

Under Cover Series  
What Must We Do?  
9/2/18

Review

Looking at what authority means to God - not how world sees it.  
God's authority is a protection or covering from spiritual dangers  
Heard some hard things the Bible says about authority and our response  
God loves us and wants to protect and deliver us

Been looking at rebellion - the principle of Satan

Rebellion = to take the free will that God gave me so that I would love Him and worship Him freely and use it to establish my OWN right to decide what is right and wrong apart from Him.

By doing that I make myself my own god and establish my own kingdom  
That is rebellion.

Both obedience and rebellion come from the heart

Last week we looked at king Saul - how rebellion was in his heart and what it cost him  
Today we will look at king David and his heart of obedience, then at what do we do?

David (man after God's heart)

1 Sam 13:14 - when God rejected Saul, He wanted a man after His heart - chose David

1 Sam 16 - God sends Samuel to anoint David as next king - but Saul still on throne

Saul begins to persecute David - leads his army to destroy David - out of jealousy

Twice David has the opportunity to kill Saul and take the throne that God has given him

First - **1 Sam 24:1-12** - David cut corner of Saul's robe to show he could have killed him

Vs 5 - David's HEART troubled him

Vs 10 - he would not touch God's anointed authority - even though now corrupt

Vs 11 - even though Saul hunts him, there is no evil or rebellion in David's heart

Vs 12 - right heart = let the Lord handle this, I will not take my calling into my own hands

Second - **1 Sam 26:1-16**

Vs. 7 David in Saul's camp finds him asleep with his spear next to his head

Vs 8 Abishai (David's soldier) tells him God has put your enemy into your hand

Again, David has the chance to take the king's authority which God has given him and already anointed him to have  
He won't take it for himself

It is God's authority in Saul that David respects from his heart

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Application to us

In each case the issue to God is not the results as much as our respect for His authority

Saul was willing to violate God's authority to save himself and his soldiers

He was more concerned about how he looked than God's will

He did not trust that by obeying God, God could do more than he could

David's heart gave God's authority a greater place than his own destiny

He would not take his own life into his own hands

He trusted what God had promised to God to bring it about

Look into our own hearts - what would we do

**Acts 2:36-39**

Peter proclaimed that Jesus is Lord (authority) and the Messiah

When they saw who He is, their heart was cut (hurt)

Their response was - "what must we do?"

Answer - "Repent"

God sent Jesus to the earth to pay for our rebellion

Where the first Adam rebelled, Jesus (the second Adam) was obedient

We are born into Adam's rebellion - "I have the right to run my own life"

It is part of our nature - Eph. 2:2-3 "we were by nature children of His wrath"

E.g. any two-year old

The second Adam was obedient where the first failed

His obedience was a complete submission to the Father's will

John 6:38 "I have come down from heaven not to do my own will, but the will of Him who sent me:

"I only do the will of my Father

John 4:34 - "my food is to do the will of the Father and finish it:

By the death of the obedient one, He paid for our disobedience

Therefore, our rebellion has been swallowed up in His obedience

Now the fatal rebellion is to reject the gift of God's Son

**Acts 17:30-31** since Christ has come we now have no excuse (ignorance) of our rebellion

First, if you have never given your life to Christ, you are in rebellion against the God of the universe. The answer is to repent

Acknowledge the rebellion and ask for God's forgiveness in Christ

Then, call upon Christ as God's payment for your rebellion

Second, if you have already called upon him:

You have been born again - a new nature that is born of Him - not in rebellion

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But we still have rebellion in our flesh and our soul - "I still want to do what I want"

You can't get rid of it by yourself

**Luke 9:23-26** - to deny self is to refuse to let the rebellion govern you

Can only be done by "following Him" - committing every day

This is where grace comes in - His obedience covers our rebellion while we learn to deny ourselves each day and follow Him

E.g. tightrope walker learning with safety net underneath

Grace is not denying or permitting the rebellion

It is facing it, admitting it and committing to bring it to the cross every day