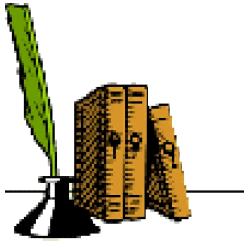


KINGDOM AUTHORITY



To say that Laity rules, that is, the authority rests upon the believers and that there is no structure of Government in God's Kingdom that is fair and just to all would not be wise in this New Testament period that is coming to a close!

Proverbs 8:12-16 ¶ *I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions. The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength. By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.*

When Jesus was teaching (Mt. 18:1-35) on the subject of solving problems in His Kingdom, He was instructing those who would govern as His representatives in the Kingdom which would start on the day of Pentecost after they received power from on High. Acts 1:8

We know by searching the Scriptures that Jesus did not come to break the law, but to fulfill it. We also know that Jesus was clearly instructing His Disciples who were first Elders with the anointing of an Apostle. By reading Luke 17:1-5 which records the same teaching from the eyes of Luke that definitely the disciples were the Apostles who would Govern in the Kingdom. We also note in Mt 18:21 that Peter who was an Elder and an Apostle (1Peter 5:1) asked an important question concerning patience and mercy about Government.

Now when any matter cannot be solved by the Laity they are to bring it before the Elders who have been given the authority to hear and judge the matter by any two of the Elders agreeing. Note in vs 18-19 of Mt. 18 that Jesus makes a clear statement that He will support their judgement because to them only He gave the Authority.

Matthew 18:18-20

18 Verily I say unto "you (**The Elders-Priests**)", Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

19 Again I say unto "you (**The Elders-Priests**)", That if two of "you (**The Elders-Priests**)" shall agree on earth as touching any thing that "they (**Laity**)" shall ask, it shall be done for "them (**Laity**)" of my Father which is in heaven. For where "two or three (**The Elders-Priests**)" are gathered together in my (**which have my Authority**) name, there am I in the midst (**in Agreement with the Elders-Priests**) of them.

Jesus did not make this a new law! It was already established in Deuteronomy. He matured the anti-type into the final Spiritual Type, meaning the final method of Governing His Spiritual Kingdom.

Deuteronomy 17:8-13 ¶ If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, being matters of controversy within thy gates: then shalt thou arise, and get thee up into the place which the LORD thy God shall choose; And thou shalt come unto the priests the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days, and enquire; and **they shall shew thee the sentence of judgment:** And thou shalt do according to the sentence, which **they of that place which the LORD shall choose shall shew thee;** and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they inform thee: According to the sentence of the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do: thou shalt not decline from the sentence which they shall shew thee, to the right hand, nor to the left. **And the man that will do presumptuously, and will not hearken unto the priest that standeth to minister there before the LORD thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die:** and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel. And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

Is it any wonder why the Church is in a very sad state of affairs today? It is because the laws of God are not being upheld by Elders sent with the True Authority by God. Therefore the Laity has no fear and is doing many things presumptuously!!