

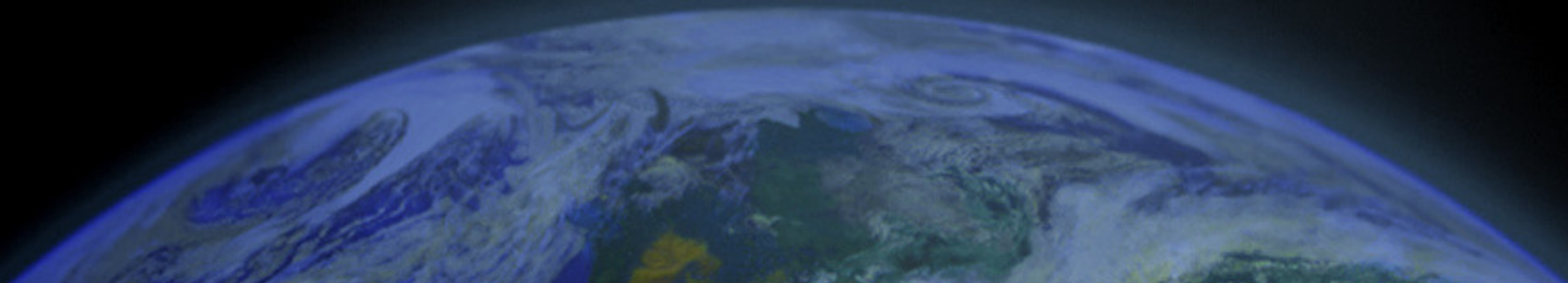
The Message

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Submission to Authority

Matthew 7:29

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and not as the scribes.**



I. Christ is in charge: Matthew 1-7.

II. We must report to His church:

Matthew 7:29 – 10:40.

(Submission to authority.)



“He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me” (Matthew 10:40).

“He who rejects you rejects Me” (Luke 10:16).



Illustrations of Authority

Authority over **leprosy** (8:1-4).

Roman **centurion** says, “I also am a man under authority” (8:9).

Authority over the **elements** (8:25).

Authority over **demons** (8:28-33).

Authority to torment on judgment day (8:29).

Authority to forgive sins on earth (9:1-8).

Authority of His garment (9:20).

Authority over death (9:25).

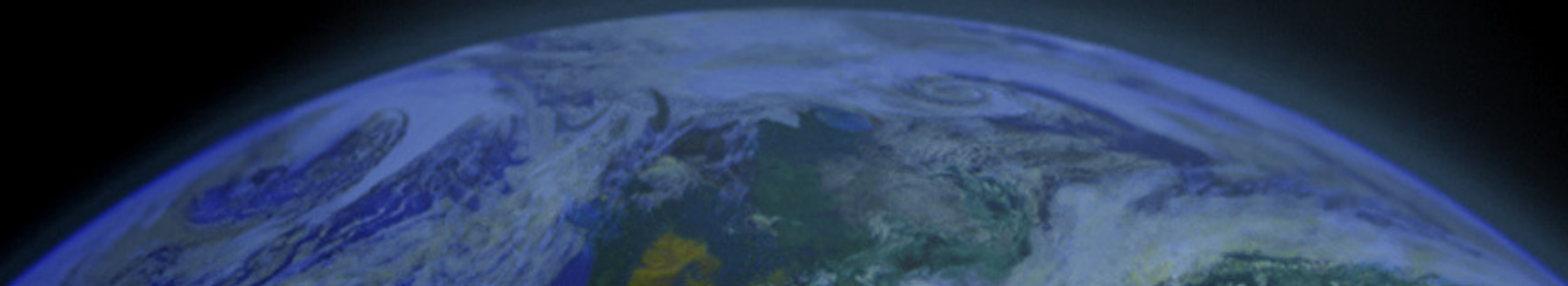


Satanic Authority?

“But the Pharisees said, ‘He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons’” (9:34).



Sheep Having No Shepherd



Matthew 10:1

“And he called to him his twelve disciples and **gave them authority** over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction” (10:1).



The Marks of Authority

Apostles would be sheep among wolves.

Apostles would be hauled into court.

Apostles would be hated and persecuted.



History Has Authority

The authority
of the apostles is
passed down
through history.



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