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Authority is a mystery, like lawlessness is a mystery. In the last days lawlessness will be set in a mystery form. Most people will not know it is lawlessness. Maybe it will be a form of godliness but it will be rebellion against the word of God. Authority is a mystery too. Some people will revile authority without knowing it. Then judgment will come if they cannot judge themselves. David was a man who saw authority and his throne has been set up forever and ever. David was tested through and through on how he related to authority.

1 Sam 15 — At this time Samuel told Saul that the kingdom would be torn from him because he had seemingly done a good thing, but actually he inwardly reasoned with God's command to him and our Father saw it as rebellion. But most people would have felt it was a good thing. In the last days a form of Pharisee-ism will set in, where people will practice good moral ethics in a lot of ways, but it will not be the kind of obedience our Father is looking for. The closer you come to obedience without obeying, the greater form of rebellion it is because you put on an *appearance of obedience* but you are reserving something for yourself. Rebellion is like the sin of divination (1 Sam 15:22-23). Even though Saul looked like he was obeying, he rejected the word of the Lord. God saw it as rebellion and arrogance because he rejected His word, and so, Samuel said, He has rejected you as king (verse 23). Saul knew he had sinned; he feared people. He violated the Lord's direct command by disobeying the indirect command through Samuel. Therefore the kingdom will be given to *one better than you* (verse 28).

Saul exposed his heart in verse 30. After this Saul became very jealous of David, knowing that David would take over his kingdom when he died, not one of his own sons (1 Sam 24). After all that happened in chapter 24 and Saul even wept at David's respect, later on Saul changed his mind. Anger came back to him and he got jealous again so he went out again to find David (1 Sam 26).

These things are written in the Word for us to understand how we are to treat authority, even waning authority. Saul's kingship was going to be taken away, but he was still king. In 2 Sam 1:14 a man finally finished Saul off, killed Saul and came to David thinking he was going to get a reward, but David replied, "Why were you not afraid to stretch out your hand against God's anointed?" David ordered that this man be killed.

In Dan 2:44 it says that in the days of the ten kings who are established over the ten nations, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed. *How does God set up a kingdom in this age that will never be destroyed?*

David would not kill Saul with his own hand in order to hurry up or expedite God's plan and will. He would not strike against authority to rush God's will and plan for him. He waited for God to work. His heart was in quiet obedience. Even that one time when he cut off Saul's skirt, his heart smote him, his conscience struck him. He knew authority. His heart was after God's heart. He knew the authority of God in his heart. Although Saul chased him in order to kill him, David submitted himself to God's authority. He even called Saul *Master, Lord, God's Anointed*. This revealed an important fact: subjection to authority is not just person to person, not just a person subject to a person, but it is a *person subjecting himself to the authority which is on the other person*.

David submitted himself to the Lord's anointed who had been chosen by God and anointed by Samuel. David saw that he was the Lord's anointed and that to strike against Saul would be striking the Lord's anointed, like striking against God. Saul still had the anointing on him that Samuel gave him to be king and David recognized that anointing and would rather flee than strike against the anointed of God.

True, Saul had disobeyed God and was rejected, but this was between Saul and God. David's responsibility before God was to be subject to the Lord's anointed. When the kingdom of Israel was established, authority was established in King Saul. Saul was chosen to be God's delegated authority. Since Saul disobeyed, God rejected Saul and anointed David to be king. But David was still a man under Saul's authority, numbered among Saul's people, listed in Saul's army.

There were two anointings: David and Saul. Saul was enthroned; David had not yet ascended to the throne.

Israel had two kings. Saul was enthroned as king; David had not yet ascended as king. David was in a difficult situation. But David resisted the temptation to kill Saul in the cave because he knew he was the anointed of God (1 Sam 24). But was it not David that was anointed by God? Since he was standing in the will of God, it could have seemed like the right time had come to kill Saul (verse 4). Reason might say, “Wouldn’t it be a good move to help God accomplish his will.” But David felt strongly in his heart that he could not do it. He went by the law that was in his heart, whereas Saul did not obey a direct command from our Father. David was a better man than Saul. To kill Saul would be to stretch out his hand against God’s anointed. Though Saul was rejected, he was still set up by God. Were Saul to be killed, David could have immediately ascended to the throne. But *David was a man who knew how to deny himself of the urge in him*. The urge of God was greater than the urge of the flesh. He would rather delay his own kingship than go against God’s order.

The principle is there that our Master used in Mt 16:24-25, that if you deny yourself and take up your cross, you can follow him, and he who wishes to save his life will lose it but he who loses his life for the Master’s sake will find it. Our Master saw that principle in David. David was a man after God’s own heart and our Master Yahshua was just like that. That is why he will sit on David’s throne forever. Once God had installed Saul as king and put David in a position under his authority, David would have had to rebel in order to further his own. But there was no rebellion on his hands (1 Sam 24:11). [Rebellion cannot stay in the edah, neither in children nor in adults.] Instead David stood absolutely for God’s anointed. 1 Sam 26:9 — “Who can stretch out his hand against the Lord’s anointed and be guiltless?” This is very important. *Whenever a person sins against authority or speaks a word against authority in any way, he is guilty of rebellion and will die*. Many people have spoken against delegated authority, rebelled against it, but they are no longer here. They are either excommunicated or if they are so dull and are not judged, they die.

There is a difference between 1 Sam 26:9 and 24:4-6. In chapter 24, David cut Saul’s skirt, but in chapter 26, he did not touch Saul, he merely took Saul’s canteen and sword. God gave David the opportunity to resist the temptation to kill Saul. The second time David spared Saul’s life, he did not touch his person or robe, but got what was outside his body. David would rather be obedient to God and respect God’s authority than save his own life (Mt 16:24-26).

1 Sam 31 and 32, David’s attitude was still one of submission and self-denial, submitting himself to God’s authority. Because David maintained the authority of God, God acknowledged him as a man after his own heart (Acts 13:22). This should be *precious* to all of us.

Since David’s throne will be established forever and ever, and Messiah is enthroned on it, no one else will be able to rule with Messiah without this same kind of heart (and even greater in the New Covenant). When it comes to recognition of, submission to, and love for authority, David *maintained* the authority of God. It is one thing to raise up the twelve tribes, but to *maintain* the light is another thing. This will come by maintaining authority. The kingdom of David continues today on his throne (Acts 2:33). Our Master Yahshua is sitting on David’s throne today, ruling over Israel. He has established authority in the spiritual Israel of God. Only those who are subject to authority can *be* authority in this age and in the next age. Every one of us must cut off the roots of rebellion in our hearts. There *is* subtle rebellion in each of us. It has to be cut off or you will be cut off. Either it goes or you do. It is absolutely essential that we be subject to authority in order to be authority. All rebellion must come out of us in this age in order for the Stone Kingdom to do its job.

Heb 5:7-9; Mal 2:5-11 — During the days of His flesh, Yahshua was heard because of His reverent submission to God’s authority. Do not think that you can be heard if you are not submissive to authority. What will be heard instead is your rebellion. He learned obedience through what He suffered and became a source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

Our Master Yahshua had to learn how to obey. We do not know how to obey until we learn it and we learn it through suffering. That is the only way we can learn obedience. He did not *bring* obedience to the earth. But the word says He *learned* it. If *He* had to learn obedience, how much more do we have to learn ... by suffering like David did. It *does not matter whether we have suffered or not; what matters is whether we have learned obedience through our suffering*. Many people have suffered and when it seemed

intolerable they left or rebelled or spoke harsh words. But you will suffer over and over and over until you have learned obedience.

This is a principle that will continue into the next age until we learn obedience. Those who learn obedience in this way will be like Him and will be useful for His purpose. You might build 15,000 lodges and you might suffer physically but it will not do you any good unless you have learned obedience through it. As long as our hearts are still hard and not soft, suffering will not leave us alone, even if He has to put us in a place with unbelievers because we did not learn obedience when we suffered, but instead we lashed out when we came to the end of our patience. When you come to the end of being like Yahshua, you lash out (Phil 3:10-12; Col 1:24; 1 Pet 4:12). We have been chosen to do our share of suffering to make up for the suffering of Messiah. If we do not have fellowship with His suffering we will not be raised to life and share His resurrection (Phil 3:10-12; Rev 20:4-5; Col 1:22-23; Phil 2:5).

The whole *theme* of the Bible is of being made into His image, walking as He walked, obeying as He obeyed, spending our lives as He did. We have to be made perfect in obedience just like He was. When your monthly period of suffering comes (men and women alike), some people fall under every time. They feel like God has left them. But He is putting us in this period of suffering to test our obedience. By going through suffering after suffering He learned obedience unto death, even the cross. All that we go through is to prepare us to go through that final hour of suffering when some of us will even be tortured. For some people the suffering of losing their child is too much and they leave.

It may not seem so bad, but if Messiah is not everything to you, He is nothing to you, and so you are not worthy of Him.

When our Master came forth from the Godhead to become a man, He really became a man — weak, acquainted with suffering. Every time He suffered it prepared Him for the supreme sacrifice, the final act of obedience that He was to make. Our suffering prepares us for that. No suffering of any kind made Him mummer or complain (1 Cor 10:10). Old Israel murmured and complained in their tents when they suffered and God heard it. We have to go through suffering in order that no suffering will make us murmur or complain or have a bad attitude. You can judge your heart by what comes out of your mouth, but you need to judge yourself before it comes out of your mouth and repent that it is in your heart.

With some of us, our suffering has increased but our obedience has not, when the whole purpose of suffering is to learn obedience, thus we have lived up to this point in vain. When suffering came we murmured and complained and were not obedient to be thankful and joyful.

1 Jn 2:4 — The truth will come forth in his believers. The truth is not in us, to be manifested in suffering, if we murmur and complain.

1 Jn 2:6 — We must walk as He walked. This means exactly what it says and says exactly what it means. We must obey *every* word or we will be cut off (Acts 3:23). This is good news. It teaches us how not to be cut off (Heb 5:9; Acts 5:32). God will set up Dan 2:44 in this way (Rev 12:10). [Some people will reject this word they hear tonight and some people will receive this word and they will be the called, chosen and faithful spoken of in Rev 17:14.] That kingdom will be built on absolute obedience and will fill the whole earth. He sets up this kingdom through obedience — not through suffering, but through obedience (Jn 10:17). Our Master never disobeyed His Father, never resisted His authority. By obeying and letting His Father rule over Him, He set up His headship over His kingdom, and we are His kingdom (Heb 3:6).

By nothing short of the recognition of, submission to, and love for authority that I've spoken of tonight will Dan 2:44 be set up. This is the fifth and the final kingdom that is going to be. It is built on the ruins of the mountain from which we were cut out. We were cut out of the mountain of the world and the new kingdom is set up on the ruins of that kingdom of the world (Rev 11:15).

Gal 1:4 — We have been cut out of this present wicked world by learning authority. We are out of the world but the world must come out of us, and it comes out through obedience to authority (Col 1:13; 1 Pet 2:9). From the ruins of this evil rebellious age of man, the Stone Kingdom will be set up and this new authority will extend over the whole earth (Dan 2:35).

Who is the Stone? Messiah.

Who is Messiah? *We* are the completion, the fullness of Messiah. We make Him complete. Messiah and we become one, married, one flesh = Messiah. We are the completion of Him, the fullness of Him (Eph 1:23).

Rev 21:1 — There will be a new heaven and a new earth which goes on forever an ever. Messiah is actually reigning now (Eph 1:20-21). Those who have their heart connected to Him by the Spirit are ascended with Him (Eph 2:6). Those who do not, cannot ascend to the throne and rule over all things; they are probably not even thankful for their salvation.

He is ruling over His kingdom (Eph 1:20-21) now and in the age to come. He is installed upon a throne and He rules Israel. We have to rule with Him in this age if we are going to rule with Him in the next age. David was ruling. We have to rule the same as David. If we are submissive to authority we will rule, but if we have a hard time with authority we will not rule as kings. Our Master is ruling over the house of Jacob (Heb 3:6). He will rule in heaven until He comes to rule on earth, which He cannot do until Heb 10:13 comes about, until all of His enemies are dealt with. We deal with His enemies through obeying authority. He will sit in heaven until His enemies have nothing else to do with us. No one is going to do it but us. The Spirit has been sent to us to engender a love for Messiah that would make us want to obey Him.

We are cut out of the mountain of Satan; the whole world is under the authority and domain of Satan (1 Jn 5:19).

We become a kingdom that supplants the kingdom of this world. The house of Jacob is a supplanter. We are the house of Jacob and are going to supplant the kingdom of this world. Jacob took the place of Esau. [He was able to do this because Esau defaulted. He sold the kingdom for something as minute as a bowl of soup.] Rev 11:15 and Eph 1:21 prove that He is now in this age our King and in the coming age we will reign with Him. The reason we do not see him now physically as king is to test us to see whether we have faith or not. He wants us to worship Him in faith just as if He was here physically since His Spirit dwells in us. Then we will not shrink back when He comes. Many people will shrink back (Rom 5:3; Jms 1:2-4).

And so in Rev 11:15, the kingdom of this world is supplanted by the kingdom set up by God's authority and it becomes a mountain that fills the whole earth (Dan 2:34,35,44). The accumulated stones which were cut out and cemented together with obedience, love, the bond of peace, *became* a mountain and filled the whole earth (Rev 11:15), and the saints of the Most High receive the everlasting kingdom (Dan 7:23-27; 14:18) forever and ever. All authority was given to our Master Yahshua in order to make disciples (Mt 28:18), *in order* that men might go and make disciples who are one and who are obedient to authority (Rom 1:5). And this kingdom will never be destroyed (Dan 7:14,18) and the rulers of the nations (Rev 21:24) will bring their glory into you, into the holy city.

We can see that we are finally made into that kingdom. Our Master said He made us a kingdom of priests (Rev 1:6). He has always wanted to do this. Ex 19:6 and 1 Pet 2:5,9 says that we, the twelve tribes of Israel, are that kingdom. But how is it going to be done? It is *not* going to be done by feigned obedience, pretended obedience, ethical behaviorism, obeying but not obeying completely, for that is the spirit of lawlessness and rebellion, the same spirit Saul had and the reason why the kingdom was taken away from him. Even the elect will be deceived by it if it were possible.

Mariola (Ahavah Shua's younger sister): Sometimes I had a hard time because I thought it was too much work, not enough sleep... Now I see it is rebellion in me. But all I do is nothing in comparison with our future eternal life. We do not need to taste death if we are obedient now. Now I have vision why we are suffering. Because like this I can be obedient and one day have life and enter in the kingdom with Yahshua.

Yoceph: Yahshua did not bring obedience to the earth with Him, but He learned obedience. David suffered much after knowing that he was the anointed one. Yahshua suffered before he could... David's suffering taught him obedience to authority. It is wonderful that we can suffer and learn obedience and obey absolutely and completely and not have feigned obedience.

N'su: I'm thankful for the heart of David that he obeyed to the point that he denied himself killing Saul. I want the heart of David to obey to the point David did. I want the suffering to work obedience in my

life. I know that if I can trust when I suffer, and obey, I'm going to learn perfect obedience.

Meshullam: Suffering would bring us to the point of obeying completely. So that we will not see death (Jn 8:51). This suffering will make us the light to the nations. The suffering will make us obedient, which is opposite of the world. Their suffering does not accomplish anything but our suffering will bring an end to all people's suffering. My parents suffered greatly because of how the world is, the war drugs, alcohol, everything. The final salvation of the whole world is what we bring about. Because the one who causes all suffering whether for righteousness or just suffering in vain, will be bound, and in the eighth day, there will be only one suffering and that is in the lake of fire — those who refuse to obey.

Yochanan: Because Messiah suffered in the flesh, we have to make up our mind to do the same thing and cease from sin. If we do this we will be purified and the Stone Kingdom will come about and be a light to the nations (1 Pet 4:1).

Hasah ba Hagav: Yahshua learned obedience through suffering. He had vision but He did not know how it was that our Father was going to bring about, how our Father was going to supplant Satan. He did not know whether that cup could pass Him or not but He said, "Your will, not my will." He was tempted and tested in every way we are. That is why He is a compassionate king. He knew what David knew. He was obedient to His Father. I saw the humanity of Yahshua.

I'm excited that it has been given to the saints (Dan 7:18,27). You do not even know what you have come into. Eye has not seen nor ear heard. Our Master spoke to me very deeply in my heart 20 years ago that I could do nothing without Him and, "Whoever knows my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me and I will reveal myself to him" (Jn 14:21). We all need this revelation in our hearts. Without it we will not be able to continue on. We must cry out for it.

Yoceph: David obeyed the urge of God rather than the urge of the flesh. He was willing to deny himself I was amazed to see that this was his heart. He would rather wait on our Father.

Abigail: Something spoke to me and I think it is going to change my life. It was about how David viewed authority. He loved authority, recognized it, submitted to it. I really have a problem submitting myself to my husband, not receiving the authority that is in him. I want to come to an end of this and respect authority, especially the authority that is in my husband directly over my life. I want to be like David and recognize authority.