**Rejecting the Authority of the Lord**

*Luke 6:46*

**Introduction**

1. **Matthew 28:18** – Jesus was given all authority by the Father.
   1. *Exousía* – power of choice, liberty of doing as one pleases; leave or permission (Thayer).
   2. “from the impersonal verb *exesti*, ‘it is lawful’” (Vine).
   3. Jesus has the right of power to legislate and enforce law, to judge, and to execute punishment on wrongdoers.
2. Jesus has revealed His government in Scripture, thus we have the law of Christ (**cf. Galatians 6:2).**
3. It is our responsibility to do all in accordance with that word (**cf. Colossians 3:17).**
   1. We must respect the fact of Christ’s authority.
   2. We must work to determine what He requires.
   3. This requires the ability to establish authority with the scriptures.
   4. God has assured us that the honest heart is able to do so.
4. Many do not – **Luke 6:46**:
   1. Lord – *kyrios*; supreme in authority, i.e. (as noun) controller; by implication, Master (as a respectful title). (Strong)
   2. Strengthened with the duplicate – ***“Lord, Lord”***
   3. This was an empty proclamation without the action of obedience (**cf. James 1:25**).
   4. In calling Jesus Lord, but neglecting to do as He said, they in effect rejected His authority.
5. Rejecting the authority of the Lord is detrimental to our soul. Ultimately, to reject the authority of the Lord is to reject the salvation He offers (**cf. John 12:49-50).**
6. The Authority of Christ, the Word of Christ, and the Soul of Man
7. Christ’s Word is the Expression of His Authority
   1. **Luke 6:46** – Lord, and the things I say.
      1. When Jesus speaks, His words are binding, and are to be followed.
      2. He speaks through His inspired delegates – the apostles and prophets – **1 Corinthians 14:37; Ephesians 2:19-20; 2 Timothy 3:16**
   2. His words have saving and destroying power – ***“There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy” (James 4:12a).***
8. The Soul of Man Depends Upon Christ’s Word
   1. **Luke 6:46-49** – Christ’s word is like a firm foundation to rest upon during a storm. Without it we will surely perish.
   2. **Storm Metaphors in Scripture:**
      1. **Psalm 69:1-4** – During time of great trouble. Life-threatening in the midst of enemies.
      2. **Psalm 89:7-10** – The Lord is worthy of trust because He rules the tempest.
         1. Remember the words of Jesus.
         2. **Mark 4:39** – While with His disciples, Jesus calmed the storm with His word.
      3. **Psalm 18:1-3** – The Lord was David’s rock.
      4. **Especially spiritually:**
         1. **Isaiah 4:2-6** – Speaking of the Messianic kingdom – **v. 6** – shelter in the time of storm.
         2. “The Lord’s our Rock, in Him we hide, a shelter in the time of storm; Secure whatever ill betide, a shelter in the time of storm. O Jesus is a Rock in a weary land…A shelter in the time of storm.” (“Shelter In Time Of Storm,” V. J. Charlesworth)
         3. **Isaiah 54:11-14** – When glory would return in the Messianic kingdom, and there would be rest spiritually.
         4. For those who reject the word/authority of the Lord – **Ezekiel 13:10-16**
   3. **Luke 6:49** – To reject the authority of the Lord is to build your spiritual house (Life) on a foundation that will not stand in the end, but will fail. (I.e. you will not enter heaven – **Matthew 7:21-23**)
9. Examples of rejecting the authority of the Lord:
   1. Israel Demanded a King – **1 Samuel 8** – Rejected God as king.
   2. King Saul Spared Amalek – **1 Samuel 15** – Rejected God’s authority in disobedience, so God rejected Him as king.
   3. Israel and Judah into Assyrian and Babylonian Captivity **– 2 Kings 17, 24, 25**
   4. Jewish Rulers Reject Jesus’ Authority – **Luke 20:1-8**
   5. The Fall of Jerusalem (AD 70) – **Matthew 24:1-35**
   6. Rejecting Jesus’ Words – **John 12:48; Hebrews 4:12-13**
10. Let us beware of rejecting the authority of the Lord 🡪
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12. Plan of Salvation
    1. Hear – **Hebrews 11:6; Romans 10:17** – necessity of faith, comes by hearing.
    2. Believe – **Acts 18:8b** – after hearing, must believe.
    3. Repent – **Acts 2:38** – must repent of sins. (Luke 13:5 – repent or perish)
    4. Confess – **Romans 10:9-10; Acts 8:37** – confession is unto salvation, what the eunuch did.
    5. Be Baptized – **Acts 2:38; Mark 16:15-16** – the gospel says baptism is necessary.
    6. Live Faithfully – **Hebrews 10:39** – not to draw back but press on. ***(“Saving of the soul”*** – future)
    7. **Rejection?**
       1. Faith only?
       2. Sprinkling/pouring baptism?
       3. Sinner’s prayer?
       4. Once saved, always saved?
13. Matters Pertaining to the Church
    1. Work
       1. Evangelism – **1 Timothy 3:15; Acts 8:4** – scattered preaching.
       2. Edification **– 1 Corinthians 14:26** – all things done for edification.
       3. Benevolence – **Romans 15:26** – to needy saints.
       4. **Rejection?**
          1. Entertainment?
          2. Church sponsored social meals?
          3. Secular education?
          4. Politics?
    2. Worship
       1. Prayer – **Acts 2:42** – continued in prayer.
       2. Singing – **Ephesians 5:19** – melody is in the heart.
       3. Lord’s Supper – **Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26** – on first day of week, proclamation of Lord’s death.
       4. Giving – **1 Corinthians 16:1-2** – on the first day of week, as prospered.
       5. Preaching – **Acts 20:7** – continued his message.
       6. **Rejection?**
          1. Instrumental music?
          2. Dramatic plays/reenactments?
          3. Tithing?
    3. Organization
       1. Head and Body – **Ephesians 1:22-23** – Christ and the church. (ONE)
       2. Elders, Deacons, Saints – **Philippians 1:1** – no hierarchical structure.
       3. Local – **Philippians 1:1; Romans 16:16** – organizational structure is not on a universal level.
       4. Independent and Autonomous – **1 Peter 5:2** – functioning under the Head, separate from one another.
       5. **Rejection?**
          1. Pope?
          2. Board of directors?
          3. Convention?
          4. Denominations?
          5. Sponsoring church?
14. Marriage, Divorce, Remarriage
    1. Jesus’ law:
       1. **Matthew 19:4-6** – one man, one woman, for life (**Romans 7:2-3**).
       2. **Matthew 19:9** – one exception, fornication.
    2. **Rejection?**
       1. Guilty party can remarry?
       2. Alien sinner not amenable to Christ’s law?
15. Fellowship
    1. Jesus’ law:
       1. **1 John 1:3, 5, 7** – Fellowship between men is predicated upon mutual fellowship with God in the light (truth, morality, righteousness, etc.).
       2. **2 John 9-11** – Not to receive those who do not abide in Christ’s doctrine.
    2. **Rejection?**
       1. Fellowship with false teachers as long as they are honest?
       2. Fellowship with the immoral, and immorality?
16. Rejecting Christ’s Authority – **Luke 6:49**

**Conclusion**

1. We must submit to Christ’s authority in order to obtain salvation.
2. We cannot claim love while rejecting His authority **– John 14:15**
3. We cannot claim faith while rejecting His authority – **Romans 10:17; Romans 1:5; James 2:24, 26**
4. We do not have hope while rejecting His authority – **Hebrews 6:11-12**
5. **We must not reject the authority of Christ, or we will not stand in the judgment, but be cast away into hell for eternity!**