

## Acts 3:13-26:

### Does authority matter?

Acts 3:16, “... And **His name**, through faith in His name, **has made this man strong**, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all...”

**(Acts 3:22)**

**Acts 3:22, “... For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you...”**

**That's authority!**

**(Deut. 18:15-19)**

**Deut. 18:15-19**, “... The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren.

**Him you shall hear... And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him...” (John 1)**

**(John 12:44-50)**

## The “chain of Authority”

*John 12:44-50*, “... Then Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. For I have not spoken on **My own authority**; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak...”

**(Matt 21, Mark 11, Luke 20)**

## God has the Authority:

Genesis 1

*Proverbs 14:12, Jeremiah 10:23*, “... O

LORD, I know **the way of man is not in himself**; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps...”

(*Psalms 119:89*, “... Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled (stands firm) in heaven...”

(God’s authority matters; Deut. 6)

**Deut. 6:24-25**, “... And the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for **our good always**, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day...”

**Deut. 10:13**, “... and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today **for your good?**

**(Jeremiah 15:16)**

**Authority matters:**

**Jeremiah 15:16, “... Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to **me the joy and rejoicing of my heart**; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts...”**

**(2Tim 3:15-17)**

## Authority matters:

2Tim 3:15-17, “... and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able **to make you wise for salvation** through faith which is in Christ Jesus... that the **man of God may be complete**, thoroughly equipped for every good work...”

(Matt 4:1-10)



## Authority matters:

*Matt 4:1-10*, "... But He answered and said, "**It is written**, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

(it will defeat Satan!)

[*Matt 28:18, John 17:2*]

**John 17:2**, “... as You have given **Him** **authority over all flesh**, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him...”

**Matt 28:18**, “... And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “**All authority has been given to Me** in heaven and on earth. Go therefore...”

[And they went: **2Thes 2:15, 1Cor 14:37, 2Peter 1:20-21**]

**2Peter 1:20-21**, “... knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the **will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit...**” (John 14-16)

Why authority matters: **Eph. 1:22**

**Authority matters because:**

**Phil 2:9-11**, “... Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that **at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth...”

(**1Thes 2:13**, He works in us...)

**But there is a warning!**

**Matt 15:13**, “... But He answered and said,  
“Every plant which My heavenly Father has  
**not planted will be uprooted...**”

**Luke 6:46**, “... But why do you call Me  
'Lord, Lord,' **and do not do the things  
which I say?**”

**2John 9**, “... Whoever transgresses and  
**does not abide in the doctrine of Christ  
does not have God...**”