

# The Ladder

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## TODAY: THE LADDER

Ephesians 2:6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

Acts 19: 15 One day the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?” 16 Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

### 1. AUTHORITY BEGINS WITH SUBMISSION

John 15: 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

### 2. AUTHORITY FLOWS THROUGH DIVINE ORDER

Romans 13: 1 Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Acts 4: 19 But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! 20 As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

Matthew 28:18 All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

### • OBEDIENCE PROTECTS WHAT REBELLION WEAKENS

1 Samuel 15:22 But Samuel replied, “What is more pleasing to the LORD: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is

better than offering the fat of rams.<sup>23</sup> Rebellion is as sinful as witchcraft, and stubbornness as bad as worshiping idols. So because you have rejected the command of the LORD, he has rejected you as king.”

Luke 6:47 As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like.<sup>48</sup> They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.

### **3. AUTHORITY IS STRENGTHENED BY OBEDIENCE**

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*I Got Saved (Elevation Worship), Mighty Name Of Jesus (Belonging Co), Firm Foundation (He Won't) (Cody Carnes), Holy Forever (Bethel Music)*