

WHO IS GOD?

INTRODUCTION TO AUTHORITY

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- Ex 5:1, 2; Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.'" 2 And Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, nor will I let Israel go."

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- IMPLICATIONS OF CREATION
- RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE CREATOR
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- FUNDAMENTALS OF AUTHORITY

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- Ex 3:14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"
- Ex 3:6 Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father-the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.
- Ge 17:1; When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless."

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- Isa 45:18 For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I am the LORD, and there is no other.
- "I AM WHO I AM"
- THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB
- ALMIGHTY GOD
- THE GOD OF CREATION

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- WHO IS GOD?
- “I AM WHO I AM”
 - ETERNAL, NO BEGINNING, NO END
- THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB, ALMIGHTY GOD
 - ALL POWERFUL, FEARED BY MEN
- THE GOD OF CREATION
 - CREATED BY SPEAKING
 - WORD OF ULTIMATE POWER

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- IMPLICATIONS OF CREATION
- UNLIMITED POWER
- Isa 40:26 Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, By the greatness of His might And the strength of His power; Not one is missing.
- Isa 41:20 That they may see and know, And consider and understand together, That the hand of the LORD has done this, And the Holy One of Israel has created it.
- Isa 42:5 ¶ Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it:

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- IMPLICATIONS OF CREATION
- RIGHT TO COMMAND
- De 4:2 "You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.
- De 4:40 "You shall therefore keep His statutes and His commandments which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time."
- De 6:2 "that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.

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- IMPLICATIONS OF CREATION
- RIGHT OF OWNERSHIP
- Isa 29:13 Therefore the Lord said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men, 14 Therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous work Among this people, A marvelous work and a wonder; For the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, And the understanding of their prudent men shall be hidden." 15 Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the LORD, And their works are in the dark; They say, "Who sees us?" and, "Who knows us?" 16 Surely you have things turned around! Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay; For shall the thing made say of him who made it, "He did not make me"? Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?

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- RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE CREATOR
- De 10:12 "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,
- De 11:1 "Therefore you shall love the LORD your God, and keep His charge, His statutes, His judgments, and His commandments always.
- De 11:13, 14; 'And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, 14 'then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil.

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- RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE CREATOR
- Mr 12:30 'And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.
- FEAR, WALK, LOVE, SERVE, OBEY
- KEEP HIS CHARGE, STATUTES, JUDGMENTS AND COMMANDMENTS
- WITH ALL HEART AND SOUL
- RECONCILE FEAR AND LOVE, POWER AND COMPASSION

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- RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CREATOR
- Ro 5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.
- Ro 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- Ro 8:39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Heb 13:5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

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- RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CREATOR
- De 7:12 "Then it shall come to pass, because you listen to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the mercy which He swore to your fathers.
- 2Ch 6:14 and he said: "LORD God of Israel, there is no God in heaven or on earth like You, who keep Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts.
- Ne 1:5 And I said: "I pray, LORD God of heaven, O great and awesome God, You who keep Your covenant and mercy with those who love You and observe Your commandments,

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- RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CREATOR
- Ps 86:15 But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.
- WHY DOES GOD TREAT HIS CREATION THIS WAY?
- HIS NATURE
 - ALMIGHTY GOD, UNLIMITED POWER
 - TEMPERED BY COMPASSION, MERCY, FAITHFULNESS, TRUTHFULNESS
- NOT OUR RIGHT TO QUESTION!

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- FUNDAMENTALS OF AUTHORITY
- CREATION
- RIGHTS OF OWNERSHIP
 - POTTER AND CLAY Isa 64:8; But now, O LORD, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand.
 - Isa 45:9; "Woe to him who strives with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth! Shall the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?' Or shall your handiwork say, 'He has no hands'?"

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- FUNDAMENTALS OF AUTHORITY
- CREATION
- RIGHT TO KEEP OR SELL
- ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA Ac 5:1-4; But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. 2 And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? 4 "While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

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- FUNDAMENTALS OF AUTHORITY
- PROPERTY RIGHTS
- THE RIGHT TO CREATE, OWN, CONTROL, DISPOSE
- THE CONCEPT OF PEOPLE AS PROPERTY IS REVOLTING TO US
- HOWEVER ABUSE AND SLAVERY ARE STILL RAMPANT
- HOW CAN SOMETHING SO WRONG FOR MAN BE RIGHT FOR GOD?
- RETURN TO THE NATURE AND CHARACTER OF OUR CREATOR
- GOD LIMITS MAN

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- FUNDAMENTALS OF AUTHORITY
- DELEGATION OF LIMITED AUTHORITY
- GOD ENTRUSTS MAN WITH RESPONSIBILITIES
- DRESS AND KEEP THE GARDEN OF EDEN
- CHERISH AND PROVIDE FOR MATE
- PROCREATE AND RAISE CHILDREN
- ROLES, LINES OF LEADERSHIP ESTABLISHED

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- FUNDAMENTALS OF AUTHORITY
- TYPES OF AUTHORITY REVEALED BY DELEGATION
- AUTHORITY OVER CREATION
- AUTHORITY WITHIN THE FAMILY
- AUTHORITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY
- AUTHORITY WITHIN THE CHURCH

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- FUNDAMENTALS OF AUTHORITY
- TYPES OF AUTHORITY
 - ALWAYS LIMITED, CONCEPT OF LAW
 - SOMETIMES SPECIFIC, SOMETIMES GENERAL
- SOURCE IS ALWAYS GOD!
- Joh 19:11; Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."

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- WHO THEN IS GOD?
 - ALL POWERFUL CREATOR WITH RIGHT OF POSSESSION
 - AUTHORITY TO COMMAND, KEEP OR DISPOSE
 - DESPITE POWER, LOVES AND PROVIDES FOR HIS CREATION
 - DELEGATES ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY TO MAN
 - WITHIN COMMUNITY, HOME AND CHURCH
- WHO THEN ARE WE? Ps 144:3 LORD, what is man, that You take knowledge of him? Or the son of man, that You are mindful of him?