

SUMMISSION UNTO GOD

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:5-6

Introduction:

1. As men, we often set the instructions aside convinced of our own superiority.
2. We submit unto God without leaning to our own understanding.
3. We submit to God despite...

I. OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING

A. GOD'S COMMANDMENTS OFTEN CONTRADICTS HUMAN UNDERSTANDING

1. E.g. Naaman dipping in the Jordan -2Ki 5:1-ff
 - a. He wanted to have the healing done his way.
 - b. When he submitted unto God, he was healed
2. E.g. Stand still and God will fight for you -2Ch 20:1-ff
 - a. The battle belonged to the Lord.
 - b. The people of God only needed the courage to obey.

B. WE MUST CONTINUALLY TRUST IN GOD TODAY

1. The cleansing power in the blood of Christ -Ep 1:7; Co 1:14
 - a. Paul was cleansed and made new -Ac 22:16; 1Ti 1:12-17
 - b. Paul taught on this matter -2Co 5:17
 - c. The Hebrew writer also taught on the matter -He 10:4, 10
2. The sowing the seed of the kingdom -Mk 4:26-29
 - a. Man plants, waters, and fertilizes the seed, but God makes it grow.
 - b. This is equally true in the spiritual application -1Co 3:6, 7

II. THE UNDERSTANDING OF OTHERS

A. THE UNDERSTANDING OF OTHERS CAN BECOME A HINDRANCE

1. E.g. David -1Sa 17:33-37
 - a. King Saul spoke to David from a typical human understanding.
 - b. David remembered what God had already accomplished through him.
 - c. David did not allow Saul's perspective to be a hindrance to God's purpose!
2. E.g. Death of the man of God -1Ki 13:15-19
 - a. The man of God knew the word of the Lord.
 - b. Instead of holding fast to it, he compromised it on the bases of another's presumed credentials.
 - c. The man of God was killed by a lion soon after his disobedience unto God.

B. WE MUST NOT LEAN TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF OTHERS

1. Matters of salvation
 - a. Some claim salvation comes before baptism.
 - b. Jesus stated otherwise -Mk 16:16
 - c. The disciples of Jesus taught otherwise -Ac 2:38, 8:38,
2. Matters of worship
 - a. Many believe that God either accepts instrumental music in worship or is indifferent about it.
 - b. Paul taught the melody is made in our hearts to the Lord -Ep 5:19, Co 3:16
 - c. We offer up the fruit of our lips -He 13:15

Conclusion:

1. Any time there is a variant between what God says and what man believes, always give heed to God!
2. God is the One that will direct our paths when we trust in Him. His paths lead home!