

FREEDOM IN CHRIST

Study Notes – 29th October 2017

Week 4 – Rebellion vs Submission

Rebelling against God and the authorities He has set up is a very serious sin because it gives Satan an opportunity to attack. God requires more, however, than just the outward appearance of submission; He wants us to submit sincerely from the heart to those in authority. It is for your spiritual protection that you live under authority of God and those He has placed over you.

To commit yourself to that godly lifestyle, pray the following prayer aloud from your heart:

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, You have said in the Bible that rebellion is the same thing as witchcraft and as bad as idolatry. I know I have not always been submissive, but instead I have rebelled in my heart against You and against those You have placed in authority over me. I pray That You would show me all the ways I have been rebellious. I choose now to adopt a submissive spirit and a servant's heart. In Jesus' precious name. Amen (See Samuel 15:23)

As you prayerfully look over the next list, allow the Lord to show you any specific ways in which you have been rebellious to authority. Then, using the prayer of confession that follows the list, specifically confess whatever the Lord brings to your mind.

- Civil government including traffic laws, tax laws, attitude towards government officials (see Romans 13:1-7; 1 Tim.2:1-4; 1 Pet.2:13-17)
- Parents, step-parents or legal guardians (Ephesians 6:1-3)
- Teachers or other school officials (Romans 13:1-4)
- Employers (past and present) (see 1Peter 2:18-23)
- Husband (see 1 Peter 3:1-4) or wife (Eph.5:21; 1Peter 3:7) NOTE to husbands: take a moment to ask the Lord if your lack of love for your wife could be fostering a rebellious spirit within her. If so, confess that now as a violation of Eph. 5:22-33
- Church leaders (Hebrew 13:7)
- God (Daniel 9:5,9)

For each way in which the Spirit of God brings to your mind that you have been rebellious, use the following prayer to confess that sin specifically.

Lord, I confess that I have been rebellious towards.....(name) by.....(say what you did specifically). Thank you for forgiving my rebellion. I choose now to be submissive and obedient to Your Word. By the blood shed by the Lord Jesus Christ, I pray that all ground gained by evil spirits in my life due to my rebellion would be cancelled. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen