

Rejection Of Divine Authority Authority (Part 2) Matthew 21:23–27

Rejection Of Divine Authority– No Love For The Truth

2 Thessalonians 2:10–12 “and with all deceit of unrighteousness for them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God sendeth them a working of error, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

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- ▶ ***“Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits” (Isaiah 30:10)***
- ▶ ***“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” (Matthew 5:6; Note 1 Peter 2:1)***
- ▶ Revealed in the GOSPEL is God’s plan to make man righteous. Romans 1:16–17; cf. Proverbs 23:23

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- ▶ What will the next generation be?
Judges 2:10
- ▶ Fear of losing our young people turns the church into a social club.

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- ▶ Conversion – The result of teaching.
 - ▶ If viewed the people from – spiritual condition. (Ephesians 2:1–2)
 - ▶ If view them without hope. (Ephesians 2:12)
- ▶ Faithfulness – The result of teaching. (cf. Titus 2:11–14; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10)

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.”

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Illustrations of the Sacred.

- Sabbath day. (Exodus 20:8; cf. Numbers 15:32-36)
- Moses drew near the burning bush in the wilderness, God said,
"Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground" (Exodus 3:5)
- Nadab and Abihu. *"I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified" (Leviticus 10:3).*

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Illustrations of the Sacred.

- Jews in Nehemiah's day, when the law was read. (Nehemiah 8:5)
- *"Let us have grace, whereby we may offer service well-pleasing to God with reverence and awe: for our God is a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:28-29).*
- **NOTE: To treat what is holy, "sacred" as if it were common profanes it.**

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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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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)

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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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