Sunday, January 1, 2023 - Bible Class

Subject: Authority

The following should give you a sense of the direction that I would like to take in the first few Bible Classes about the subject of “authority.” Eventually, somewhere down the road Mark and I intend to talk about “How to establish Bible authority.” And it’s also our intent to apply the hermeneutic that we believe the Bible shows us as we attempt to discover what it is that God would have us to do. Additionally, how are we to interpret the Bible? I’m currently working on an article that talks about Bible Inspiration, and what that means. I’m trying to be as detailed as I can about that subject. And as is the case with everything I send out, please don’t hesitate to push-back or ask questions if you don’t understand where I’m coming from. I don’t claim to know everything there is to know about the Bible and you might have very valuable insight that I don’t. I’m still learning.

Concerning our Bible Class on authority as I’ve outlined it in this email. There are some definite things that I would like for us to discuss. Additionally, I’ve shared a few Bible verses with you that I’ll be bringing to your attention. Having said that, any Scriptures that come to your mind on what I’ve outlined, I would encourage you to bring them out in Bible Class. There many more Scriptures that could be used on what I’ve outlined for you. But here’s an outline that shows you what I will attempt to talk with you about in our opening 2-3 Bible Classes.

1. A world without authority. What would it look like?
2. Chaos
3. Confusion
4. Anarchy
5. It appears to me as if mankind is prone to do as he pleases. This is true even when there is “authority.”
6. Recall the days of the “Judges.”
7. Judges 21.25
8. What does the following mean? – “everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”
9. There were “elders” – Judges 21.16.
10. There was a “high-priest” – Judges 20.28.
11. What was missing in the land?
12. How did this contribute to “everyone doing what was right in their own eyes?”
13. Isaiah 5.20
14. What is your personal opinion of the direction of our culture today?
15. Is there a need in society for a “civil government?”
16. Romans 13.1-5 – What is it that God intends for a “civil government” to do?
17. 1 Timothy 2.1-4 – What is it that God intends for a “civil government” to do?
18. Explain Jeremiah 29.7. Please include the context.
19. Moving from the “need” for “authority,” through civil governments: What does the nature of mankind have to do with his need for “authority” in religion? (In the spiritual realm).
20. Why can’t we just do our own thing – religiously speaking?
21. Jeremiah 10.23
22. Does mankind have a “FREE WILL?”
23. Explain what free will is and how it works.
24. Proverbs 4.12
25. Read Romans 1.21-28 and write down what direction mankind takes with his life when he rejects God.
26. Ephesians 4.17-19
27. Why should God be the one in “authority?” Why does God have “final authority?”
28. Isaiah 45.5-6
29. Isaiah 46.9-11
30. Isaiah 55.8, 9
31. What makes God – God?
32. Define the word “attribute.”
33. Define the word “characteristic.”
34. While God has man “attributes, characteristics or qualities” (personally I don’t have an exact number for you) in my opinion the only owns I plan to talk about are the ones which really set Him apart. (Making God far superior to mankind).
35. God is “omnipotent.”
36. What does the word omnipotent mean.
37. Where is the very first place in the Bible that you see this attribute being on display?
38. Isaiah 45.18 (This verse gives you the answer to the above question).
39. Romans 1.19-21 (again)
40. Psalm 19.1ff
41. In my opinion, although closely associated with God being omnipotent – is the fact that God hasn’t detached himself from His creation – allowing it to simply run its course (so-to-speak).
42. Colossians 1.16-17
43. What’s God’s involvement in this world that he has created?

* So – according to Isaiah 45.5a, God says, “I am the Lord, and there is none other apart from me.”
* Next – we will talk about a 2nd attribute of God.
1. God is “omniscient.”
2. What does “omniscient” mean and or imply?
3. Isaiah 46.9-11
4. Psalm 139.1ff (please read this entire short Psalm).
5. In Isaiah 46.9, this verse begins with the word “Remember…” (NKJV)
6. What is the significance of this word in this verse?
7. Explain Isaiah 42.9
8. Psalm 139.4
9. Psalm 139.12

If you have any questions or comments, please as always feel free to call me, text me or email me. What you’re thinking is very important to me.

God bless.

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