

Authority 10

The Importance of the Rod

The reason that we discipline with the balloon stick or reed-like rod is because both parents can use it equally as well. It does not require physical strength like a paddle does. The pain of disciplining someone with a big paddle varies with the strength of the user, but the rod administers pain no matter who uses it. The goal of discipline is not to beat the child into submission using brute force, which could be abusive. However, the rod is an instrument that just causes a surface pain (not injuring the child), which goes deep into the child, right to the heart, like electricity. A balloon stick or reed-like rod does not cause lasting damage or injury. It merely causes pain to the layer of skin closest to the surface, which is the most sensitive because all the nerve endings are there. The only way to stop this pain is to submit. [If you were not disciplined as a child, then none of the rebellion has been removed from your heart. Those who have been disciplined as children in the world have a greater chance to go to the nations because some of their rebellion is dealt with.]

Our Father knows what He is doing. His ways are perfect, whether He is designing the universe or the rod. The goal of the rod is to break the willful resistance of a child's rebellion, which would take him to the second death. That is why a parent who loves his children disciplines them. Parents must teach their children about our Father's design of the rod as a symbol of their right to rule. The rod has great power to keep our children from getting into greater ungodliness so they will not enter an insane asylum someday, or kill someone or go to jail or become homosexual, etc., etc., etc. God's word says that the rod is a symbol of parents' right to rule. Our children should know that we are as willing to obey God's word to discipline them as we expect them to be obedient to our word. Our obedience is in order to bring about the Male Child, to bring His purpose.

2 Sam 7:14; Pr 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13,14; 29:15; Heb 12:6-7

The earlier a child is brought under control, the better he will be trained. Also, there is a time when it is too late. If the parent withholds discipline there will be negative results. Discipline is necessary in order to be trained away from foolishness. If our Father did not discipline us with His rod, we would not be turned away from foolishness. Worldly thought today is against child discipline. This is perverted and will lead people to the second death because of their rebellion against God. Never before in history were people discouraged from disciplining their children. Heb 12:7 — What parent does not discipline his child? Only the parents of a child who was merely propagated, but not fathered, brought in, brought up, for discipline with the rod is an expression of love (Pr 13:24).

Pr 10:13; 19:29; 26:3 — The rod is for the back.

Discipline should be administered on the bare bottom for younger children, using a reed-like rod. For older children and youth, a larger diameter rod may be needed to produce the same effect through one or more layers of clothing (whatever discretion calls for). The objective of discipline is not to cause pain, stripes, tears or sorrow, but, through the pain, to bring a child's will under control. It is not to break his spirit, but his willful disobedience to God's word. The rod causes a child to choose obedience over rebellion. We have to learn obedience. God's word commands that children are to obey their parents. Parents are to enforce God's word. Knowing this is going to be necessary in the future. Because of the satanic principle the world is under, we will have to defend ourselves. We have to know that authority is the lawful right to enforce obedience. It is legal power, as rulers and governors have legal power (Acts 23:24,26).

Scriptures Concerning Authority:

- **Mt 10:18** talks about rulers;
- **In Gen 1:26,31** we see authority delegated to man;
- **In Mt 8:9** and **Rom 13** we see authority delegated to agents of the state;
- **In 1 Cor 14:35; 11:3; 1 Pet 3:5** we see authority delegated to husbands;
- **In Eph 6:1** and **Col 3:20** we see authority delegated to parents;

- In Acts 26:10,12; Heb 13:17; 2 Cor 10:8; Titus 2:15; Rom 1:5; 1 Cor 4:20 we see authority delegated to elders, leaders, apostles, etc;
- In Rev 2:26 we see authority delegated to the saints;
- Authority is for protection (Heb 13:17) and instruction (1 Pet 5:2-3);
- Mt 28:18 and 8:5-13 shows the authority of Messiah;
- Obedience to authority is for the testimony to unbelievers (1 Pet 3:13-15; 1 Tim 6:1).

Scriptures Concerning the Rule of Law

Law is the authoritative rule of conduct by which judgment is determined or made. Judgment is determined based on law.

- In Lk 20:22 we see the law of man: “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s”;
- We see the natural law written on the heart of natural man in Rom 2:13, which determines the standard by which a person is judged as to whether or not he will inherit the nations;
- We see the Law of Moses in Gal 3:17-21;
- We see the entire Old Testament regarded as law in Jn 10:34-35 (the entire Old Testament is the law by which we live);
- Rom 7:2-9 says the law is the expression of God’s will;
- Rom 3:27-31 says the law is upheld by faith; faith establishes the law — it is set up by faith (not done away with);
- The purpose of the law is in Rom 3:20 — to bring about the knowledge of sin; the wages of breaking the law is death;
- Rom 7:12 speaks about God’s righteousness in the Law;
- Gal 3:24 shows that the purpose of the law is to *lead* one to Messiah;
- Gal 4:4 shows Messiah’s relationship to the law;
- Mt 5:7-48 and 12:1-14 speak about the proper meaning of the law, what murder is, Messiah’s relation to the law, which redeems those who sin from the curse of the law (Gal 3:13);
- The law is fulfilled in us who are in Messiah and walk by the Spirit;
- Rom 8:4; 6:14; Mt 5:17-19; Rom 13:8-10; 2 Cor 3:3-11 — Shows the purpose of the law, the authoritative rule of conduct by which people are judged.

What is *law less ness*? Lawlessness is living by an unlawful power, such as in the flesh. The flesh has no more legal authority over us. Satan has no more legal right or authority to force obedience (Rom 6)

Mt 7:21-23 speaks about acts not initiated by the Spirit, which we have to answer for someday. 2 Cor 5:10 speaks about acts we have done by the Spirit or by the flesh (which has already been crucified) — unauthorized deeds. We are going to be judged by whether we lived by the Spirit or the flesh (Rom 6:12-13).

The Law and Capital Punishment

The law was written in the Old Covenant and has been initiated in the nations. Gen 9:6 was the law for the nations and Israel adopted that law for themselves. If you do anything against another person, you come against God Himself — His image. This is what you do if you do or think evil, hurt or strike, be selfish to, and especially if you take the life of another human being. Num 35:16-34 — We can forever support capital punishment in the nations. From Mt 5:21 (Dt 5:17; 16:18; Ex 20:13) we see that it can be that if you hate your brother and show hostility to him, you *can*, after judgment, be put outside the edah (Mt 5:21,22; 1 Jn 3:15). Bloodshed pollutes the land (verse 33). The whole land becomes polluted. Capital punishment is the only way that the defilement is taken away. Any land that does not enforce capital punishment is defiled, polluted. That is why the stone has to be dropped on them eventually (Rev 17:14).

Gen 9:6 has to be enforced by legal authority. Any branch of government that does not believe in capital

punishment is lawless in that aspect because they go against the law of God (that goes for their voters also). Their land is defiled; it is fit for destruction. Their policies go against the image of God. No atonement can be made for that land. They are making way for the age of lawlessness that is coming in.

Ps 15 — The ones who inherit the kingdom are blameless. We have to be blameless even in the way *wthink*. Everything has to be rectified, made in order, put back in order, set in order. All of the aberrations in your mind have to be dealt with so your mind can be made back into the image of God (2 Cor 5:15-17)

Authority is the legal power to require and receive submission. There is a physical rod and a spiritual rod. The rod is going to be used against all rebellion in our lives. Rev 2:26 speaks about you. You will rule the nations with a rod of iron if you learn obedience, recognize authority and honor authority, which is honoring our Master Yahshua.

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Meshullam: Strange fire is unauthorized deeds, not covered. The way we will be protected from this is seeking covering. As we seek covering we learn what our Father's will is about what we want to do. If my covering says, "No, don't fix this now," then it is not our Father's will. If I would just do it, it might look good, but it is an unauthorized deed, strange fire.

Derush: It spoke to me that our Master said, "If you love Me you will obey Me." One of my children ran out into the street and I took him into the house and disciplined him and it went right to his heart because he knew I was trying to save his life and he received it and loved me for it. We know delegated authority stands in the place of the one who delegated the authority. If you love the one who gave him the authority, you will love the one who has the delegated authority. And know that his intention is kindness toward us. The whole law is kindness toward man. Submitting to delegated authority is loving the one who loves us. If you love delegated authority you are loving our Master the same as if He were here Himself.

Berachah: It struck me to see the difference between authority gained by strife and authority given by our Father. It is true that in the Edah, authority only comes from our Father. I'm thankful to have these words because I can feel a fear coming to me to have a proper respect for authority and my brothers and sisters in every aspect — all delegated authority from God.

Jehu: We grew up in a society that does not respect authority. There is no reason to not respect authority in the edah because there is no one who has it because they strove for it. There was no reason they should judge Moshe. He was a humble man. But there was something in their heart. A man who is put in authority by our Father, to speak against him is a very serious thing.

Caleb David: If you strive for authority it is clear that you seek for your own glory. True justice cannot be administered by someone seeking his own glory (Ps 15). In a critical situation he will try to save his own skin. Our Father's authority is *given* authority. Moses did not defend himself because he was not seeking his own glory. Our Father defended him.

Haggai: Our Father is giving His authority to make Himself known. He gave authority to Yahshua and we can know Him through Yahshua. That was the purpose of giving it to Him. The purpose of our Father's delegated authority in the edah is so we can know Him more. No one wants authority for himself. If he does, he will not work for the Body, only for himself. A hand cannot continue on serving the whole body by itself. We have to want to represent *His* authority, wanting His authority to be known on the earth. It is good to want His authority to rule and reign with Him. That is His authority his glory. Good authority is expressed through love.

Ben Naby: Our Father did not speak these words to condemn us but so we would understand his ways and how he is building his kingdom. I see the importance that we would receive his authority on every level. Miriam and Aharon recognized Moses according to the flesh (Jn 11:49-52). We do not recognize each other according to the flesh anymore. If his love compels us we are going to be able to see His authority. If we judge according to the flesh we will not be able to use his authority. Moses was not a man of great speech. We need to recognize authority and see the spirit and not judge our

covering or elders or anyone according to the flesh but truly see the authority our Father has given.

Caleb David: That is true. You could have thought it was totally out of order, what Moses did. You could have judged him even if you were a little bit dull. Because it was not really lawful what he did, but they really had to be in the Spirit. **Our covering may make a decision that does not seem so right to our natural understanding but we still have to receive him and respect his authority.**

Yonah: When Moses went to that land he never expected to be able to return. Our Father, knowing he had married this woman, sent him to deliver the people of Israel. That should have settled it in the minds of Aharon and Miriam, but it didn't.

Obadiah: The reason that it says in Acts 2:43 that they were of one heart and mind is because fear was in every one. The fear of the Father is clean. It is a fear that makes you submit yourself willingly. That is the result of the fear of the Lord. In Jer 32:39, the heart and way He gave them is that they would fear Him always. He gave them a heart that would fear Him and submit to one another. That is the one heart and mind. If his glory is upon you then you always strive for unity (John 17), speaking to each other, submitting yourselves to one another. If His glory is upon someone they will have a spirit of submission. Blessed is the man who fear always but he who hardens his heart ... (Pr 28:14). Eze 11:19; 36:26 — he will give them a heart of flesh. In that proverb it is clear that fearing Him is having a heart that recognizes his delegated authority. He will take away the heart of stone. For many of us it comes through much discipline because we grew up in a very rebellious time. But the fear of our Father is clean. Our Master submitted Himself, laid down His life on His own initiative (2 Sam 23:3-4). Ps 14 — The fool says there is no God. If we do not recognize his delegated authority it is like acting foolishly, not recognizing Him. Our Father's authority is like the light of the morning exposes everything but also full of warmth — whoever has a tender heart will grow up — *spring* up. That is the only way we can know our Father is to receive His authority. Moses could be used because he received God's authority.

D'rorah: The authority our Father gives to us saves our life because there is also another way that seems logical but that leads to death. But this delegated authority does not let go in this way just like the father did not let his child go out in the road in front of a truck. I'm thankful to recognize this because I have problems with authority. I can be thankful for authority and see how important it is and love it. [This was from the first fruit of the liberation of East Germany.]

Ben Naby: As long as we seek our own glory we continue in the same way as Satan started out before he was cast out of heaven. He had authority — a tremendous position, but he wanted to bring glory to himself. If we are driven by the same motivation, we are still full of his blood poison, wanting to elevate ourselves. All his authority was taken away because he was against the purpose of our Father, which was to make *Yahshua* preeminent. We honor the head to bring honor to *Yahshua*. I want to hate to do *anything* to bring glory to myself but only to our Master who is worthy of all honor and glory.

Haggai: I saw the difference between Satan and our Master that even when all authority is given to *Yahshua*, our Master, He is going to give back His authority to our Father at the end of the seventh day. That is what he came for. Satan brought disorder, but our Master is going to bring it back to our Father.

ha-Emeq: Our Father heard it in heaven when Miriam and Aharon said that. Because her intent was to tear down the work our Father was trying to do. He is trying to do something through his authority and so he guards over the authority he put here on earth. Do not curse the king even in your thoughts. Ecc 10:20 — Some mosquito might go tell the matter. There is no place that is hidden. He hears even our thoughts because it tears down what he is trying to do.

Kepha: Rev 5:13 — I want to be one of those who says this being ruled by love, not just because no one will be able to deny it one day, but I want to be ruled by His love.

Yonah: It is really obvious to me that the nations must deal with murderers or else the land will be polluted; that is the reason the nations must deal with people in such a severe way, is because to

deliberately murder someone is the highest act of rebellion against the image of God. In the nations, to tolerate that, would be guilt by association. To allow persons to come against God in such a way will destroy that nation. It will bring about such disorder to allow that evil in the land, leaving no room for God's people to dwell. If that had happened 200 years ago, there would be no way we could live by our conscience in any land. We must pray that the law would be honored. Any place where God is not honored there is chaos. For parents to tolerate rebellion in their children, the same kind of disaster comes (2 Ths 3:14). Take note of these... But if we as a people do not take note of those who speak rebelliously against authority and do not obey what is said in this letter and continue to have a normal relationship as if we have fellowship with that person, then it is going to decay the Body and every manner of evil will be in us and will destroy the Body. There is a law for their nations so that their land will not be cursed, the law for parents so that shame will not come on them, and the law for us as a Body to have salt so that evil will not be tolerated so that we can continue to flourish and do our Father's will.

Meshullam: If we submit to one another and love authority, then unity will be kept and this is the way the stone is going to be formed. The nations are trained in lawlessness and so will receive the man of lawlessness. The elect will not be deceived because they are lawful, obey, and love authority, not lawlessness. The stone is...

Yoneq: the antithesis of lawlessness is the stone.

N'su: The fire of our Father purifies a person to make his heart tender. Our Father was purifying His people, Israel, His dwelling place. Our Father purifies our hearts, His dwelling place, that we would be pure where He dwells inside of us. Mal 3:3. I want to be meek like Moses, who was purified by the suffering he went through. I'm thankful for the fire of our Father that gives us fear but also hope that we are going to be purified.