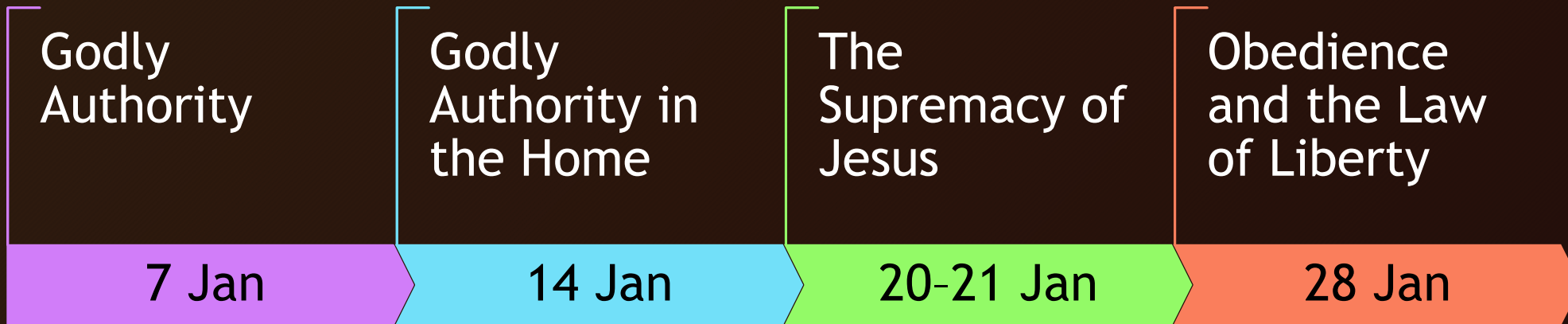



Upcoming sermons



Sat - 3 sessions at SBC
Sun - Worship at GBC

Godly Authority In The Home

“Authority”



Authority is a stewardship for carrying out the assigned responsibilities of an office

Responsibilities can include leading, making decisions, making or enforcing laws or rules, protecting, punishing, disciplining, caring for, etc.

Christ-like male headship

Ground / Basis	Role	Character
Why we do it	What we do	How we do it
God-given authority	Love, lead, serve, care for, cultivate oneness	Servanthood (Mk 10:42-45)

**** Serves as pattern for wives and parents*

Godly Authority In The Home Message

Authority provides order in the home
and God intends it for our good

The Bible teaches that there is to be an authority structure in the home

The Bible teaches that a husband has authority over his wife

- Gen 1-2 laid the foundation
- NT builds on this foundation:
 - Husband's authority (1 Cor 7:4; 11:3, 10; 1 Tim 2:12)
 - Husbands are to rule (same word as for elders ruling, 1 Tim 3:4-5, 12; 5:17)

Man's name
(Adam) also name
for mankind
(*adam*)

God created
Adam first (1 Tim
2:13)

Adam responsible
for giving God's
instructions to
Eve

Headship
emphasizes
responsibility to
lead

Woman was made
"for" the man

Woman was made
"from" the man

The man named
the woman

Her name
("*ishah*") was
built from his
name ("*ish*")

Evidences of male headship in
Gen 1-2

The Bible teaches that there is to be an authority structure in the home

Women also have authority in the home

- Dominion mandate (Gen 1:27ff)
 - Authority over her children, household, other women, in business ventures (Ex 20:12; 1 Tim 5:14; Titus 2:4)
 - Excellent wife's example (Prov 31:10-31)
 - Sarah was over Hagar (Gen 16:9)
 - Authority over servants (Eph 6:5-9)
- Their husband's body (1 Cor 7:4-5)
- Reign with Christ (Rev 20:4; 2:26; 3:21; 2 Tim 2:12; 1 Cor 6:3)

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Parents have authority over their children

- “Children, obey your parents” (Eph 6:1-4; Ex 20:12; Dt 5:16)

Purposes of authority in the context of the home

- For the benefit of those under authority

The husband is given authority so that he can see that Jesus gets His way in the home

Purposes of authority in the context of the home

- For the benefit of those under authority
- For the benefit of those with authority
 - To grow in skill and Christ-like character
- To teach what God is like
 - Dt 6:4-7
 - Eph 5:25-33

Errors related to authority in the home

- Emphasis in Scripture is not on the husband's authority
 - Gen 2
 - Eph 5:25ff

The Bible's emphasis not on man's authority

“The inevitability of headship, I think, helps to explain why the New Testament doesn't tell a man to assert his authority. You won't find a passage that says, “Rule her” or “Command your wife” or “Lead her with all authority,” as it says with church elders. The primary imperatives given to the husband are love (Eph. 5: 28; Col. 3: 19); do not be harsh (Col. 3: 19); live with in an understanding way (1 Pet. 3: 7); show honor (1 Pet. 3: 7)”

Jonathan Leeman, *Authority*, ebook, ch. 12

Errors related to authority in the home

- Emphasis in Scripture is not on the husband's authority
- Error of being authoritarian

The authoritarian husband

He is “a domineering figure who makes all the decisions himself, issues commands and expects obedience, inhibits and suppresses his wife, and so prevents her from growing into a mature or fulfilled person”

John Stott, *Ephesians*, p. 232

The authoritarian husband

Husbands “should not be cruel towards their wives, or think all things that they please to be permissible and lawful, for their authority should rather be a companionship than a kingship”

John Calvin, sermon on Eph 5, quoted
in Stott, *Ephesians*, p. 234

Errors related to authority in the home

- Emphasis in Scripture is not on the husband's authority
- Error of being authoritarian
- Error of stripping authority from husband and parent roles
- Error of thinking that having authority magically makes you a good leader

Authority doesn't magically make you a good leader

It is a strong man (or strong parent) who imitates Christ with strength of character, godly wisdom, humility to know he will sometimes be wrong, courage to lead and courage to fail and learn, is tender when needed and bold when needed

Godly authority

“The head should work hardest of all, sacrifice the most,
and walk with greatest integrity”

Jonathan Leeman, *Authority*,
ebook, ch. 11