
SERMON OUTLINE

God's Will for Human Authority
Selected Proverbs

- I. A Theology of God's Authority – God has all authority.
 - A. God is the Creator – Thus He has all authority (14:31; 17:5; 22:2; 30:4-6).
 - B. God is Sovereign – Thus He controls everything.
 - God controls everything regardless of our plans or “chance” (16:4, 9, 33; 19:21).
 - God's purposes are accomplished no matter what rulers and politicians do (21:1, 31).

- II. A Theology of Human Authority – We must submit to God-ordained authority.
 - A. God's plan for human government – Justice
 - Government is to uphold justice and seek out evil – and will receive God's blessing when they do (11:14; 22:4; 24:23-25; 25:2; 29:14).
 - When rulers are unjust, people can expect oppression, fear and instability (28:3,12,16; 29:2,4,12).
 - We must rely on God for ultimate justice, not human government (29:26).
 - B. God's plan for me – Submission
 - Government has true authority from God, so we must obey it (19:12; 24:21-22; Romans 13:1-4).
 - Exceptions (Acts 4:18-20; 5:27-29)
 - If we don't obey human laws God won't listen to our prayers (28:9).
 - Our attitude toward government is key to government's attitude toward us. (22:6-7; 22:11;16:14-15; 25:15;).