

Authorities

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Romans 13:1 (ESV)

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. **For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.**

We are standing on the foundation of Christ filled with the Holy Spirit. In this section of application, the Scriptures tell us to renew our mind. Therefore, if we are to move in the full power of God we learn a tremendous lesson in Rom.13:

God works through Authorities!

There is power and blessings from being under authority. There are severe consequences when we are not under authority.

Romans 13:2 (ESV)

Therefore whoever resists the authorities **resists what God has appointed**, and those who resist will incur judgment.

God moves through Authorities!

Romans 13:6 (ESV)

The authorities are ministers of God.

Romans 13:4 (ESV)

He is God's servant for your good.

This applies to all authorities in our life. To understand God's view, we need to look at "authorities" as agents of God's protection. God is doing a work through these authorities:

Proverbs 21:1 (ESV)

The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; **he turns it wherever he will.**

Therefore need to recognize God working through authorities in our government, but also recognize God working through authorities in our work, our church, and our families:

Authorities at work!

Colossians 3:22 (ESV)

Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters fearing the Lord.

Authorities at Church!

Hebrews 13:7 & 17 (ESV)

⁷ Remember your leaders, **those who spoke to you the word of God.**

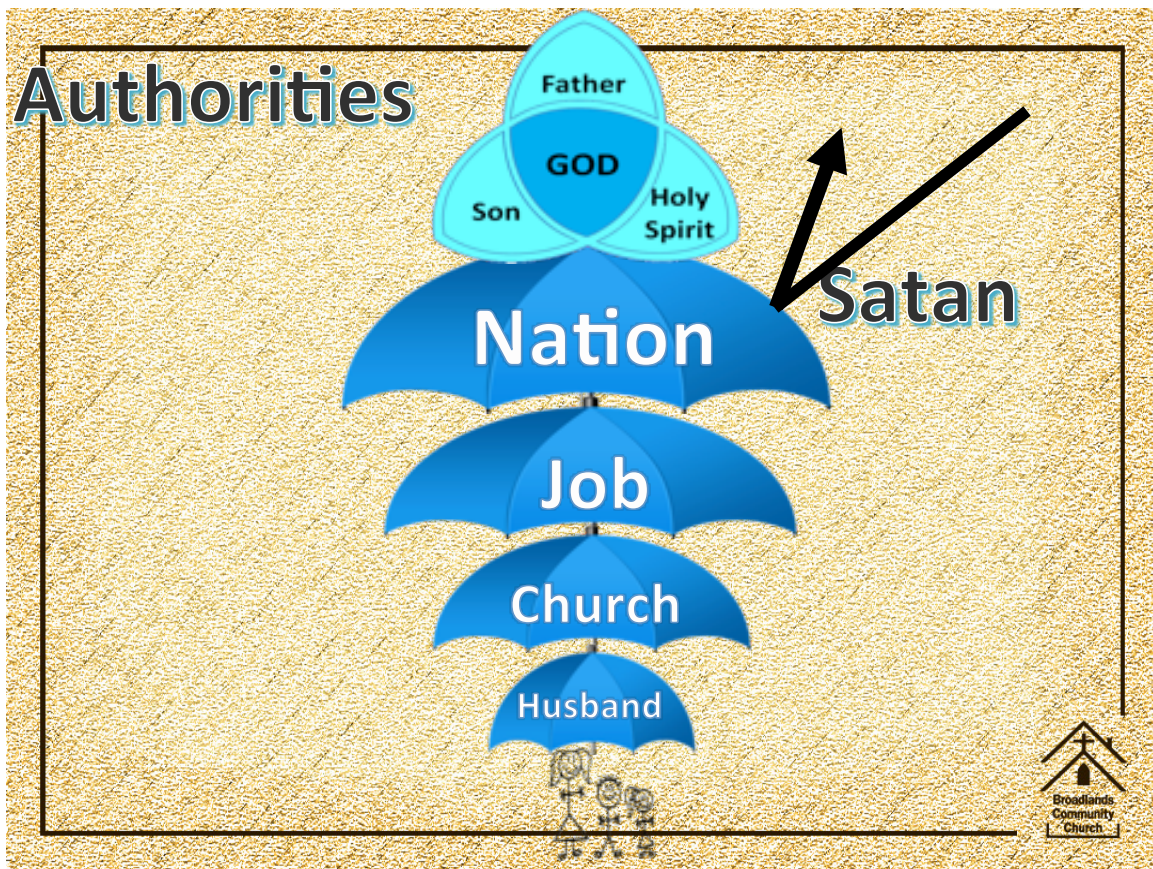
¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, **for they are keeping watch over your souls.**

Authorities at Home!

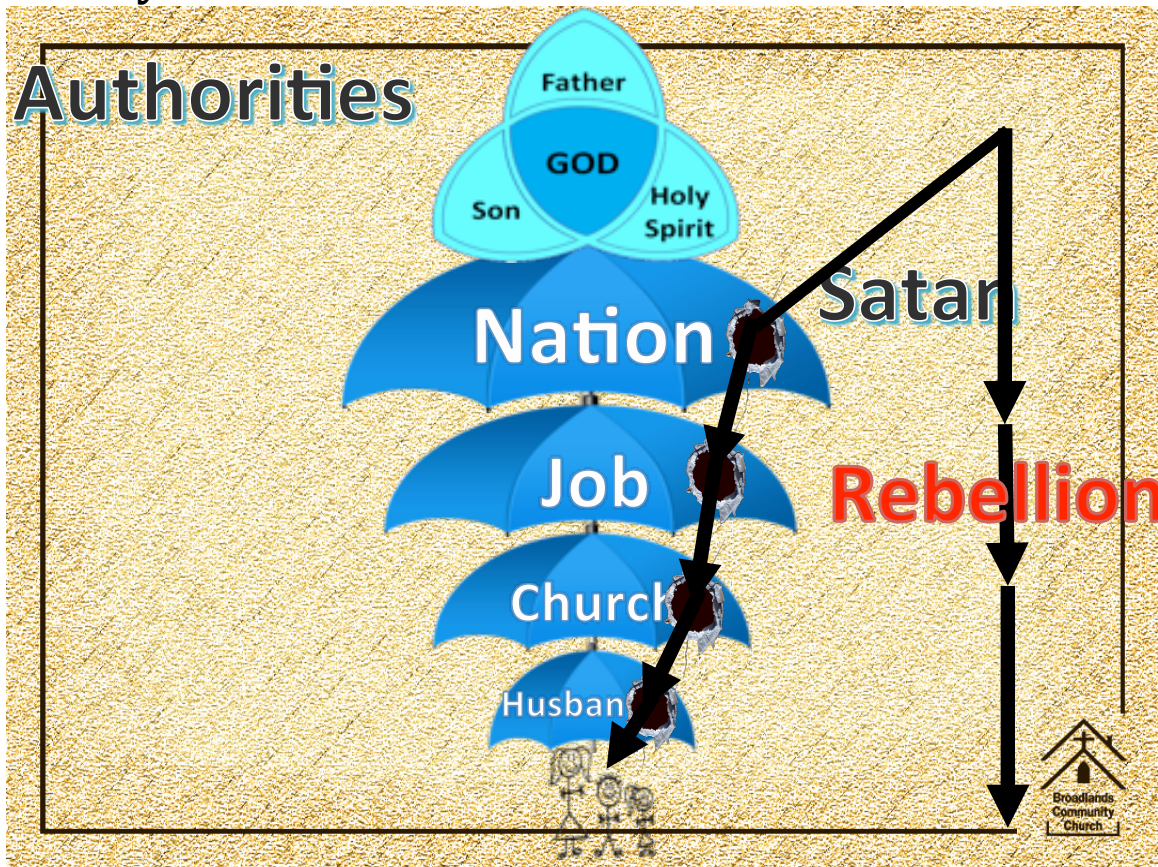
Colossians 3:18 (ESV)

Wives, submit to your husbands, **as is fitting in the Lord.**

Perfection!



Reality!



Lesson:

Appeal and the Power of Influence

Submit or Depart

Resist and Rebellion

2Cor.5:21 (NASB)

He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.