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AM - BEN WRIGHT "THE BIBLE AUTHORIZES IN CERTAIN WAYS #2"

PM - BEN WRIGHT "LET'S UNDERSTAND THE GREAT COMMISSION"

WEST WALKER WILL HOST THE BIBLE BOWL THIS MONTH ON THE 15TH. WE WILL NEED SNACKS FOR AFTER THE BIBLE BOWL AS WELL AS AFTER THE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER OUR 4 PM SERVICE

RICKY BERGER WILL BE WITH US ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 8 TO REPORT ON THE MISSION WORK HE HAS BEEN DOING

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

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THE BIBLE AUTHORIZES IN CERTAIN WAYS (PT 2)
(Acts 20:7)

I. The right _____.

- A. The right question, according to Roy Deaver, and it makes sense, is, When does the Bible account of an action _____ an example for people living today?
- B. For instance, 3 things happened the night before the death of Christ:
 - 1. Observed _____ feast;
 - 2. _____ Lord's Supper;
 - 3. And _____ the disciples feet (John 13:14-15).
- C. As _____, we observe the Lord's Supper but not the Passover and we don't wash feet - why not?

II. Two _____ aspects to keep in mind.

- A. God's basic _____ principle.
 - 1. God's _____ for mankind is the New Testament.
 - 2. Colossians 3:17 - by the _____ of Christ.
 - 3. We cannot go _____ what is written (2 John 9), cannot _____ from what is written (Revelation 22:18-19), and cannot _____ what is written (Galatians 1:6-9).
- B. There are significant _____ that must be made.

III. What do you mean by binding?

- A. Some things are binding in the sense that they _____ be done.
- B. Some things are binding in the sense that they _____ be done.
- C. Let's look at _____ to illustrate this.
 - 1. We are commanded to give as we have been prospered (this is an _____).
 - 2. Macedonians gave beyond their power (2 Corinthians 8:1-5).

IV. The Lord's Supper, the Passover and washing feet.

- A. We don't observe Passover or wash feet - why _____ the Lord's Supper?
- B. Passover was related to _____ - 2nd religious system.
- C. The Thursday night meeting was demanded under the Old Testament - must _____ between the Lord's Supper itself and the circumstances under which it was instituted.
- D. The early church _____ observed the Passover or partook of the Lord's Supper on any other day than the 1st day of week.
- E. The washing of feet was not an act of _____ but a teaching tool used by the Lord to instruct His disciples to be humble and serve others - early church never washed feet as an act of worship.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Guy N. Woods

What authority may scripturally qualified elders exercise over a congregation? (Pt 2)

Lest it should be argued that the words above cited as descriptive of the functions of elders are not to be taken in their primary and literal import, we hasten to present the lexical evidence touching this point.

First, with reference to the word “obey.” Seeing it is our duty to obey the elders, (Heb. 13:17), what is the significance of this term? The word thus translated in Heb. 13:17 is *peithesthe*, second personal plural, of the present imperative *peitho*, defined by Bagster to mean, in the middle voice, “to suffer one’s self to be persuaded, to listen to, to obey, to follow.” Green defines it in the same manner, while Thayer says it means, “to listen to, to obey, yield to, comply with,” and cites this passage in Heb. 13:17 as illustrative of this definition! It follows, therefore, that there can be no doubt that the word “obey” in the passage under consideration has its ordinary meaning of “assent to, yield to, comply with,” etc., in determining our obligation to elders.

Next, we are to consider the force of the statement, “them that have the rule over you.” these words are translated from the participial clause, *tois egoumenois humoon* - literally, “the one having the rule over you.” The words “having the rule” are from *egoumenois*, dative plural of the present participle *egeomai*, defined by Thayer: “to lead, to go before, to be a leader, to rule, command, in counsel,...with genitive of person over whom one rules, so of the overseers, or leaders of the Christian churches.” In illustration of these meanings, Mr. Thayer cites the following: 1 Macc. 9:30, a military leader, various references in the Greek classics wherein the word is used to indicate any kind of leader, chief, or commander. Green, in his lexicon, lists the following as definitions thereof: “to lead the way, to take the lead, to be chief, to preside, to govern, to rule;” and he cites Acts 14:12, Matt. 2:6; and Acts 7:10 as containing the word in this signification.

Finally, we are to take a glance at the word “submit” as used in the passage under review. Having seen that we are commanded to obey the elders - i.e., listen to them, comply with their requests, and acquiesce in their decisions - we now inquire as to the significance of the word “submit.” It is from the word *upeikete*, second personal plural of the present imperative, *upeikoo*, “to yield, to give way; absol. to be submissive, Heb. 13:17.” (Bagster). It will be observed that this eminent authority also cites the passage under study as illustrative of the meaning given.

Much more might be offered; this will suffice to show the position scriptural elders hold in the congregation, and the duty of the membership thereto. Let us be exceedingly careful that we do not find ourselves in the unenviable position of rebellion against God and his servants. Elders, when functioning properly, are engaged in a work divinely authorized, and to oppose them is to oppose God. In matters not involving doctrinal issues one treads on dangerous ground indeed who presumptuously opposes those who watch for our souls. They are overseers; it is our duty, therefore, to be overseen. They are bishops of our souls; it is, hence, our duty to submit our souls to those who thus watch for us. They are shepherds of the flock; and the flock must recognize their leadership and follow them. Finally, they are the ones who rule over us; we are taught to obey such. We cannot do less and be guiltless at the last day. What we are to do when men lacking the qualifications pose as elders is another question. Here we have dealt solely with the duty of the congregation toward scriptural elders.