



***GLORIFYING GOD
IN OUR EVERYDAY
LIVES***

**North Dallas Community
Bible Fellowship**

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Glorifying God at Work



Text: Ephesians 6:5-9
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Aesop's Fable

o The Fox and the Lion (3)



The Fox and the Lion

- The moral of this story is simple...familiarity breeds contempt.

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Lion are supposed...

- ...to eat foxes, but when lions fraternize with foxes, the foxes lose both their fear of the lion and their respect for his power and authority. The same is true in life. (5)



Relationships...

- ...operate according to specific dynamics and protocols. When those dynamics and protocols are violated, conflict arises. (6)



The more we get...

- ...to know a person on a personal level, the easier it is to find fault with them, and the easier it is to question their authority.

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***When it comes to
people and
relationships...***

***...conflict originates in
an environment where
there is contempt for
authority (8)***



In the *husband-wife* relationship, conflict arises when wives show contempt for their *husband's authority* (9)

A photograph of a man and a woman sitting at a breakfast table outdoors. The man, on the left, is wearing a blue polo shirt and has a surprised or happy expression as the woman feeds him a piece of food. The woman, on the right, is wearing a white shirt with pink accents and is smiling warmly. The table is set with orange juice, coffee, and various breakfast items. The background shows a clear blue sky and some greenery.



In the *parent-child*

**relationship,
conflict arises
when children
show contempt
for *parental*
*authority***

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In the God-man
relationship,
conflict exists
when man
shows contempt
for *God's*
authority (11)





In the *employer-employee* relationship, we have conflict when there is contempt for the *employer's authority* (12)

***What is the key
question?***

***Who has the right to
rule my life?***

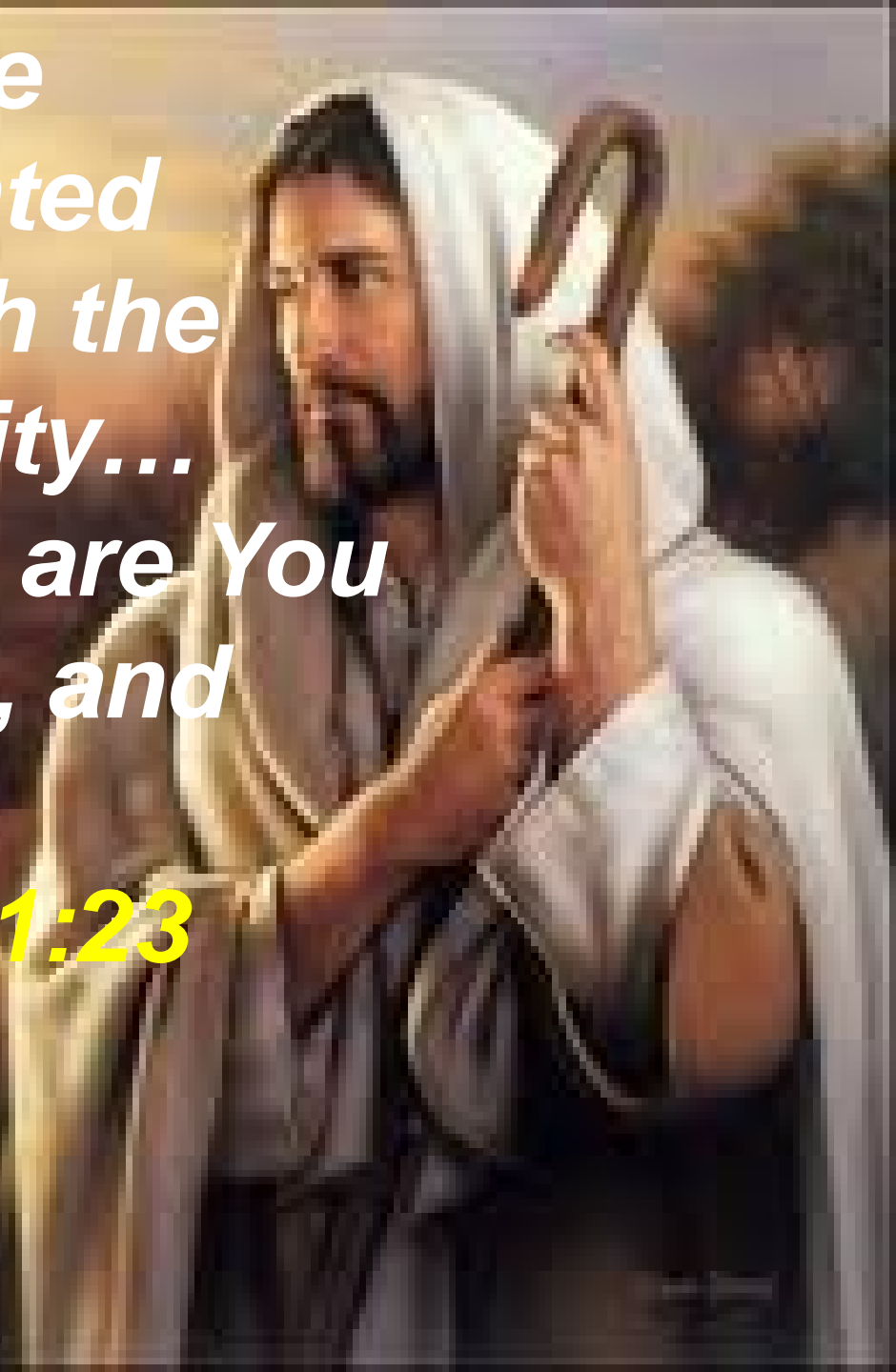
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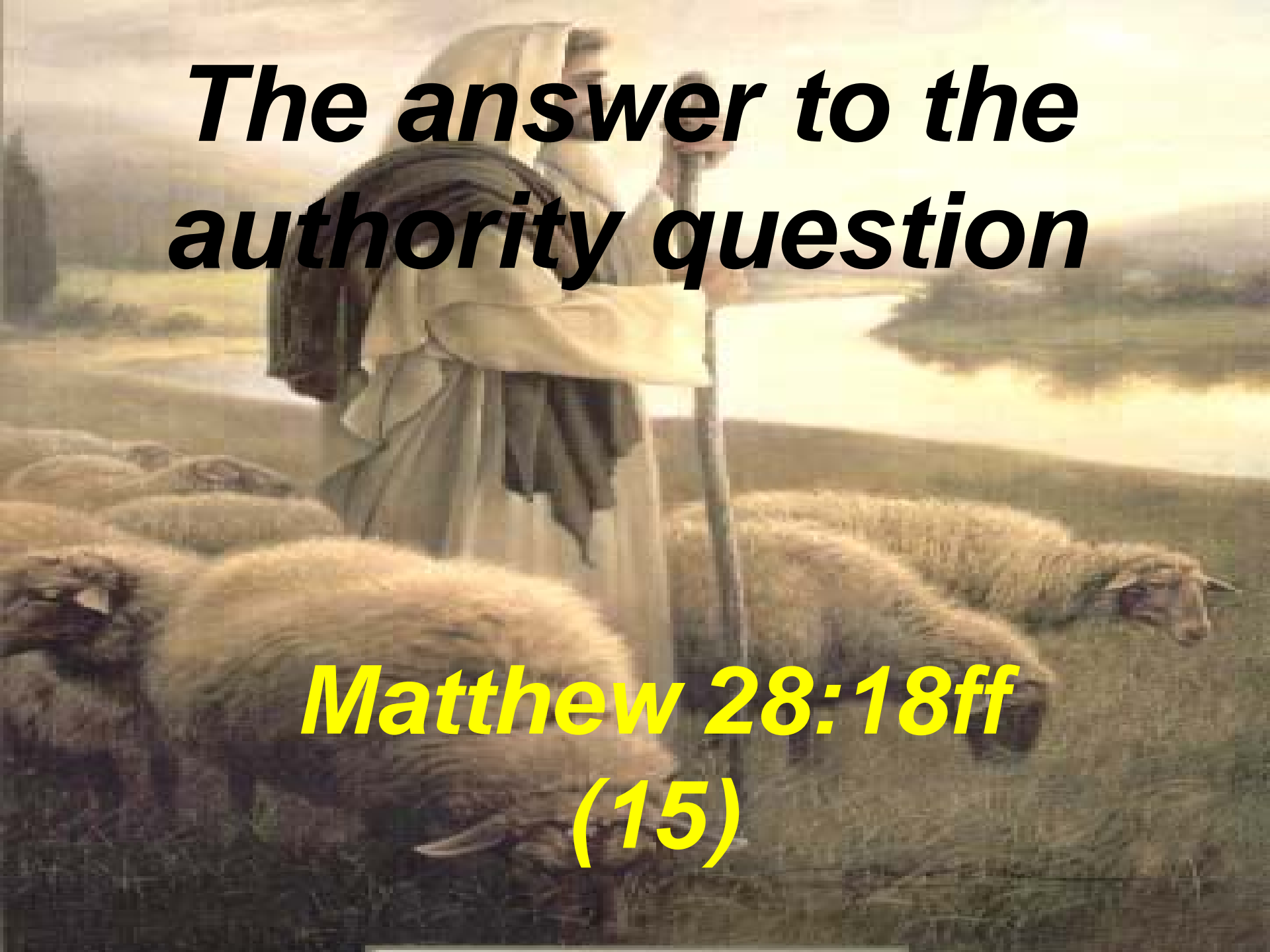


The scribes and the Pharisees confronted Christ, Himself with the question of authority...

“By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?” **Matt. 21:23**

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A shepherd in a light-colored robe and a dark shawl draped over his shoulders stands in a field, holding a long wooden staff. He is surrounded by a flock of sheep. The background shows a body of water and a hazy, sunset sky. The overall scene is peaceful and pastoral.

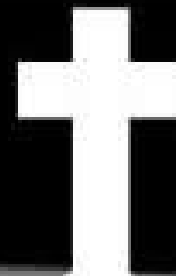
***The answer to the
authority question***

***Matthew 28:18ff
(15)***

How are we able
to submit to the
authority of
another?

*...the
indwelling
Spirit*

*Eph. 5:15-21
(16)*



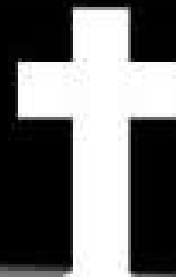
Key Relationships...

- Wives and husbands
- Children and parents
- *Slaves and masters*



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Today's focus...



*Not slaves and
master but the
employee-
employer
relationship*



Eph. 6:5-9

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*How do we glorify
God at work?*

1. Respect authority

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Respect...

- ...for your employer
- ...for his/her authority
- ...for who you are as a believer (20)



*How do we glorify
God at work?*

2. Right attitude

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We have to have...

- ...the mindset that how we work brings glory and honor to God (Col. 3:23)
- ...know that the reward for your labor will come from Him (22)



*How do we glorify
God at work?*

*3. Reason and
restraint*

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Reason and restraint...

- ...employers cannot act with impunity
- ...God holds both employers and employees accountable

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Lessons

- *Employees need to respect authority*
- *Employees need to maintain a right attitude*
- *Employers need to exercise reason and restraint*

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