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“Respecting God’s Authorities”

-Ecclesiastes 8:1-17-

Introduction:

- What is your perspective and attitude towards government and civil authorities?

- Should human rulers be able to tell you what to do? Why or why not?

- What if human rulers are clearly corrupt? Should we still submit to them?

- Why should rulers punish evil in the world? What if they don’t punish it?

- How are we to live in a fallen world, with fallen people, and fallen governments?

Wisdom makes for skillful living under God-given governments!

In Eccles. 8:1-17, we receive four wise admonitions for skillful living to God’s glory.

Submit to Authority (vv. 2-5):

Notes:

Remember the Judgment (vv. 6-9):

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Fear the LORD (vv. 10-13):

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Live with Humility (vv. 14-17):

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Conclusion:

Does your response to authority at heart and in action reflect submission to God's authority?

"The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person."

-- Ecclesiastes 12:13 --