

CHAPTER 6

DELEGATED AUTHORITIES

...."Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven"....

Luke 10:19-20

THE DEEPEST THOUGHTS AND INTENTIONS OF THE FATHER'S HEART MUST BECOME "FAMILIAR" TO EACH ONE OF HIS CHILDREN IN THIS LAST HOUR

In the previous teachings we have talked at length about the need for every child of God to have a "God-given" revelation of what true authority is all about. It is only through the reception of this revelation that one will begin to understand what the Body of Christ is and what Her part is in the Father's end-time plan, before the coming of the Lord Jesus. Up until this time, Satan has been "allowed" to divert many children of God to the place (unbelief and "fellowship with the world) wherein the authority that rightfully belongs to them in Christ has been made null and void through their failure to lay down their "self-sufficiency" - in order to take the Father and His Provision as their all-sufficiency.

It is only in this place of total dependency that we shall:

1. Be able to receive a true revelation of the authority of God.
2. Become "constant" vessels of that authority to "tread upon serpents and scorpions" in order that the captives might be set free.

Through the failure of many to cast down the last "vestiges" of their self-sufficiency, Satan has been able to use them - as they hold to their "mental ascensions" - to fight against, and hinder, the advent into the midst of the congregations, those sent by God to minister the revelation of His authority and the workings thereof, to His people.

In this final hour the thoughts and intentions of Father's heart - and all of the purposes and plans He has for the Church - must become "familiar" to each one of His children if they truly desire to "rise above" the fear and the evil and the darkness which has encompassed the world and thus walk in the fulness of the ministry they are called to. For one to "refuse" a revelation of the absolute authority of God's Word (Jesus) in this last hour is for one to bring destruction upon themselves by the hand of the Evil One. But as one gives themselves up wholly to receive this most glorious revelation, then they shall indeed be empowered to rise above the vast expanse of darkness which is in the "world" and into that place of constant communion and fellowship with the Father Himself. It is time for every child of God, who earnestly seeks to love Him with ALL of their heart, to seek ALL of their sufficiency in the Father and His Word. It is only in this place that we shall finally see what an "affront" it is to the Father for His children to walk in carnality - that is, ANY dependence upon their own understanding. We must come to see what a horrible abomination every ounce of "fleshly activity" is in light of the fact that God's Spirit "dwells" in the heart of every one of His children! It is certain that we have no excuses - nor should we be seeking any - for the meagre and paltry image of the Lord Jesus that we have presented to the masses, UP UNTIL THIS TIME, in the church.

WE, AS CHILDREN OF GOD, MUST COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT IF WE "WHOLLY" GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD THEN WE NEED HAVE NO FEAR OF BEING DECEIVED

As we have discussed previously, every child of God must come to a true knowledge of God's "Divine Requirement" (Luke 10:27), for if one does not have a revelation of what the Father requires - "absolutely" requires I might add - then they will most certainly "forge" their own way, and do only those things that "they believe" are required of them. The direct consequence of one not gaining a "clear" revelation of the Divine Requirement is that there shall be an ever-widening gap between those of God's children who are faithful to Him and those who are unfaithful to Him (Malachi 3:18) in their "blindness". We are going to look closely at some different aspects of the relationship between God's people and God's delegated authorities. It seems that, in the nearly two thousand years since the Church of Jesus Christ was born at Pentecost, there have been comparatively few examples of godly men and women - men and women who "ultimately" carried out their ministries in a "perfect obedience" unto God - but yet, as one truly seeks to

come to that place of an abiding obedience (those whose deepest heart desire is to carry out the fulness of the ministry that God has called them to) then the Father, through the Holy Spirit, shall lead them to those precious handmaidens and bondservants - whether they be living now in the earth or in Heaven (the anointed writings and teachings of saints who have departed this earth) - who will be used greatly by God to "paint their portion" of the Father's will (revelation) in the hearts of His people. UP UNTIL THIS TIME, there has been a great fear of "delegated authorities", and indeed every authority is "delegated", some by God and some by Satan (false authorities); but we, as children of God, must come to understand that if we "wholly" give ourselves to God then we need have no fear of being deceived or being led astray by any ministers of "unrighteousness"; for the Father has given us His Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us into all truth and to teach us all things. Each time fear attempts to rise up we MUST recognize it for what it is and replace any "lying thoughts" with the revealed Word of God. It is no surprise that many are led astray by these "false authorities" in light of their own lack of consecration - a "lack" which is the direct product of their own failure to humble themselves before God and their own root desire to remain in "control" of their actions. Should it seem such a bad thing to us to be wholly possessed by God - to abide in His love and His wisdom and carry out only those things which He has ordained? Indeed, it should not! For the God we serve is perfect, and if we are in one accord (perfect agreement) with His will then He shall surely lead us into the "true prosperity" which encompasses all of the fulness of our inheritance in Christ - which, in itself, is a life-long study. It is time for every child of God to "lay down" any ground of fear within them! For the Father is doing a great work in this last hour, and to be part of that work we MUST cease from exalting ourselves and our words above the Word of God. It is only in this way that we shall continually allow the "perfect love" of the Father to cast out "ALL" fear!

THERE IS NO ROOM FOR FEAR

As one remains in a constant fellowship and communion with the Father and His Word THEN they shall surely understand what He is doing - and their part in it. Up until this time, we have seen what could best be described as an "imperfect" ministry on the part of many, but EVEN IF THIS IS SO, as one continually keeps the "revealed" Word of God as their "final authority THEN they are ALWAYS enabled to discern clearly that which is of God and that which is of man. As we continue on we will discuss in depth one's proper relationship to "delegated"

authority - both true and false. We shall also come to understand that in obedience to the command to "love one another", THERE IS NO ROOM FOR FEAR - the fear which causes one to slander and hate the "sinner" without any view to the deliverance of the one who has sinned before God and His people! These things which I speak of are a very serious matter and each one of us MUST allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to our hearts that the Father has made the Perfect Provision for us to walk in the perfect obedience He requires from each of His children.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE "SPOTLESS AND UNBLEMISHED" CHURCH

The deepest heart desire of the Father at this time is the "establishment" of the "spotless and unblemished" Church. As God moves in this last hour YOU CAN BE ASSURED that He will raise up leaders - men and women - who have, as their sole determination, the desire to lead the people of God into the "fulness" of their inheritance in Christ, and thus shall a Church which is wholly given to God and which walks in the fulness of the authority that is hers in Christ be established in the earth - to break "every" yoke of bondage and to set the captives free! Glorious leaders who will lead the people of God - whose hearts are wholly given unto Him - into that place of abiding love, a place wherein every one of their actions shall represent perfectly the One that they serve. Up until this time there has been a great "lack of faith" (mistrust) in the all-sufficiency of God. It is most certain that if one retains (maintains) - TO ANY DEGREE - a spirit of self-sufficiency, it is to that same degree that their revelation of the "Provision" that God has made in His Word shall be darkened. We MUST come to understand, as children of God, that the Father has made every provision for each one of us to walk in the fulness of the ministry that He created us to walk in, and if we are in any way "falling short" then it is not God who is to blame, but ourselves! For if one truly humbles themselves before the Father, and thus receives ALL of their sustenance from Him, they shall shut the Evil One out of their affairs. But if one "chooses" to dwell in darkness (the world) through fellowship with it, then they can never attain to a "revelation" of the authority of God and thus, in not having the needed revelation, they are incapable of walking in the place of power which is part of their "true" heritage in Christ.

FALSE SPIRITUALITY

The primary reason why many fear "powerful leadership" in the Church - apart from their own rebelliousness - is the fact that many in the midst of the congregation have practised constantly fixing their eyes on "flesh and blood" rather than obeying the command to fix their eyes on Jesus (the Word) (Hebrews 12:1-3), and because of this they have come to experience only those situations which are a product of a "false spirituality". This false spirituality is not something that the deceived child of God is "conscious" of, for indeed these deluded ones (leaders and followers) "believe" that they are rendering service unto God, but what they do not realize is that unless one gives the Holy Spirit "free reign" in their hearts, then through the eventual "grieving" of the Holy Spirit, darkness will set in, and thus the "light" that is in them shall, in reality, be darkness (Luke 11:35)! And so what is developed in this situation is a cycle of growing darkness, that is, the one ministering the Word of God, apart from the anointing of God, is spreading darkness and all those in the congregation who have developed the habit of fixing their attention upon "flesh and blood", freely receive the word given, and thus their "faith" becomes strengthened and locked in the traditions and doctrines and "self-sufficiency" of men rather than the Truth of God. Let me say this again: that regardless of where one is, if they will humble themselves before the Father and diligently seek Him with all of their heart, there is no way that Satan can keep them apart from the true light of God and His Word - for by God's power they will be led and taught by the Holy Spirit, REGARDLESS of the darkness that surrounds them. For indeed the Father is faithful and He Himself is near to all those who will draw near to Him! Much of the problem that has been caused by people's adherence to the "wisdom of man", and the "idle" words which proceed from that "wisdom", would be remedied immediately if they would lay down their entire lives before the Father to do His will. In many places the church has been "structured" to accommodate a "Christianity" without consecration and sanctification, but I shall spend little time on this, save to say that "EVERY" foundation that has been laid apart from the revealed knowledge of God's Word, shall be brought to nothing in the sight of God and in the sight of man! Therefore, let us diligently seek the Father, in a spirit of true humility - that is, seeking continually to come into a deeper dependence upon Him for ALL things - that we might enter into that place of His perfect will for our lives. As we seek to be taught of the Father, He will continually lead us to the people and "writings" which are necessary for our edification, and which are anointed of Him - for it is certain that

we can in no way effect our own consecration and sanctification through the "strength" and "wisdom" of the "flesh"! It is ONLY a constant abiding in the Word of God that shall enable us to walk in the fulness of our inheritance in Christ.

WE MUST LIVE IN THE "NOW"

One of the first things that the Holy Spirit will reveal to the heart of one seeking to walk in "perfect obedience" (the fulness of the Divine Requirement) will be to "reveal" to them those "delegated authorities" which the Father has raised up for them as "gifts" - to not only minister the Word of God to them, but through their own perfect obedience, intercede on their behalf, that they might be equipped for the work of service to the building up of the Body of Christ, and that they might attain to the unity of the faith and come to the "true knowledge" of the Son of God. God's people must understand that when the Father calls them to submit themselves to a delegated authority He is not calling them to submit themselves to "flesh and blood", but rather to the One that abides within that "sent one"! The first and foremost fear that must be confronted as they receive a revelation of the "place" they are to be in, and those that they are to "sit under" in the Lord, is -"what if the delegated authority is in error at any time?" At this point we must differentiate between what has happened in many areas of the church - UP UNTIL THIS TIME. For, as mentioned before, God seeks first and foremost a "spotless and unblemished" Church, and we know that His will shall come to pass. So we shall look at both sides of this that we might come to a clear understanding that we cannot "live in the past", fixing our eyes on previous error, nor should we look to the future, a practice which might influence us to take a "preconceived notion" of what God is doing. We MUST live in the "now", abiding in Christ, for as you shall both see and experience, we can trust God to bring us to, and keep us in, "perfect ministry" - in and by the power of His Spirit.

Let us hear the deepest thoughts and intentions of the Father's heart:

I WILL MEET "ALL" THE NEEDS OF "ALL" THE PEOPLE "ALL" OF THE TIME

...."In many of My children whom I have called to a position of delegated authority, there remains a "tentativeness" (subject to change) as they go forth to minister My Word to My people. It is only "total subjection" to My Word which

will produce the freedom within them to speak My truth in love at all times. Therefore, it is only a full and complete consecration, in obedience to the voice of My Spirit, which will bring them to the place wherein they shall minister My Word "above error" at all times. It is also then that they shall experience the fulness of all that I have created them for. As I have spoken before I expect My children to go forth, ministering My Word without "apology" (compromise), with no thought or care for what other people may "think". This would shock some, but indeed as My children answer only to Me, I will meet "all" the needs of "all" the people "all" of the time, and I will accomplish in their lives those things which will be for their greatest eternal benefit"....

"MANY OF MY CHILDREN DO NOT HAVE A DEEP REVELATION"....

...."Because many of My children do not have a revelation deep within their heart of My plans and purposes, they "naturally" assume that those whom I have delegated to minister My Word, do not either and that they too are prone to error; as if it was a "God-given" right for them to be "imperfect!"....

"I SHALL DO A GREAT WORK AMONGST THOSE WHO ARE CALLED TO THE FIVE- FOLD MINISTRY"

...."It is as those who are placed in a position of delegated authority humble themselves before Me, that the multitudes shall follow. Therefore I shall do a great work amongst those who are called to the five-fold ministry and their hearts shall be towards Me and they shall draw near to Me and they shall put aside their hardness of heart and the darkness which has caused them to go astray. And because of their obedience, the uncompromised truth shall go forth as never before and thus shall My people be led into the fulness of their inheritance in Christ"....

"INTENSITY AND INTOLERANCE ARE INEXTRICABLY LINKED"

...."It is one thing to be "intense" in the doing of My will and another to be "tense". One initiates from My love which has been shed abroad in the hearts of My children who place My Word first in their lives and the other has its root in fear. As My children come to the place where they have truly given all to Me, they shall fully experience the "rest" that I have for them, and while they shall continue forth in My will with a great intensity, it shall be My love and peace which shall

be seen upon them at all times. Intensity and intolerance are inextricably linked. How important it is for My children to be truly separated in their hearts and in their minds from the "temporal realm". For in this last hour "any" desire to perceive Me with their five physical senses will surely lead them into error (rebellion). I communicate with My children through My Spirit and I am able to reach them only in their spirit. For too long many of My children have based their knowledge of Me primarily on the "preconceived notions" of their "unrenewed" mind. If one truly desires to know Me, they will indeed forsake ALL to follow Me. For it is in bringing their EVERY thought captive to My Word, and in guarding their hearts with ALL diligence, that enables Me to reveal Myself to them to a continually greater degree"....

"CAN I BE REPRESENTED BY UNRIGHTEOUSNESS AND SIN AND ERROR?"

...."I have some special things in store for those of My children who "allow" themselves to be vessels of Satan's deception - those who would feign obedience to Me while seeking their own selfish interests. And in their attempts to trick you and deceive you into error and sin, they shall meet their end! For I will no longer tolerate the "blatant abuse" of My bondservants and handmaidens, My faithful and obedient ones, who bring joy and blessing to My heart. Truly I say to you, I shall expose the heart of every man and the deepest thoughts and intentions of My children shall also be exposed. For have I not said in My Word that once again you will be able to distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve Me and those who do not serve Me? Now is the time wherein My righteous ones shall be found to be righteous and My disobedient and rebellious ones shall be found in their unrighteousness! Can I be represented by unrighteousness and sin and error? Truly I say to you no! Therefore, I must expose "all" those things which are apart from Me and yet have been given My Name. But as My light flows forth in this last hour in superabundance, all those who truly love Me shall separate themselves from the sin and unbelief which has dragged them into disobedience, and My Church shall be unified without spot or blemish; and in that day I shall catch Her away to live and reign with Me forever!"....

"THERE SHALL BE NO CAUSE FOR ERROR OR FOR STUMBLING"

...."The influence of the Evil One shall be "completely removed" from My Church as the power of My anointing flows "unhindered" through the spirits of those who have cleansed themselves from "all" defilement of flesh and spirit. Indeed, the faith of those who are clean before Me shall rise up and devastate the works of Satan, and My light shall abide within them, and in them there shall be no cause for error or for stumbling. For behold in Zion I have laid a stone, a tested stone, a costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed, and he who believes in it shall not be disturbed; and there shall be no fear in the hearts of those who have aligned themselves with Me spirit, soul, and body; and, if no fear, then it shall be only "absolute" faith which pours forth upon the words which they speak out of the abundance of their holy hearts. For in this day and in this hour I shall do a work of great magnitude in My Church for all the world to see and no more shall the scoffers scoff or the mockers mock; for they shall see clearly the revelation of My sons and daughters in the earth. Did not those who were filled with My Spirit at Pentecost, turn the world upside down? Indeed, My Spirit shall be poured forth in such a manner as to uproot "all" the walls and foundations which have harboured the lies of the Evil One and led My people astray; and all those who truly love Me shall marvel at all these things and they shall "wonder" how they could ever have been held captive by darkness for so long; and they shall turn, and through the anointing which abides within them, they shall be vessels of the greatest attack and assault upon the strongholds of the Evil One that the earth has ever seen. Thus shall My ministry be fulfilled, as My spotless and unblemished Church rises to meet Me in the Heavens"....

"THE ESSENCE OF ALL TRUE AUTHORITY AND TRUE ORDER IN THE CHURCH IS BASED FIRST AND FOREMOST ON THE FACT THAT ONE'S HEART MUST BE WHOLLY GIVEN TO GOD"

As we mentioned before, it is extremely important for EVERY child of God to be in their "proper position" in the Body of Christ. By this I mean that they MUST be in the position wherein each one of their "circumstances" is ordered by the Holy Spirit. It is only in this position that the Father is able to enlighten us as to who the delegated authorities are that He calls us to submit ourselves to. It is very important to understand that unless we first have submitted ourselves "wholly" unto the Father and His Word, then we will IN NO WAY be in a position

to "discern" who those are that God has given to us as "gifts" for our edification. Let the people of God understand clearly that the essence of ALL true authority and true order in the Church is based first and foremost on the fact that one's heart MUST be wholly given to God. The heart "wholly given" acknowledges the Father and His Word in ALL things which in turn allows Him to order ALL things - including those delegated authorities which He has specially prepared for our building up. It is not hard to understand why many of God's children have become so confused about spiritual (true) authority and the delegation of it. One can be certain that the Father is not the author of confusion, and thus, any confusion in this area - or any other area pertaining to God and His Word - is a "direct result" of a lack of fellowship and communion with God - both in the lives of the "shepherds" and the "sheep". Let us never attempt to work the works of God or to understand His Word, apart from a heart that is wholly given; for to do so is to allow the Evil One to "control" us to some extent. You can be assured that if he is given ANY control he will use that control to attempt to tear down and hinder the building up of the true Church!

“IT IS THE FULL INTENTION OF THE FATHER TO REMOVE ALL THE "BARRIERS" IN THE MIDST OF HIS CHILDREN”

It is only as we set ourselves before God and it is only as we give Him "pre-eminence" in our lives, that we can EVER have the ASSURANCE that what we do and say has its source in His Divine love. It is time for all of God's children to come to a deeper understanding of the purposes and plans of the Heavenly Father and it is certain that the only way that they will is if they lay down ALL of their preconceived notions and mental ascensions and draw near to Him with an open heart - in order to hear what He has to say to them. It is the full intention of the Father to remove all the "barriers" in the midst of His children - ALL of which are the direct result of a lack of perfect consecration and obedience! It is only as we come to "know" the Father and the Son and the indwelling Holy Spirit, that we can have the assurance that God has control of our entire lives, and that He is "continually" working with us and preparing us for the ministry that He has called us to. There is no devil or man that can bring one whose heart is wholly given to the Father - and who lives solely for the carrying out of His purposes - into "error and darkness"! It is time that we, as children of God, began to realize that our God is the Omnipotent One and that Satan - working through "flesh and blood" - can NEVER overcome the one who is standing firm on the Rock of revealed

knowledge!

TWO PERCEPTIONS

Having said all this, let us then address the matter of "proper submission" to delegated authority. As we mentioned before it is NEVER the delegated authority that we are to submit ourselves to, but rather the anointing that abides within - and upon - the delegated authority sent by God. A precious man of God once wrote, by the unction of the Holy Spirit, that "a Christian should have two perceptions - a perception of sin and a perception of authority." As we give the Word first place in our lives these two "perceptions" will be continually developed within us and protect us, and cause us to walk above the lies and the traditions and the darkness, which - as long as we are still in this earth - will "attempt" to affix themselves to us. If one ultimately (somewhere along the line) falls prey to error (rebellion) it is because they - through a "wilful" setting aside of their "God-given" priorities, have allowed themselves to adhere to a "word" or a "plan" or a "thought" that is not in accord with the will of the Father - and which suited their own self-interests above and beyond their loyalty and faithfulness to God.

WE MUST CONSTANTLY PLACE OURSELVES IN A POSITION WHEREIN THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ABLE TO DO THE "DEEPEST WORK OF THE CROSS" CONTINUALLY

As the children of God, in this last hour, make the "necessary adjustments" in their lives - adjustments which give the Word of God His rightful place in their lives - all of the darkness and confusion surrounding true "spiritual authority" will dissipate. Any who, up until this time, have been unclear as to the true plans and purposes of the Father, shall be enlightened as they "seek first the Kingdom" and they shall see clearly that - REGARDLESS OF ANY OUTSIDE CIRCUMSTANCES - the One they serve will NEVER fail them nor forsake them. LET IT BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD that unless one has submitted themselves "wholly" to God they will NEVER submit themselves to the words of and anointing upon the ones that God has sent to them as delegated authorities. There is no "middle ground" here! For the very word that the Father delivers through His servants will ALWAYS cause those children of God walking in "carnality" to disagree with the word sent forth and to take offense at it. Therefore, we must constantly place ourselves in a position wherein the Holy Spirit is able to do the

"deepest work of the Cross" continually. It is only this abiding "work" that allows us to keep our priorities straight and it is only this "work" that allows us to discern the difference between what the will of the Father is and what the will of man (Satan) is. If we, as children of God, are truly in one accord with the holy plans and purposes of the One we serve then we would not have the "heart" to blame (find fault), to criticize, or to condemn anyone or anything (judge unrighteously) - AT ANY TIME.

WE SHALL BECOME A PEOPLE WHOLLY GIVEN TO GOD

How long will many of God's children, who have been called to walk in love, continue to be "moved" by what they "see" and "feel" rather than by the Word of God and the Spirit of God? It is easy to condemn or criticize or "falsely accuse" - not having taken the time to pray and to intercede for the ones involved - but this type of action displeases the Father greatly! For even if one correctly discerns that what was said or done by someone else was wrong, unless they set themselves and the situation before the Father - with a view to the "restoration" (to the will of God) of those involved - then they themselves have created a most grievous sin against the heart of the Father! Our first priority should ALWAYS be to walk in love at "all cost" to ourselves. The days of slander and strife and disagreement in the midst of God's children - AT LEAST THE ONES WHO TRULY LOVE HIM - have come to an end! For in this last hour we shall become a people "wholly given" to the will of God, and thus the one characteristic that we shall have in common is the outpouring of the Father's love within us. Only those of God's children whose lives are wholly given to the "love-walk", shall ever reach the place of being a vessel of "true authority" in this last hour for the Father chooses only those who seek to represent Him perfectly, that is, to portray His Holy character - both in word and in deed.

IF ANY CHILD OF GOD PERSISTS IN FELLOWSHIPING WITH THE WORLD THEN IT IS CERTAIN THAT THEIR ABILITY TO DISCERN "TRUE LEADERSHIP" AND "PROPER DOCTRINE" WILL BE SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED!

The children of God should never "fear" true delegated authority because in true authority (absolute authority) there is no "human (soulish) element" involved (it is Christ - ALL in ALL). Every child of God needs to have a deep revelation of

the fact that the "bond" between the Father and His children and the bond between every child of God is the same bond. It is a "supernatural" bond which causes all those who are wholly given to the will of God to understand clearly the difference between all that is of God and all that which is not of God. The Father looks upon the hearts of His children and when a heart is wholly given He has no trouble whatsoever getting the deepest thoughts and intentions of His heart across to them. He is then able to keep that faithful one on the path that He has prepared for them. The reason that there has been so much fear and confusion regarding God's "delegated authorities" in the church is that there has - UP UNTIL THIS TIME - been a great deal lacking in the consecration of many children of God - "consecration being defined as separation from the "world" and unto the Father and His Word. If any child of God persists in fellowshipping with the world then it is certain that their ability to discern "true leadership" and "proper doctrine" will be seriously impaired, and until they repent of the sin in their life and draw near to God's Word on a continual basis, they shall continue - in their rebelliousness - to follow after those of a "like mind", and thus they shall be deceived by the Evil One, and they shall continue to hold to those "doctrines" which are a product of the darkened nature of man. In submitting themselves to "flesh and blood" rather than the Word of God and the Spirit of God, they shall SURELY be used by Satan to rail against the bondservants and handmaidens of the Lord.

THE KEY TO PARTAKING OF THE MINISTRY OF THOSE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES WHICH GOD HAS RAISED UP IS TO BE "WHOLLY GIVEN" - SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY - TO THE WILL OF GOD

If one is truly seeking to do "all" the will of God for their life then they shall surely be led to those delegated authorities that the Father Himself has raised up for their edification. The Father is not in the habit of raising up "corrupt" leaders and therefore we must NEVER be afraid that we will be tricked or manipulated by the "anointed ones" that God has given us - for if a delegated authority has truly been sent to us by the Father Himself then that one shall SURELY be "wholly given" to do the will of God, and their "sole motivation" shall be to lead the children of God into the "fulness" of their inheritance in Christ. Up until this time, we have seen much "corruption" in many areas of "leadership" in the church, but a new day is dawning and the Father - by the power of His Word and His Spirit - shall see to it that "all" that is apart from Christ in the midst of His people is

removed! The key to partaking of the ministry of those delegated authorities which God has raised up is to be "wholly given" - spirit, soul and body - to the will of God. It is only as one "holds part back" that confusion is "allowed" to enter in. Let it be clearly understood that the Father's ability to establish the Glorious Church in the earth, and His ability to raise up "true" delegated authorities (both men and women) - for the edification of all those who truly love Him - is FAR GREATER than ANY plan or scheme of Satan to keep a child of God in bondage to the law of sin and death and in darkness! If, in the past, a child of God has followed after those who are in "error" (rebellion), then it is they themselves who are responsible - for it is only a "lack" of close and intimate fellowship with the Father and His Word, on their part, that has "allowed" them to be deceived. Through a deep and thorough repentance on their behalf before the Father - in the Throne Room - they shall SURELY be restored to their proper place in His plan. In this last hour, anyone who TRULY desires to experience the Father's "best" for their life and ministry shall put themselves - AT ALL COST TO THEMSELVES - in a position (the "inner chamber") wherein they are able to discern that which is true and that which is false.

PRAYER SUPPORT" (LIVING INTERCESSION AND OBEDIENCE) OF THOSE CALLED TO A POSITION OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY IN THE CHURCH IS MUCH NEEDED

Every child of God must understand that their "prayer support" (living intercession and obedience) of those called to a position of delegated authority (five-fold ministry) in the church is much needed. For as the children of God are obedient in their own personal lives in every way and also continue to lift up the delegated authorities in prayer they shall cause - by the power of the love that they are exercising - those delegated authorities to be brought to the place spiritually wherein the Father is continually glorified to the greatest degree and to where those that God has "given them" (themselves included) are able to receive all that they need from God to fulfil their portion of Christ's ministry. It is only the power and wisdom of God (the anointing) abiding within those called to be delegated authorities, that will keep those given to them by the Father on the "narrow path of perfect obedience" - as they open their hearts "fearlessly" to hear what He has given those in positions of leadership to say. The day of "flesh and blood" following after "flesh and blood" on a soulish level in the midst of God's people is over! Those who continue to practice and maintain "soulish" relationships - both

in the ministry and otherwise - shall surely go astray from the plan of the Father - WITHOUT EXCEPTION!

THE FOLLY OF A REBELLIOUS PEOPLE

...."and He (Jesus) began to tell the people this parable: "a man planted a vineyard and rented it out to vine-growers, and went on a journey for a long time. And at the harvest time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, in order that they might give him some of the produce of the vineyards; but the vine-growers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. And he proceeded to send another slave; and they beat him also and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And he proceeded to send a third; and this one also they wounded and cast out. And the owner of the vineyard said, "what shall I do? I will send my beloved son; Perhaps they will respect him." But when the vine-growers saw him, they reasoned with one another, saying, "this is the heir; let us kill him that the inheritance may be ours." And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What, therefore, will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy these vine-growers and will give the vineyard to others"....

Luke 20:9-16

From the time of Adam's rebellion the Father began to seek after those who would be vessels, or delegates, of His Word (covenant- authority) in order that He might redeem mankind back to Himself. Throughout the history of Israel God sent His prophets to minister the deepest thoughts and intentions of His heart; and for the most part their words were rejected, but rejected or not those words were spoken into the earth, and through the believing prayers of the "intercessors" (prophets, kings and priests) eventually the "Word became flesh and dwelt among men." This entire parable shows clearly the folly of a "rebellious" people - a people whose deepest desire is to establish their own "authority" rather than the authority and Kingdom of God. As we have discussed earlier, such a people will never be "free" to receive the will of God, and indeed they shall be found undermining and fighting against the very One they profess to serve! Throughout the ages the Father has raised up - and sent - His delegated authorities - sacred vessels who contain the deepest thoughts and intentions of His heart - and it is by these "sent ones" that He has chosen to judge the heart-attitudes of His people, for in the Father's view, those who reject His servants reject Him! It must be

understood clearly by EVERY child of God that it is impossible for one to even consider themselves as being submitted "wholly" to God's authority while they "refuse" to hear the words of His sent ones. If they have not consecrated themselves wholly unto God then to the degree they have not, it is to that degree that they shall be found reviling the "Will of God" - and the vessels through which it is delivered - to some degree!

THERE IS NO ROOM FOR ANYTHING APART FROM CHRIST IN THE CHURCH

In this last hour ALL those in the church who are found "reviling" God and His most Holy Will (Word), shall experience His wrath, for it is a very serious thing for ANY child of God to be so in "alignment" with the lies of Satan that they are no longer able to discern what the will of the Father is. It is only one who has exalted "themselves" upon the throne of their heart that could become so insensitive and callous to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. There is no room for "self" and, quite simply put, there is no room for ANYTHING apart from Christ in the Church. Therefore, all of us must be diligent in guarding our hearts in order that we might be continually sensitive to the moving of the Holy Spirit and, most importantly, that we might be continually in the position to receive all that which the Father has provided us with in Christ. There are many "born-again" people of God who have been entrusted with much in the leadership (service) of His people and the carrying out of His purposes and plans, and yet some have taken the "way of the world" and departed from the perfect obedience that is required of ALL those who would truly serve God. Because of this, there has been an element of "self-sufficiency" nurtured in the midst of the congregations, and thus, much of the "fruit" which has been born by the church is "bad (unrighteous) fruit" and not "good (righteous) fruit"!

EVERY CHILD OF GOD MUST DRAW NEAR IN FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNION WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON IF THEY TRULY DESIRE TO WALK IN EXCELLENCE OF MINISTRY

It is Father's will in this last hour to remove ALL impurity from His Church and so He has chosen to raise up "delegated authorities" to enter into the midst of His people and speak, under the Anointing that abides within them, the words which will both set forth the deepest thoughts and intentions of His heart and also

expose, burn, and consume "all" that is not in a "perfect" accordance with Him. Let it be clearly understood that apart from a perfect obedience working in those who are called as "delegated authorities" of God, the "captives" shall not be set free and they themselves - as impure vessels - shall perish at the hands of the Evil One! In this last hour, the Divine Requirement of God (Luke 10:27) shall be met by many - as they lay their entire lives down at the foot of the Cross - and all those who truly serve God in His Kingdom shall come to be known! Every child of God must draw near in fellowship and communion with the Father and the Son if they truly desire to walk in excellence of ministry. For in this last hour God has chosen to raise up a people (the Church) that represent Him perfectly, and all the lies of the Evil One - which have been "nourished" through a "sin-consciousness" held to by many children of God - shall be "obliterated" by the power and presence of the Word of God Himself in the midst of His people! Because of these things the importance of each individual child of God being "wholly" submitted to the Word of God and maintaining a constant fellowship and communion with Him have never been more "critical". It is through this glorious fellowship and communion in the "inner chamber" that "all ground for fear" is removed, and this will "allow" them to come into that place of abiding love which is necessary for each one of us to finish this "final race". We shall now go on to discuss in more depth the relationship between the people of God and the "authorities" that the Father has sent as vessels of edification and blessing to them. For the time is nearing, and now is, that unless the individual child of God diligently seeks to draw near to the Father's heart - and thus come to know Him the way HE desires to be known - none of the admonitions, none of the "Anointed words" shall be able to "take root" in their heart. If one "refuses" to make the "quality decision" to do only that which the Father requires THEN they shall leave themselves "incapable" of receiving from Him and they shall even be found reviling and condemning those that He has raised up for their edification and "survival" in this last hour.

IT IS THE FATHER'S WILL TO BLESS HIS PEOPLE AND GUIDE AND LEAD THEM TO THAT HOLY PLACE IN THEIR HEART (CHRIST - ALL IN ALL) WHERE THE EVIL ONE "TOUCHES THEM NOT

Many children of God, as they approach the topic of authority - and submission to that authority - fear that they might somehow submit themselves to "flesh and blood", but this will NEVER become a problem for those who have truly humbled themselves before the Father and His Word (those who fellowship

with and depend entirely upon Him) because in the times of their communion with God they shall come to know "Authority" - and gain a continually deeper revelation of Him. And thus they shall clearly be able to discern between the true servant of God and the "counterfeit" servant of God - AT ALL TIMES. Again, unless one sets aside the "flesh" (self-will) completely they will not be able to receive - or hearken to - delegated authority", but the Father is faithful to both guide and teach all those whose hearts are inclined toward Him. There are many "underlying principles" (all rooted in "self- agenda" and self-exaltation) at work in many areas of the church which explain why the "sent ones" of God have not been received into the midst of many of the congregations of His people. It is the Father's will to bless His people and guide and lead them to that holy place in their heart (Christ - all in all) where the Evil One "touches them not". In this last hour - as the sent ones of God deliver the words which constitute the deepest thoughts and intentions of the Father's heart - those who truly love God will have the opportunity to exercise an absolute faith in acting upon these words, and it is in this place of absolute faith that the light of God shall expand superabundantly the words which they have received into their heart - and thus they shall gain a deep understanding of the Father's plans and purposes through revelation. It is the Father's will for each one of His children to walk by "revelation" and not by sight! He is capable of giving one understanding internally, in a moment, that which would take thousands and thousands of words to even attempt to explain fully in the "natural". Indeed, the Father is doing a mighty work amongst His people in this last hour and each one of us must constantly remain empty of "self" that we might be filled "to overflowing" with the wisdom of God; for we are not called to be a "natural" people, but a "supernatural" people - wholly empowered by Almighty God to do the works we are called to do. In every "confrontation" between the messengers of God and those who are "insubordinate" to them - and to the anointed words they deliver - there is only one cause: these insubordinate ones are not "wholly" in submission in their heart to either the Father or His Word! Let it be clearly understood that this matter of "true" delegated authority is so serious that if one reviles or contends with it they are immediately at odds with God!

IT IS CERTAIN THAT AS THE CHILD OF GOD "ABIDES" IN THE WORD, THEY WILL CONTINUALLY DO GREAT HARM TO SATAN AND HIS PLANS!

In coming to an understanding that it is ONLY the "entrance" of God's Word which allows us to obtain light, let us realize that if one "maintains" a hardened (insensitive) heart towards God they shall render themselves incapable of obtaining light directly from Him - for in holding and nourishing ("watering") a seed of rebellion in their heart (a seed which has caused them to reject the anointed messengers of God) they will continue to move farther away from true fellowship with the Father and His Word and the place of abiding, rather than drawing near to Him. It is the most important principle and aspect of the Divine Requirement - this "true fellowship" which the Father desires to have with each one of His children, and thus one can understand why the Evil One fights with everything at his disposal to keep the child of God apart from it! It is in this time of fellowship and communion with the Father and with His Word that we are conformed to the image of Jesus Christ - and thus become partakers of the divine nature of Almighty God. It is certain that as the child of God "abides" in the Word, they will continually do great harm to Satan and his plans! On one hand, it seems that there are few who walk in the place of holiness, but on the other hand - as more and more of God's children let go of those things which they have "held back" from Him - it is certain that the Glorious Church shall soon become a "reality" in the physical realm.

MANY ARE HELD CAPTIVE BY THE EVIL ONE TO BOTH OUTWARDLY CRITICIZE AND INWARDLY TAKE PLEASURE IN THE "FAILURE" OF A DELEGATED AUTHORITY

It not surprising - in light of the rebellion and sin found in those children of God who have not given themselves "wholly" - that many are held captive by the Evil One to both outwardly criticize and inwardly take pleasure in the "failure" of a delegated authority. As we prepare for a most glorious future in the Church, EVERY child of God must be quick to love ANY who have "fallen" - and pray for them until their "situation" is rectified in the sight of God. The failure to do so in any way indicates an even deeper root of rebellion in the one who refuses to love and pray! The Father shall surely deal severely with "any" who allow themselves to be caught in this position - for it is only those who love at all times (at all cost to themselves) that truly serve God! To downgrade or "dislike" God's true delegated authorities only proves that within that one remains a "seed of rebellion" which points directly to a dislike (mistrust) of God Himself! Another problem area in the church is the desire of many ("outwardly") to obey God's inherent (direct)

authority (His written Word) without being subject (accountable before the Father) to the words of the "delegated authorities" He has established in the church. The only way that this problem can be removed is for each individual child of God to have a deep revelation of who THEY are in Christ, and thus all ground is removed from within them from which any "self-exalting" spirit could work. If the Word of God truly has pre-eminence in the lives of His children, then they will be free from the "need" or "desire" to exalt themselves above "flesh and blood" - an action which ensures that they will not be able, IN ANY WAY, to discern correctly whether one is sent of God or not, and thus they end up in the position of not only not being submitted to the words of the sent ones of God, but also not being submitted to the Word of God Himself. Each of us must truly put on the "new man", which is Christ, and allow the rebellious nature of the "old man" to be "crucified with Christ"! For it is only as we forsake ALL of the things which are apart from Christ that we can even begin to receive a revelation of true spiritual authority.

IF ONE'S HEART IS APART FROM GOD THEN THEIR "ACTIONS" WILL ALWAYS DISREGARD - AND EVEN BLASPHEME - THAT WHICH IS "GLORIOUS"

...."and at the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's portico. But none of the rest dared to associate with them; however, the people held them in high esteemBut the high priest rose up, along with all his associates (that is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy; and they laid hands on the apostles, and put them in a public jail. But an angel of the Lord during the night opened the gates of the prison, and taking them out he said, "go your way, stand and speak to the people in the temple the whole message of this life." And upon hearing this, they entered into the temple about daybreak, and began to teach" ..."And when they had brought them, they stood them before the counsel. And the high priest questioned them, saying, "we gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this Name, and behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles answered and said, "we must obey God rather than men".... ..."so they went on their way from the presence of the counsel, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His Name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ"....

In this situation which developed in the early church we can see clearly the distinct difference between a true obedience and obedience to a "word" which is apart from God. As we looked earlier at the story of Saul's (Paul's) conversion we saw that the "religious" authorities of the day were fully convinced, in their iniquity, that they were doing God a favour by attempting to eliminate the church. And again, in this situation, we see the efforts of the "high priest" to put down - and even "eliminate" - those who were preaching the "Gospel" in the name of Jesus. At first glance it seems very strange that, in light of the tremendous signs and wonders and healings that were taking place, the "religious leaders" would disregard these wonderful happenings; but let it be understood clearly that - regardless of ANY situation - if one's heart is apart from God then their "actions" will always disregard, and even blaspheme that which is "Glorious", in order to maintain the "self-glory" that is derived through the exercising of a "false authority".

THE FATHER DOES NOT REQUIRE HIS CHILDREN (SERVANTS) TO "OBEY" OR "SUBMIT" TO ANY WORDS OR ACTIONS WHICH ARE APART FROM THE REVEALED KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL

As we look closely at the circumstances leading up to Peter's statement:

...."we must obey God rather than men"....

we shall come to understand that the Father does not require His children (servants) to "obey" or "submit" (other than to pray and obey God on the behalf of the one who is attempting to get them to submit to them - in a spirit of "self-exaltation") to any words or actions which are apart from the revealed knowledge of His will. It is certain that there is a very fine line, at times, between that which is of God and that which is not, but as the child of God gives the Word of God "pre-eminence" in their life, THEN, in such a time as they are "pressured" to obey men rather than God, the "assurance" of what the Father's will truly is - an assurance which comes only through a constant and close fellowship with Him - shall cause them to overcome any - and every - attempt of the Evil One to lure them away from the purposes and plans of God. It must be stated emphatically that ONLY the abiding presence of Christ - the Anointed One and His Anointing - can

enable (empower) the child of God to withstand and to discern what is true and what is false when confronted by "any" "delegated" authority - real or counterfeit.

ONLY THOSE WHO ARE "WILLING TO DO ALL THE WILL OF GOD" WILL ABIDE IN A "PERFECT" DISCERNMENT

And so with a clear understanding in our heart that only those who are "willing to do all the will of God" (John 7:17) will abide in a "perfect" discernment, let us look more closely at how Peter and the other apostles handled this situation - with a view to "diligently preparing ourselves" to courageously defeat the schemes of the Evil One directed against us in this last hour. From the beginning of this story it is clear that God was with His "true" authorities in power, and that they were carrying out His commands; and then we see that the religious leaders were "filled with jealousy" for they realized that they themselves could in no way "compete" with the works that were being done at the hands of the apostles. And so, in their perverted thinking, they "reasoned" that the only way to eliminate what they perceived as a great problem, was to separate them from the people - who were turning their eyes away from "religious tradition" to the "living" Word of God. Certainly we can understand the "human" ground (self-exaltation) - a ground that Satan MUST have in the "vessels" (flesh and blood) that he has chosen to formulate his schemes against God and His people. In this entire situation it was certain that the religious leaders of the time feared for "their" position. It is also clear that the power of God was increasingly wrecking "havoc" upon Satan and his strongholds, and unless he could cause the servants of God to obey men rather than God, he would continue to suffer great "defeat".

THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS - AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT - IS THE WILL OF GOD

We, as children of God, are called to a perfect obedience and it is only as we abide in this place of perfect obedience that we shall remain in a "perfect submission" to "flesh and blood" at all times! As we discussed earlier, this perfect submission that we are called to in no way calls us to obey any "words", or to accept any "actions", which are apart from the "true knowledge" (revealed knowledge) of God's Word and the unction of His Holy Spirit. But let it be clearly understood that each one of us, as children of God, are called to love our enemies and pray (without ceasing) for all those who have "allowed" themselves to be used

by Satan to persecute us. So, in other words, although we must never compromise the Word of God by bowing our knee to anything which is not in line with that Word - by conforming "our" actions to it - we must ever remain in "perfect submission" to all those who cross our path (friend or foe) by walking in "perfect love" (perfect obedience) towards them! Having established in our hearts that "the only thing that matters" - at any given moment - is the will of God, let us realize that this refusal of the apostles to obey the "delegated" authority was due to the fact that the delegated authority here (the high priest) had distinctly violated God's command and trespassed against the servants of the Lord. Such an answer as Peter's can only be given in a situation where the revealed Word of God has "clearly" been violated! All those who truly desire to serve God must guard their hearts with all diligence in order that they might remain in a position which "allows" (enables) them to discern that which is of God - and that which is not. If one chooses to walk in the "middle ground" of carnality, somewhere along the line they will surely be found "reviling" those walking in perfect obedience. In all other circumstances, that is, in situations where the Word of God has not been violated, we must learn to be wholly submitted - with a holy submission - to those delegated authorities which the Father Himself has placed in our lives - for they are His gift to us for our edification unto the perfect fulfillment of God's will for our life and ministry.

PERFECT LOVE CONSUMES (CASTS OUT) "EVERY" GROUND OF FEAR

When the child of God is in a situation where the Evil One is attempting to "pressure" them to obey or submit to any "word" which is apart from God, then one must - without hesitation - reject that word, but they must never "reject" - through a spirit of fear (hatred) - the "vessel" (flesh and blood) who delivered that word. For - as mentioned previously - the perfect submission that each one of us, as children of God, are called to, requires us to love our enemies and pray fervently and earnestly for "all" those who persecute us. Thus, as we diligently walk in an abiding and absolute (perfect) love toward others - regardless of what they have said or done in the service of the Evil One - we remain in a perfect submission unto the Father - and unto man - and because of this the will of God is continually manifested in our lives, and the power of love exercised on the behalf of those "held captive" by Satan to do his will! Many fear being deceived by a false word heard from the pulpit, but truly I say to you - as the children of God

(the delegated authorities and those who sit under them in Christ) continually "allow" the love of God to be shed abroad in their heart by the Holy Spirit - "all ground" for fear shall be consumed, and, because of this, they shall be enabled to abide in the place of perfect obedience (service), and thus "all" that they say and do shall be pleasing unto God, and all those who choose to "hear" that which the Father has given them to say, shall come to abide in the fulness of their inheritance in Christ!

Amen