

## Rejection Of Divine Authority (Part 3)

### Matthew 21:23–27

## Rejection Of Divine Authority

### Every generation faces the adversary.

- 1 Peter 5:8
- ▶ Exodus 32 People ask Aaron to make for them “*gods which shall go before us.*”
- ▶ Judges 2:10 People worship idols.
- ▶ 1 Samuel 8 People ask for a king.
- ▶ Organization of the church.
- ▶ Worship.
- ▶ Woman’s role in the church. 1 Timothy 2:11–12; 1 Corinthians 14:34–35
- ▶ Marriage, Divorce & Remarriage. Matthew 19:9

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*Joshua 24:15 “And if it seem evil unto you to serve Jehovah, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah.”*

- ▶ cf. Jeremiah 6:16

## Rejection Of Divine Authority

Rejection: Romans 1:18ff  
Submission: Romans 6:16ff

Your Choice!

## Rejection Of Divine Authority – In The Home

### Man’s role ...

- ▶ Leave and cleave. Genesis 2:24; 1 Peter 3:7

### Woman’s role ...

- ▶ Subjection. Ephesians 5:22–24, 33.
- ▶ Reverence. cf. Proverbs 31

### Effect upon children.

- ▶ Little chance of survival. cf. Deuteronomy 6:6; Judges 2:10
- ▶ Moral values decline. 1 Corinthians 6:9ff; 5:6

## Rejection Of Divine Authority – No Love For The Truth

- 2 Thessalonians 2:10–12
- 1 Peter 2:2 – desire milk as babes – grow. (cf. Matthew 5:6)
- 2 Peter 3:18 – grow in grace & knowledge
- Ephesians 4:14 – do not be tossed to and fro
- Hebrews 5:11–14 – time ought to be teachers

## Rejection Of Divine Authority – No Love For The Truth

- What will the next generation be?  
Judges 2:10
    - Bible class teachers?
    - Preachers?
    - Elders?
- } Leaders
- Faithfulness. cf. 1 Corinthians 15:1–3

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## Rejection Of Divine Authority – No Respect For The Sacred

Sacred – “to be devoutly revered.” (Thayer)

*2 Timothy 3:15 “And that from a babe thou hast known the sacred writings which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” cf. Nehemiah 8:5*

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## Rejection Of Divine Authority – Nothing Distinctive

- Distinctions in Scripture. 1 Peter 2:9
- Wide way from the narrow way. (Matthew 7:13–14)
  - Wise from the foolish. (Matthew 7:24–27)
  - Kingdom of darkness from the Kingdom of Christ. (Colossians 1:13–14)

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Distinctions In Scripture.

- One way from all others. (John 14:6)
- The gospel from all others. (Galatians 1:6–9)
- One body from all others. (Ephesians 1:22–23; 4:4)
- One baptism from all others. (Ephesians 4:5)
- Truth and error. (Ephesians 4:14–15)

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- We cannot blend God’s way with man’s way. (Proverbs 14:12)
  - Desire of the people for a king. (1 Samuel 8; Deuteronomy 17)
  - Peter’s desire to build three tabernacles. (Matthew 17:1–5)
- Choices and priorities!

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## Rejection Of Divine Authority – No Confrontation

- Immodest attire, filthy language, fornication, adultery, homosexuality ...
- Must preach the whole counsel of God. (Acts 20:27)

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### God Despises Sin

***Proverbs 15:9 “The way of the wicked is an abomination to Jehovah”***

***Proverbs 28:9 “He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.”***

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## Rejection Of Divine Authority – No Confrontation

### The Gospel Is Confrontational

- Evangelism is not possible without confrontation.  
(cf. Acts 2:36; 3:12–15; 4:8–10)
- Repentance commanded. (Acts 17:30–31)
  - All are accountable!
- Paul called on churches to put to death the deeds of the body. (Colossians 3:5–11)
- 7 Churches of Asia. (Revelation 2–3)

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## Rejection Of Divine Authority

- The Loss Of The Godly Home
- The Loss Of Hunger For Righteousness
- The Loss Of The Sacred
- The Loss Of Distinctiveness
- The Loss Of Confrontation

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## “Facing The Future With Faith”

- “Workers Unashamed”
- “Passing The Torch”
- “Spiritual Stagnation”
- “Commit These To Faithful Men”
- “Teach The Children”
- “Who Will Be The Shepherds?”
- “The Danger Of Worldliness”
- “Common-Sense Christianity”