

## **Kingdom Come: Living God Reality on Earth**

### **The King and His Authority**

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for this day and being our provider and protector on earth.

Guide us while we live under God grace

I pray that God will go where he left off and continue to use me in Detroit while I may my transition back to Detroit because I will not be returning to Kentucky any more in the future.

Thank you for not living in Bondage and temptation

Thank you for the food we eat on daily basis to avoid hunger and food insecurity

Thank you for guiding us from mammon and greed to make our life all about money.

Guard our hearts and minds while we live under your grace

Guard our hearts and minds from sins, idolatry, abomination and temptation

I pray that those people are envious and jealous of people that have more accomplishments and goals to achieve in their life.

Guide and give those people hope to set goals for their life and stop hating and being envious towards others.

In Jesus name, Amen

1. How do we balance respect for authority with our own moral compass?
2. In what ways can authority be used for good or for harm?
3. How would we respond when we disagree with those in authority?
4. What responsibilities do those in positions of responsibilities have?
5. How do we ensure that authority is exercised justly and fairly?

When we have balanced respect for authority we need to use heavenly and Godly wisdom along with praying to God daily. We don't want to balance respect for authority by earthly wisdom. We need to evaluate our authority to make sure it aligns with our Christian values during our spiritual journey. If there is a conflict, we need to respectfully voice our opinion, concerns to seek understanding and dialogue. When people have a conflict, they need to talk it out to gain dialogue and some type of understanding, not fight it out with an altercation. My case manager at Star of Hope Mission in Houston told me during one of our meetings that he thinks I move around so much from state to state because he says he thinks I am running from something like dealing with conflicts. He told me I need to stay put wherever I am and deal with my conflicts and pray about them. Also, I was told to pray about it and remove myself from conflicts to remain in a christian environment. We need to realize that the only ways we can have balanced respect for authority is discernment, courage and humility. Authority can be used for good by maintaining order, promoting justice and protecting the vulnerable. It can provide leadership, guidance and a framework for cooperation and progress. This is what religious communities need to do in African countries: promote justice and demand change in their countries and stop always asking individual Americans in this country for money. People in African countries could have done this a long time ago. Authority can be used for harm through oppression, corruption, and suppression of dissent. This type of authority can lead to abuse of power, discrimination and violation of human rights when not tempered with accountability and ethical consideration. When I think about this, I believe Donald Trump abused his authority as head of the Trump administration based on the evidence and witnesses said on the stand about his authority and I believe he was afraid to be held accountable in

court for his actions. Donald Trump deserved to be convicted and sentenced because as head of the Trump administration he was still liable for everything. That's why my aunt on my biological father's side of the family told me that I want to make sure I see and get copies of everything in my church operations from staff in 2015 going forward in the future, so I do not be liable for anything and myself into legal trouble as the senior pastor of the congregation. That's why the church has a Subcommittee of Church Ethics, Bylaws and Rules Committee, and Office of Honesty and Transparency. My aunt gave me the advice she gave me because she is an experienced accountant and worked as an accountant as a second job on the side for many years. As Christians and disciples, we want to make sure we live a clean and good life under God's grace without any harm of authority and think we are above any law. We are not above God's law as Christians because he can always judge us daily at the throne in heaven. We are above the law in this nation because it causes consequences for people and messes up their lives long-term.

The people rejoice until they realize the tax collectors are now accepting only the most elaborate and heartfelt praises. One poor farmer tries to pay with a simple "Nice crown, your majesty! But gets thrown in the dungeon for insufficient flattery. Authority is great, but even kings need a reality check now and then. Always question with respect and maybe suggest a mirror for the advisors.

*"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.-Romans 13:1*

When I read this scripture, I think about how you have children and young people who like to disobey the laws of this country. Youth and children do not respect authority and like people did back in the civil rights movement. Youth and children disrespect and talk back to their parents. Youth and children do not respect authority by talking like they are grown with profanity and disrespecting their elders. Youth and children are not obedient to authority. If children and youth keep disobeying authority, they will burn in hell like Lucifer did after he got rejected from heaven to hell. That is 100% fact. Everyone needs to follow the laws of their country and God's laws by obeying his commandments. As Christians and disciples, we need to pray for people in authority, not take action and provide any altercation or violence. We need to pray for people in authority to make wise decisions. When I read this scripture, I think about how both parties in government need to be respectful to each other today because you see Democrats talking negatively and attacking Republicans and Republicans talking negatively and attacking the Democrats. I want to say voters in the next elections are better off voting everyone in Congress out of office in both parties and vote for new people in government that are more moderate and work together to get things done. If a law contradicts your faith and morals, we need to consider disobedience in our communities as a last resort. For now, taxes will be paid in compliments. Paul was speaking to the Christians in Rome about submission to governing authorities. Paul explained all authorities come from God and people in positions are appointed by God. Paul was given instructions in Rome to address attitudes towards government. Christians are supposed to obey laws of government, not think they are above the law. Paul wanted to create a peaceful and law-abiding Christian community within the Roman Empire. We should apply Romans 13:1 to our life by doing the following:

1. Respect and obey laws and authorities in your community.
2. Follow rules and regulations. When I think about this option, I think about those homeless people at homeless shelters that do not like or want to follow rules and authority. That's why

some homeless men and women rather sleep on the streets, abandoned buildings or subwalks because they do not want to live by boundaries and respect the authority of homeless shelters today. I think about children and youth that do not want to follow rules of authority in their household that force them to be put out of the house in homelessness or destitute situations.

3. Show respect for people in positions in authority

Your gifts given in person during the service or through our online platform enable us to expand our ministries, support our community, and spread the message of hope. Every contribution, no matter what size makes a significant impact. Let us all participate with joyful hearts, knowing that we are partners in building God's kingdom together. After I donate personally to local charities, I feel a deep peace of peace and purpose. When I gave anonymously to people in need personally on the streets, I felt overwhelming joy. When I volunteer my time and resources to local shelters, it opens my eyes to the needs around me and enriches my life daily. After giving tithes, offerings and in the community; I find a new sense of hope and faith, trusting that God would provide for my needs.

When we live under the king's rule known as heaven, we can have strong contentment to God to avoid confusion in our life. Our children need to learn how to live under the king's rule because children are lost in their life. I support prayer and religious studies in schools because children need to learn about God. Children are not learning about God in households and children are growing up lost and as sinners. Under the king's authority, God can guide us to avoid confusion and have strong contentment. King authority can give us a clear mindset for the kingdom. Living under the king's rule can protect us from the storms in our life by protecting us from evil and living on the path of unrighteousness in our life. The king's rule can prevent us from living by our own understanding and getting possessions from the world. Under the king's rule, it will help us appreciate and receive more of God's blessings. One thing I need to do is take more like people's advice and let God work for me by settling myself in one place and stop my traveling from place to place. God's kingdom and his authority requires consequences. That's why we must make sacrifices under the king's rule and while we walk our spiritual journey to follow God while living under his grace. We must not judge people under king rule because God will judge you. We need to do whatever we can to stop separation in our communities and families. We must come together as a community and be united. I believe homeless people should not be homeless and living in homeless shelters because families need to have more hospitality to take in people in our families that are struggling and do not kick family members out of the house to end up in homelessness and homeless shelters. People need to be with their families, not at homeless shelters. Families and friends need to start worshiping with each other daily by hosting bible studies and study the scriptures of the bible as a guide in their families. The king's rule is good for living our life the righteous way without sin, temptation, abomination, bondage, evil and idolatry. Godly and heavenly wisdom is living under God's authority. The king's authority will guide us from living our life under Godly and heavenly wisdom, not earthly wisdom. We need to avoid mental health and living their life in wicked ways because it is earthly wisdom. In order to live under the king's rule, we must be willing to make sacrifices to serve with motivation and commitment to God's kingdom.

I encourage you and people you know to examine our hearts if we want to live with obedience under the king's authority and grace to be able to accept the gift of eternal life in heaven. I mean we need to repent and remove the evil and sin out of your heart. It means to stop being judgemental and judging others along with hating on others. I said a long time ago in my sermons "do not hate, appreciate." The

only thing people are doing to resist people's authority is being comfortable living in bondage, abomination, sin and temptation. We need to resist that in order to live under God's authority and his kingdom. I believe everyone in this room, on earth and around us daily has a true purpose for our life. I believe the king's authority is the purpose we need for our life, not listening to world and earthly wisdom. If we want to live effectively under the king's authority, we must damage people's reputations and each other's credibility. We must earn trust for more people because it will make our households, community and world a better place. We need to stop doing things if we want to live effectively under king authority, such as fines, imprisonment, exile, physical punishment, execution, ostracism, disruption of order, loving the world and separating yourself from God. We live in a constitutional monarchy because the President of the United States of America has limited powers of the constitution and by the governments. Donald Trump does not govern that way as President because he thinks that he is above the law as President.