

Who Rules? What Rules?

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In the beginning when God first made mankind upon the earth, out of the earth, He gave them dominance. (Gen.1:26,28) From the day God created man they were given the charge or responsibility to subdue and to rule. After the fall of Adam and Eve through their rebellion against God's rule, God changed the rules of life for all the earth. (He rendered a curse against it.) (Gen.3:17-19, 22-24)

(Gen.9:1-12) The rule and dominion over creation was also modified in that now a fear or dread of humanity was put upon the animal kingdom. (9:2) David being a prophet of God speaks truth concerning man's dominion over creation in Psalms 8:4-9 (this passage received its full measure of fulfillment in Jesus Christ)

It is true that God has given man authority and the power to exercise dominion over all the earth. Since God has given humanity this responsibility He also gives them accountability. With power comes the potential for abuses. With dominion comes the responsibility to exercise care over that which is governed.

God, who is our greatest example of sovereign rule shows us this principle of responsibility in His promise to His creation which includes all humanity and all living creatures and even the earth and stone. (See His promise to not destroy by global flood ever again in Genesis 9:8-11.) God, who is all powerful, shows us by His own restraint that power un-restrained is not right.

Since God in His wisdom saw fit to yield His own power to the restraint of a covenant, we too can understand that wisdom should have supremacy over power and ability. Does this hold true with Holy Scripture? Evidence says yes.

(In Proverbs alone wisdom is exalted above all else. At least 45 verses give voice to wisdom's value or place) (Prov.2:1-12 serves as a good example)

God has the authority and power and right to rule over all His creation. He created using wisdom and He rules using wisdom. God has given humanity authority and power and the right to rule over His creation under His rulership and authority therefore we too should use wisdom to govern over that which we have responsibility for. Each concerning their own areas of responsibility.

Since wisdom is so important to our accomplishing our positions of responsibility, what kind of wisdom should we seek? Wisdom of the world or wisdom from the God who made the world? (James 3:13-18 the kinds of wisdom) James insists that God will give His wisdom to those who ask. (James 1:5) It is right to seek Godly wisdom in all matters for God takes pleasure in this.

We who are the Church of God, that is those who have been called out of the world by Him, have a higher responsibility in government over what God has created. It's True. We are to seek His wisdom and then teach His wisdom to those who rule but don't know heavenly wisdom. (Eph.3:10 – God's Charge to the Church) This is so they can live their own lives by and exercise their own rule over by Heavenly wisdom. We have every reason to pray for those who are given charge over our lives. (1Tim.2:1-2) God is the giver of true wisdom and understanding. (Col.1:9 God the source through His Spirit.)

When we submit to Godly wisdom's rule over our lives we then can rule in righteousness over our own areas of responsibility just as God does His. And life gets better.