THE Answer - Pt 2
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Review: Last week we saw the root of all problems

We get in trouble when we try to live outside of the capacities that God gave us

We saw that God did not design us to handle the knowledge of good and evil

God intended to handle what is right and wrong for us, and as we obeyed Him, He would take care of it for us

We also saw that Satan's plan to destroy us was to tempt us to exercise our own independent judgment of what is right and wrong.

What he did in heaven that caused a rebellion against God

1/3 of the angels joined him and were expelled to the earth

The condition of the world today is the proof of how well we are doing.

The word for this (which we don't like) is "obedience" - has a bad name

The part of us that doesn't like it is that part that is in rebellion against God

Everything God has created, obeys His commands - except man

Today two examples

Jesus -

Phil 2:5-8 Although equal with God, He humbled Himself to become a human

He emptied Himself of His divine attributes, but not His divine nature

He became obedient to the point of death for us

Heb 5:8 - though He was God's son, as a man He had to learn obedience

Heb 4:15 - He was tempted in all ways as we are, yet He always obeyed

Mark 4 - when He was tempted by Satan (3x), His only answer - "It is written"

Cf - Eve when tempted in Gen 3 reasoned with Satan and fell

Jesus as a man was totally submitted to the Father's judgment of right and wrong

If there was every someone who was qualified to exercise His own judgment, it was He

He ONLY did what He saw His Father do and said what His Father told Him

- John 5:30"I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me"[1]
- John 5:19 "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.[2]"
- John 6:38 "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me[3]"
- **John 8:28-29** I can do nothing of myself

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[1] *The New King James Version*. (1982). (Jn 12:49). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

- John 12:49" For I have not spoken on My own *authority;* but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak[4]"
  Matt 8:8-9 the Roman centurion recognized that Jesus was under authority

John 8:12-18 - Jesus declares who He is and why He has come - at Father's will
Pharisees accuse Him of acting on His own authority and judgment
Vs 13 His answer is that they exercise their own judgment of who they are and they are wrong
Vs 14 - even if I exercise My own judgment, I would be right because I know who I am
Vs 15 - they judge according to their own judgment of right and wrong
Vs 15 - I don't judge according to My own knowledge
Vs 16 - although I would be right, I do not exercise my Own judgment

Peter as an example of both
Matt 16:13-19 - Peter's understanding of who Jesus is was not the result of his own knowledge, but was given to him by God
Jesus declares that the church is built on a revelation from God not our human understanding
Because it from God, the gates of hell cannot prevail against it
Whatever we build or life or the church on that is not under God's authority, will not prevail
Matt 16:21-23 this same Peter then reverts to his own wisdom
Jesus announces God's plan for Jesus - to suffer and die
Peter rebukes Jesus because to him it does not make sense
Peter had his own idea, based on the revelation He just had, of what was best
Jesus rebukes Peter showing that it was not Satan who was working through him
Jesus says the this is an offense to Him
Peter was mindful or thinking in human terms of what was best.

The result of Jesus's obedience -
Phil 2:5-11 - we are to have the same mindset that Jesus had
The result is that God highly exalted Him and gave Him authority
Rom 5:19 His obedience reversed the disobedience of Adam
Whereas Adam's disobedience frustrated God's purpose for man
Jesus's obedience allowed God to bring righteousness and grace to us

There is much at stake for God's will being done by our choice to either exercise our independent judgment or obey His

Matt 7:21-27 -

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