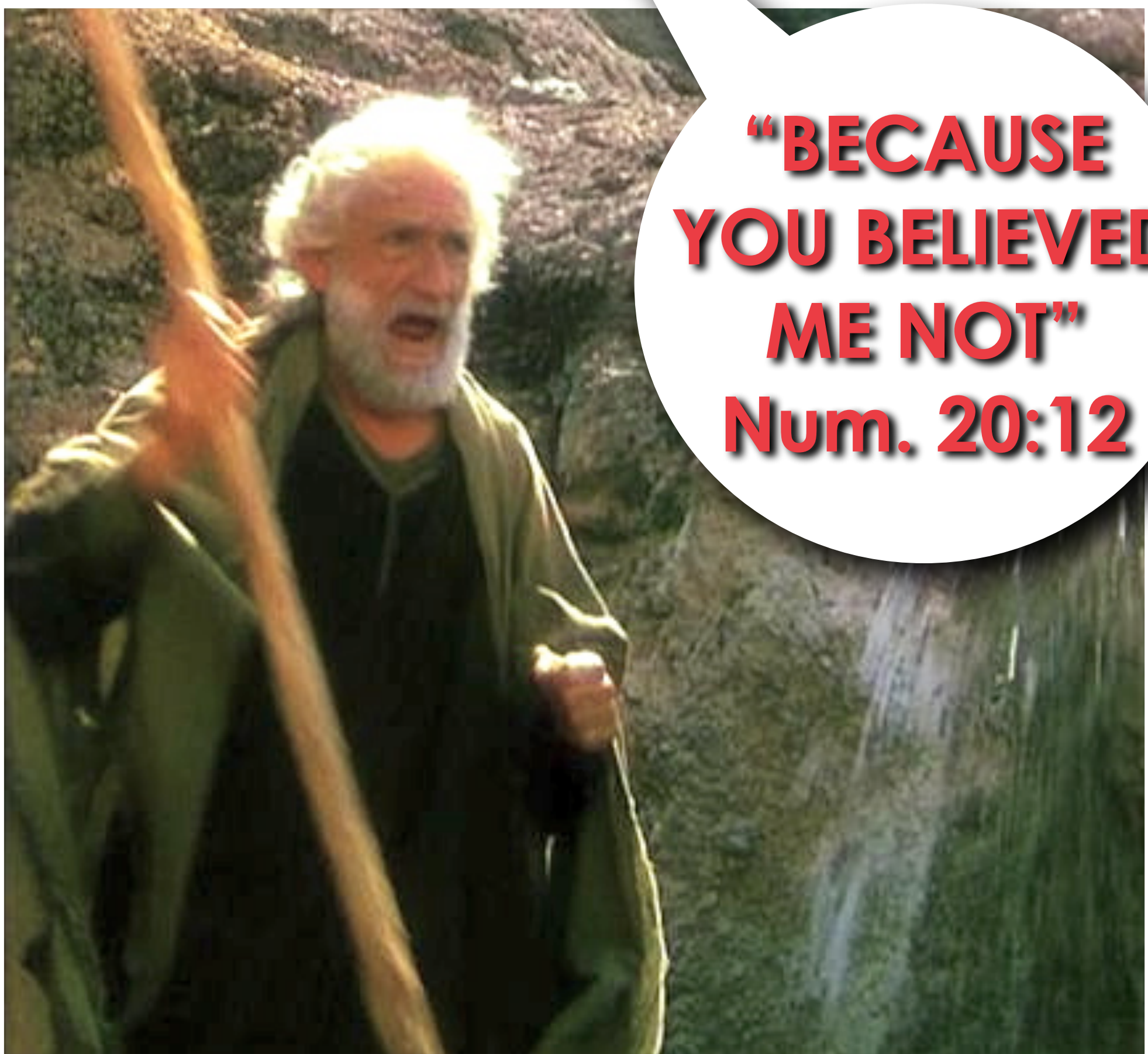
- Any **substitute** for what God specifies is **evil**, regardless of intent (cf Num 20:8,11; Matt 7:21-23; 2 Jn 9,10; Dt 4:2; 12:32; Jos 1:7; Pro 30:6; Rev 22:18,19).

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- ▶ Aids & Expedients do not change, by either addition or subtraction, that which God commands! Additions do!
 - AIDES: Tools to build ark - (saws / ropes / etc.) Gen 6
 - UNAUTHORIZED: Changes in: size / number of stories / type of wood / more boats
- ▶ In order for a thing to be an aide or expedient it must first be lawful!

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Commands	Aids	Expedients	Strange Fire
Assemble (Heb. 10:24-25)	House, Hall, Church Building,	Time on Sunday, , where, own, rent, how often ...	Family Life Center, Gymnasium, Etc.
Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:23-29)	Cups, Plates, Table, Etc.	AM or PM, Homemade? Bought?	Social Meal (1 Co. 11:17-22, 34)
Give (1 Cor. 16:1-2)	Collection Baskets	Order in service, cash, checks, ...	Raffles, Chili Suppers, Cake Walks, Etc.
Preaching (Acts 20:7)	Mics, projectors, chalk boards ...	Which Biblical subject, order in service ...	Politics / Bind Opinions / Entertainers / Women
Sing (Eph. 5:19; etc.)	Song Book, PPT Leader, Pitch Pipe,	# of songs, which songs, On screen, book, memory / stand, sit ...	Man made instruments / Praise bands / Clapping

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Colossians 3:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

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2 John 9–11 (NKJV)

⁹ Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; ¹¹ for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.

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- The God of the O.T. and the God of the N.T. is the same God (Acts 5:1-11; Col. 3:17; Heb. 10:26-31).
- If we truly respect, love & trust God we will seek to praise and serve Him AS HE HAS spoken (John 4:22-24; 2 Tim 3:16,17; 1 Cor. 4:6).

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- The revealed way of salvation (John 8:24; Luke 13:3,5; Matt. 10:32,33; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 4:12; 10:43,47,48; 22:16; etc.)
- The revealed teaching to believe and follow (Acts 2:42; Phil. 3:16; Ga. 1:6-9; 6:16; 2 Ti. 3:17)
- The revealed church which Christ built (Mat. 16:18; Acts 2:47; Rom. 16:16; Eph. 4:5; 5:23-27; 1 Tim. 3:15)

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- The organization of the church - Acts 14:23; 20:14,28; Phili 1:1; 1 Tim 3:1-8; etc.
- The work of the church - (evangelism - 1 Thes. 1:8; edification - Eph. 4:11-16; Benevolence - Acts 11:29)
- Worship of the church - (Praying - Acts 4:23-31; L.S. - Acts 20:7; Giving - 1 Cor. 16:1,2; Preaching - Acts 20:7; Singing - Eph 5:19; Col. 3:16)

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- What is OUR attitude towards the need to establish authority for all we do?
- Is the NT the ONLY source for our faith, teaching & practice?
- If we add to, or take away from the teaching of the NT, are we walking by faith?
- If we do only those things we know are authorized in the NT, how confident can we be we are doing what is right?

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We CANNOT Ignore the
AUTHORITY of JESUS'S
word and think we will
escape His judgment!

2 Thes. 1:7-9; Heb. 10:26-30



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In order to be pleasing to God, we must have an attitude of complete trust & surrender to HIS AUTHORITY.

WILL YOU SUBMIT TO JESUS'S AUTHORITY TODAY?

Mat. 28:18-21; Mark 16:15,16; Acts 2:21,38;

(Matthew 8:5-13; 21:23-27; Colossians 3:17)

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Leviticus 10:1–3 (NKJV)

¹ Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them. ² So fire went out from the Lord and devoured them, and they died before the Lord. ³

And Moses said to Aaron, “This is what the Lord spoke, saying: ‘By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified.’ ” So Aaron held his peace.