

Scripture: Matt. 28: 16-20; Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Cor. 15:23-28 **Lord's Day 39 (3)**

Singing: 333:1-4 – 260:1-6 – 4:4 – 392:1 – 435:2, 6, 9

Intro: The word 'torah' is much more than the 'law' (rules): Ps. 19:7-10
A. God's 'law' is His teaching about His good and holy will (Romans 7:12)

B. The reason we experience God's law as negative is in us (Rom. 8:7a)

C. The 5th reveals that all authority is of God: Matt. 28:18

1. The authority was *given* to Jesus, the Son of man

2. We are to bow and confess His authority in our life: Phil. 2:10-11

The 5th: Honor My Authority

I. As you exercise it for Me II. As you respond to it in Me

I. Honor my authority as you exercise it

A. All right exercise of authority begins with realizing *who we are*

1. We often operate in *ownership-mode*

2. But our authority *is ambassadorial authority*

B. What is God's will for us who have been given authority over others?

1. That my execution of authority *resembles Him and carries out His will*

2. Ambassadorial authority calls for serious *self-reflective searching*?

II. Honor My authority as you respond to it

A. How do I **honor** God's authority?

1. That we recognize God is pleased to rule us by His *office-bearers*

2. That we **honor** God's ambassadors of authority

a. to honor is to recognize and honor the person's **office**

b. we honor God's ambassadors of authority when ...

c. we honor God's authority above any ambassador's personal will

- Acts 5:19: *we ought to obey God rather than man*
- Eph. 5:22: *wives submit (...) as unto the Lord*
- Eph. 6:1: *children obey your parents in the Lord*

3. That we forbear their weakness, limits or infirmities

a. God's ambassadors are never perfect (Luke 2:51)

Biblical implementation of godly use of authority is one of the greatest means of grace in the life of child. (Al Martin)