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Humility, Obedience to Authorities

Ephesians 6:5–9



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Eph. 4:1, “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,”

Eph. 5:2, “And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”

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aorist passive participle to
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has an imperatival sense
from the main verb**

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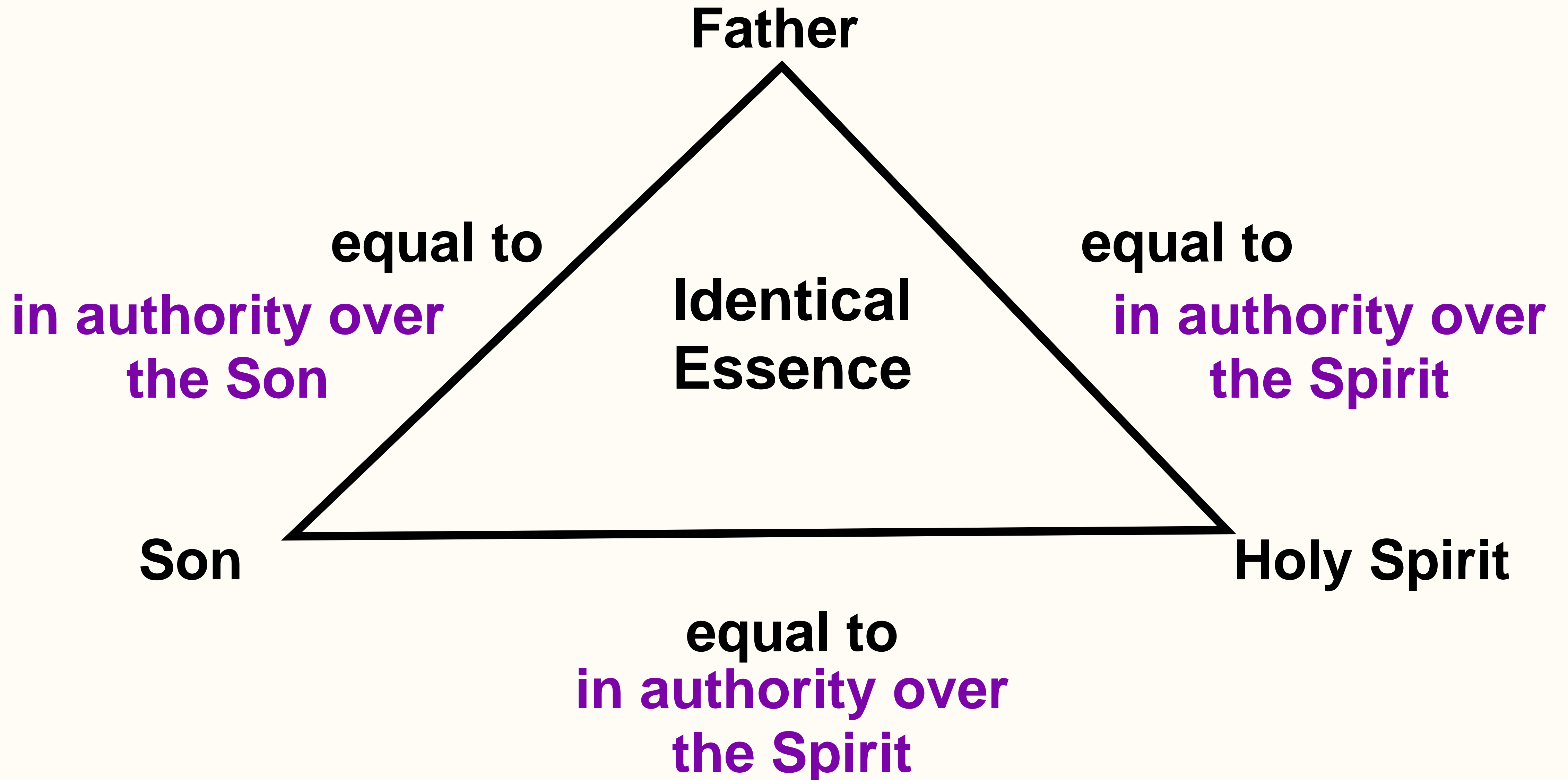
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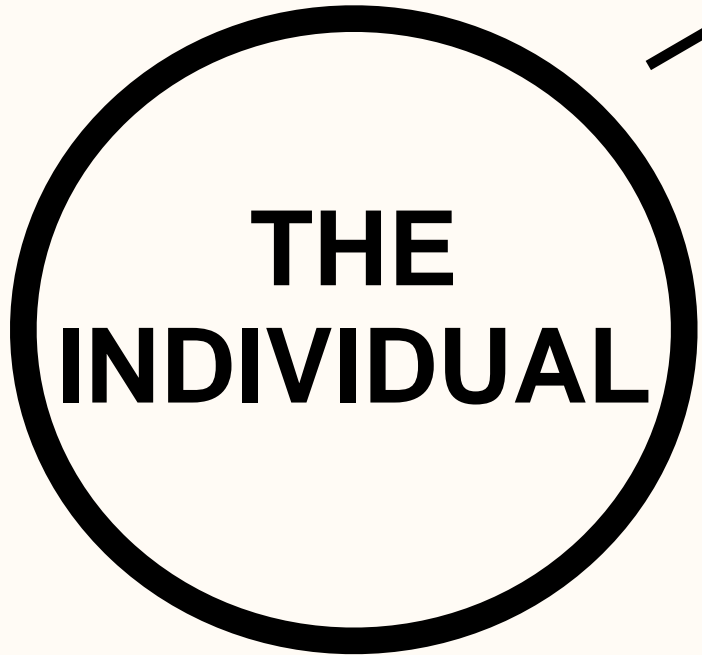


Spheres of Authority

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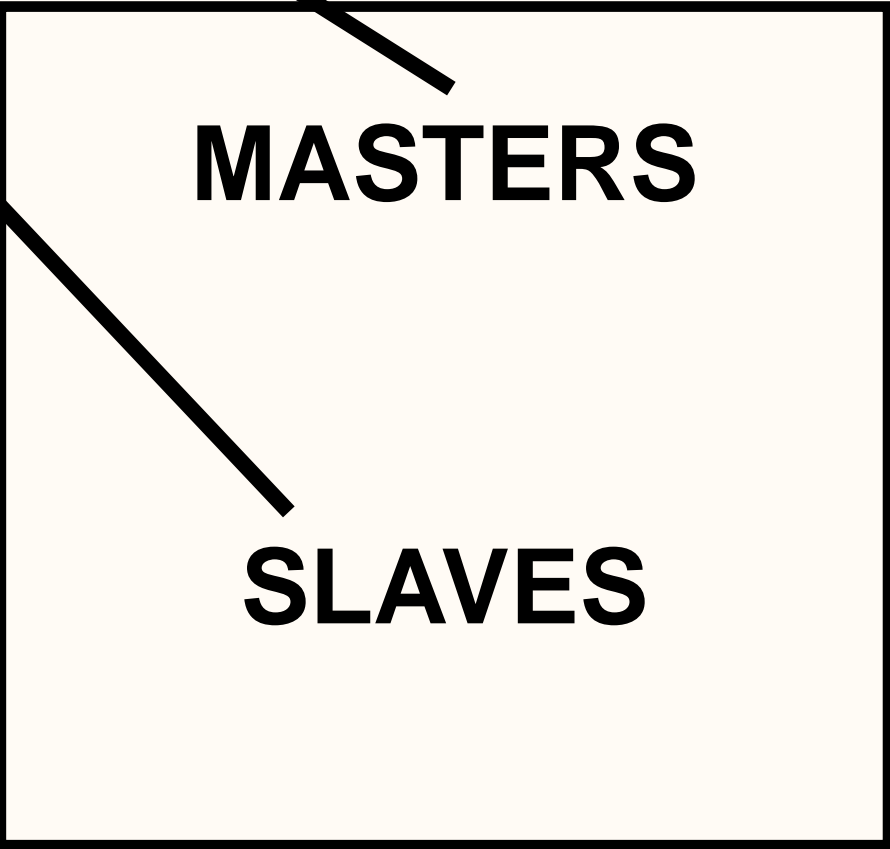
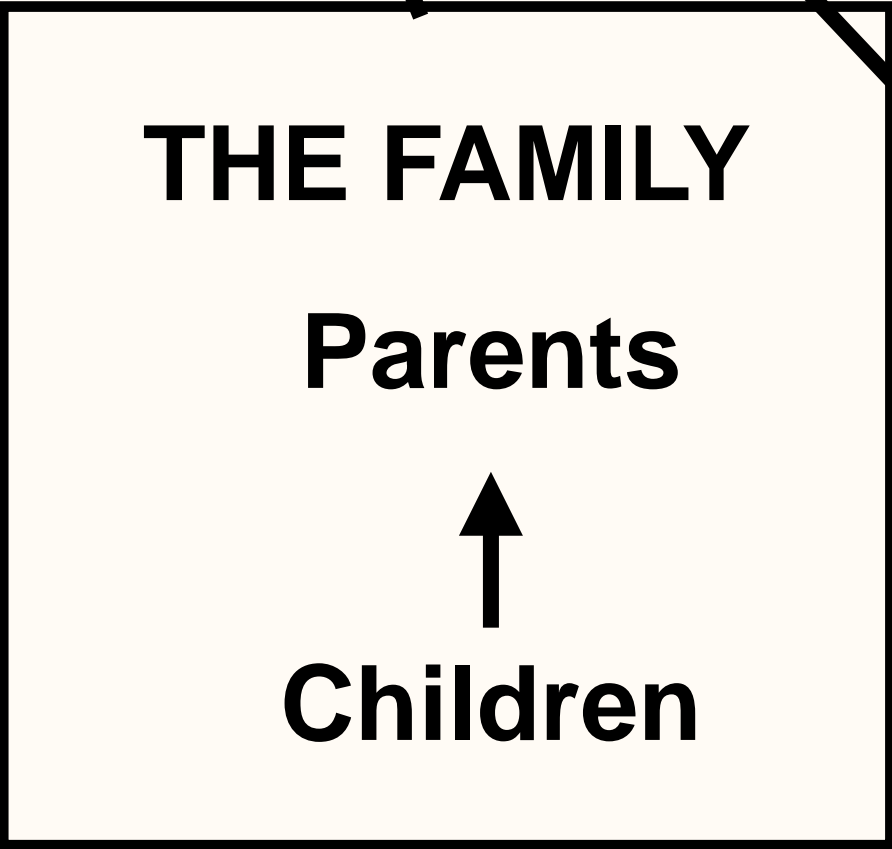
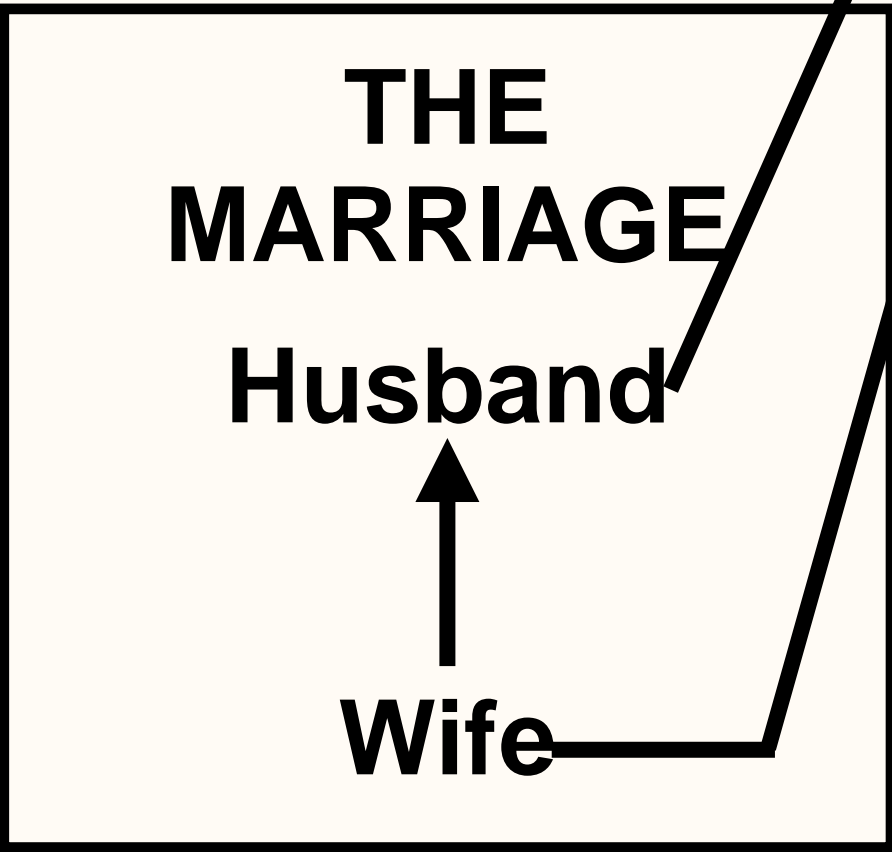


Distinct Roles



Responsible to
God

**CREATOR
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1 Sam. 15:23, “For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king.”

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Different forms of slavery: prisoners conquered in war, chattel slavery, indentured slavery

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Rom. 13:1, “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.”

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Titus 2:9, “Exhort bondservants to submit to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back,” [~RD]

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1 Pet. 2:18, “Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.”

Conclusion: The command to obey and the commands to submit are for all purposes synonymous.

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