

1 Peter Series

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HONOR THE KING

1 PETER 2:13–17



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**LIVING IN LIGHT
OF ETERNITY**

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ὑπερέχω
huperechō

**pres act part fem
plur dat**

**“to excel, exceed,
be better than;
used for ‘higher’
or ‘superior’
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Various Individual *Authorities* Mentioned in Scripture

- **Of Israel's high priest (Acts 23:5).**
- **Of those in charge of the synagogue (Matthew 9:18, 23; Luke 8:41).**
- **Of members of the Sanhedrin (Luke 18:18; 23:13, 35; 24:20).**
- **Of a judge (Luke 12:58).**
- **Of pagan officials (Acts 16:19).**
- **Of demons whose hierarchies resemble human political institutions (Matthew 9:34; 12:24; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:15).**

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dat fem sing
“creation,
creaturely
institution or
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Rom. 13:2, “Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.”

διαταγή *diatagē*

dat fem sing

“decree, ordinance”

ἀνθίστημι

anthistēmi

perf act indic 3

sing

“to resist,

oppose, to stand

against”

1 Pet. 2:14, “or to governors, as to those who are sent by him [the governor] for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.”

**πέμπω *pempō*
pres mid part
masc plur dat
“to send”**

Rom. 13:3, “For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.

Rom. 13:4, “For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.”

God raises up both just and wicked rulers.

God's Use of "Unjust" Rulers

Saul, who became a carnal and evil ruler, was anointed king by the will of God. 1 Sam. 9:15–16

Isaiah calls Assyria the rod of God's anger, the staff in His hand (Isaiah 10:5).

Later Isaiah calls Cyrus God's anointed (Isaiah 45:1).

And Jeremiah says that Nebuchadnezzar is God's servant (Jeremiah 25:9).

1 Sam. 26:9, “But David said to Abishai, ‘Do not destroy him; for who can stretch out his hand against the LORD’s anointed, and be guiltless?’ ”