

# SUMMARY POINTS

- 1. Authority is not part of the created order but part of the makeup of the Triune Godhead.**
- 2. At the very center of all authority is God who is the Source of all authority.**
- 3. Authority is necessary for any social group, organization, or order to function.**
- 4. Authority was the ultimate issue in the angelic conflict, so authority becomes the ultimate issue in the believer's spiritual life. Not only the authority of God, but also response to other authorities which God has established.**

Equal in essence

F ↔ S ↔ HS



Distinct in role



human  
authority

(government, parents,  
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Direct, specific  
command

Contradicts,  
God's direct, specific  
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## 1 KINGS

18:3, "And Ahab had called Obadiah, who was in charge of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the Lord greatly.

18:4, "For so it was, while Jezebel massacred the prophets of the Lord, that Obadiah had taken one hundred prophets and hidden them, fifty to a cave, and had fed them with bread and water.)"

# THREE CHALLENGES TO DANIEL

1. Name change
2. Pagan curriculum
3. Diet

# DANIEL

1:6, "Now among them from the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah."



# DANIEL

1:7, "Then the commander of the officials assigned new names to them; and to Daniel he assigned the name Belteshazzar, to Hananiah Shadrach, to Mishael Meshach, and to Azariah Abed-nego."

## DANIEL 3

3:4, "Then a herald cried aloud: 'To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages,

3:5, " 'that at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship the gold image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up;

3:6, " 'and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.' "



# EXODUS

20:3, "You shall have no other gods before Me.

20:4, "You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;

20:5, "you shall not bow down to them nor serve them."

Acts 5:29, "But Peter and the apostles  
answered, 'We must obey God rather than  
men.' "



Phil. 2:8, "Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."