

# **“The Authority of God”**

## **Col. 3:17**

### Introduction

- I. Our society has seen the dwindling of respect for authority.
- II. People believe that they ought to be able to do whatever they want without consequence.
- III. God has supreme authority, and we must understand it and heed it!

### Discussion

- I. God's authority is inherent due to the fact that He is God.
  - A. Man was formed by God, therefore is subject to God (Gen. 1:26-27; [cf. Israel, Isa. 43:21]).
  - B. The primary purpose of our lives is to observe God's authority (Eccl. 12:13).
  - C. Whether man likes it or not, all mankind is subject to God (Heb. 4:13).
- II. What are verses that indicate God's authority over man?
  - A. Genesis 18:25
  - B. Ecclesiastes 12:14
  - C. Romans 2:16 and 14:12
  - D. Second Corinthians 5:10
  - E. First Peter 1:17
  - F. Matthew 12:36
- III. What then should be my attitude and demeanor toward God's authority?
  - A. How do I feel toward God's Word (Deut. 4:2; Prov. 30:6; John 12:48; Rev. 22:18-19)?
  - B. How do I feel toward Christ and His Law (Heb. 1:1-2; Matt. 17:5; 2 John 9)?

### Conclusion

- I. The lack of respect for God's authority is the reason for religious division (1 Cor. 1:10-13).
- II. Error in the church of Christ is a result of a lack of respect for God's authority.
- III. Let us appreciate, recognize and observe God's authority!