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## God remains the ultimate authority figure

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Did your candidate win the election this week? If so, you are looking forward with great anticipation to what he or she will hopefully accomplish, which reflects your beliefs, views, and desires to some degree. If not, then you are probably very disappointed with how the results turned out and what the ramifications might be as a result.

Regardless of who won, God is still the ultimate, absolute authority of all creation! We can trust that he is working out his divine purposes and plans in all human events, including elections.

The Bible is unmistakably clear that we are to submit to the existing authorities. It

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is our divine privilege and responsibility to pray for them because their job is not an easy one. They desperately need our prayers of intercession on their behalf.

God is the only one who establishes the positions of authority and selects those who will fill them for a specified period of time in order to accomplish his plan in history, which is "His story."

Remember, no authority exists apart from God's permission of it, and if we choose to rebel against it, then we are rebelling against the one who established it in the first place.

When we refer to authority, we often have

vivid remembrances of negative authority figures in our past.

It might be of an abusive parent, a boss who lorded it over us, a politician who has permitted the power to go to his head instead of employing it to serve his fellow man, or any number of other examples of authority being used in ways which God did not ordain for it to be used.

We ought to be encouraged when God's word tells us that the king's heart is in the lord's hands, and he turns it wherever he chooses. We are never to fear because God is near and in complete and total control of this world he created and of mankind who he loved so much that he sent his only son, Jesus Christ, to die for in order to purchase our eternal souls from an eternity in hell.

Permit me to share with you the fact that authority is good and from God for our safety and well-being. As I tell my children and students, "Obey so it will be OK."

As we obey the different authorities God has placed in our lives, let us submit to them as to the lord himself and pray for them on a regular basis, so that they receive God's wisdom in which to make their decisions and that their service might be done joyfully unto him.

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