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)

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