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Bible Study..... 9:30 A..M.
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GOSPEL MEETING

**SPEAKER:
GEORGE BAILEY**

**June 16-17:
7:00 P.M.**

June 18: 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

**6:00 PM MSOP Graduation
Brother Bailey will deliver
the Commencement Address.**

George Bailey is one of the most highly regarded evangelists of the past 60 years. Untold thousands have heard and obeyed the gospel through his preaching. His warm and resonant voice always causes his audience to sit in rapt attention. Brother Bailey loves the Bible, which is evident when you hear his scripture-saturated sermons. A genuine Christian gentleman, all those who know brother Bailey are better for it. Please join us for this series of messages. You will be blessed!

A RESPECT FOR THE AUTHORITY OF THE HIGHER POWERS THAT BE

George Bailey

Civil government was ordained of God. There is a *need* for higher powers; there must be a *recognition* of the authority of higher powers; and there must be a *submission* to those powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation” (Rom. 13:1, 2).

In that same chapter, Paul later said, “Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake” (Rom. 13:5). Peter adds this word: “Submit to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake” whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors....For so is the will of God” (1 Pet. 2:13-15). “Honor the king” (1 Pet. 2:17).

To the young preacher, Titus, these words were given: “Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work” (Tit. 3:1). We are asked to pray for “kings, and for all that are in authority; that we many lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour” (1 Tim. 2:2,3).

Respect for governmental authority is the “will of God” (1 Pet. 2:15), and is “good and acceptable in the sight of God” (1 Tim. 2:3). How do you measure up in this respect? Do you come to a complete stop at a stop sign? What about your speed on the highway? Do you feel that you don’t have to pay any attention to these laws of the land, provided there is no policeman around? Is it a matter of “what you can get by with”?

If *one* has a right to disregard the laws of the land, *everybody else* has that same right. Suppose nobody paid any attention to these higher powers, then what? *When one fails to respect the laws of the land, he fails to respect the authority of God!*

A RESPECT FOR THE AUTHORITY OF YOUR MASTERS

“Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief...” (1 Pet.

2:18,19).

“Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as unto Christ; not with eye-service, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free” (Eph. 6:5-8).

Our labor problems would be solved today, as well as problems dealing with capital, if only the Lord’s teachings were respected. I fear that we are rearing a generation which, if people do not get the salaries, etc., they want, they believe they can DEMAND such! Use force and power, and MAKE the master do what is desired! This seems to be the popular attitude today, but does this really coincide with our Lord’s teachings?

As a servant—or employee—you have an obligation from heaven to respect the position and authority of your master, or employer. It is “with fear and trembling,” or “with all fear,” that you must submit to such authority. Even if you have a master that is rough, hard to please, or not easy to work under, still you must give him the respect he and his position deserve. “Not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward,” said the Lord.

In submitting to this authority, you should do so, “as unto the Lord.” Paul adds the comment, “And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not to men” (Col. 3:23). It is “of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance,” regardless of the mistreatment of your master (Col. 3:24). *When one fails to respect the authority of the employer, he fails to respect the authority of God!*

Masters also have authority which they must respect. Employers are under obligation to run their businesses in a Christian manner and treat their employees fairly; “forbearing threatening; knowing that your Master also is in heaven, neither is there respect of persons with him” (Eph. 6:9). Masters on earth must respect the authority of their Master in heaven!

(From *Great Preachers of Today Sermons of George W. Bailey*, 1961.)

HIDING IN THE ROCKS (part 4)

Matthew Martin

EDOM WAS HIDING IN THE ROCKS OF PHYSICAL MIGHT.

And thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter (Oba. 9).

Oh, the arrogance of Edom continues. So filled with pride, they believed they were invincible. They thought they could out-hide God (v6), they thought they could out-smart God (v8), and, as Obadiah points out in verse 9, they thought they could out-muscle God. Obadiah tells God's people: don't worry.

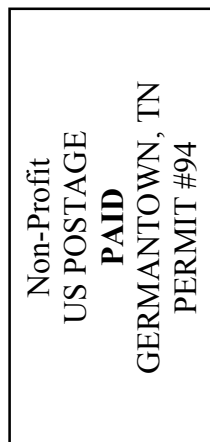
Any one that thinks they can out-muscle God; push God around; withstand God's wrath, is bound to fall fast and hard.

What about those today that would make such a claim, though not with their words, but with their actions? Consider the person who eats just the right things, goes to the gym every day, has the perfect physique, hasn't gotten so much as a cold in years, but he has one fundamental flaw: He does not think he needs God.

How arrogant is this person, to think everything in his life is perfect, and can't get any better. He is so confined to his strict regiment, he does not see God as a worthy use of his time. After all, he is physically fit, and in the best shape of his life. *What's the worst that can happen?*

The flaw in that man's thinking is this: He will eventually die. It is just as certain with him than with a person who hasn't lifted a weight or even stepped foot into a fitness center. And on the day when Christ returns, the condition of your abs will be pointless compared to the condition of your soul.

Edom tried to hide from God in the rocks, but God can get through a rock. The rocks of physical might, like the rocks of pride, secrecy and mental arrogance, in which Edom hid broke at God's command. Likewise, will the rocks of physical might, today, break at the sighting of Christ when He returns (2 Thess. 1:7).



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