

Secular and Spiritual Authority
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- I. Sheep Without Shepherds
 - A. Either BE a shepherd or HAVE one
 - B. Shepherds feed the sheep
- II. Christian Responsibility in the Political Arena
 - A. Jeremiah felt he was too young (Jeremiah 1:4–7)
 - 1. God said Jeremiah was not too young
 - 2. God put His words in Jeremiah’s mouth—His authority over kingdoms
 - B. Authority comes from God’s Word (verse 7)
- III. Authority of God’s Word
 - A. God’s Word compared to the rain and the snow (Isaiah 55:10–13)
 - 1. It brings God’s ways and thoughts to human life
 - 2. The thorn and brier are our ways – the fir tree and myrtle are God’s ways (verse 13)
 - B. Rain softens the earth—but when the snow melts it does more good than rain
 - 1. God’s Word comes as rain—readily acceptable
 - 2. God’s Word comes as snow—sometimes hard at first
 - C. God’s Word and God’s Spirit together—do not return void
- IV. The Prophet Stands Before the Lord
 - A. God puts His words into the prophet’s mouth (Jeremiah 15:19)
 - 1. If you return in repentance, separate the chaff from the wheat
 - 2. God’s word is more important than what people want
 - B. Do not fear man more than God
- V. Secular and Spiritual Authority
 - A. Secular power is placed in the world by God
 - B. The higher level is spiritual authority
 - 1. Divine authority—on a heavenly level
 - 2. Subjected to the secular
 - C. Jeremiah was invested with spiritual authority but never broke secular law
- VI. Christians Who Make a Difference
 - A. We rule with kings (Job 36:7)
 - B. To execute vengeance and punishments (Psalm 149:7–9)
 - C. Binding and loosing kings and nobles (Matthew 18:18–20)
 - D. Initiative begins on earth with two or three (Matthew 18:19)
 - E. The rod of Thy strength = company of God’s people (Psalm 110:1–2)
 - 1. Christians go forth in divine authority
 - 2. Where you have the revelation, you have the authority
 - F. Believers shall reign in life (Romans 5:17; also Revelation 1:5–6, 5:10)
- VII. Pray Spirit-Given Prayers
 - A. Elisha and the king of Israel (2 Kings 6:8–23)
 - B. God is seeking for someone to pray (Ezekiel 22:30)
 - C. The responsibility is on us (2 Chronicles 7:14)