

# The Bible - Our Only Authority

## MISTAKEN AUTHORITY

1. HUMAN REASON ALONE . . . Prov. 14:12
2. VOICE OF THE PEOPLE . . . Matt, 7:13-14
3. AUTHORITY OF PARENTS . . . Matthew 10:37-38
4. FEELINGS . . . Examples: Isaac & Jacob
5. PERSONAL DESIRE . . . Judges 17:6
6. HUMANS TRADITION . . . Matthew 15:1-9
7. HUMANS LEADERSHIP . . . Matthew 17:5

## WHY SUBJECT IS IMPORTANT

1. **DEALS WITH OUR SOULS** . . . Matthew 16:26  
The soul's needs demand the acceptance of proper authority
2. **DETERMINES RIGHT FROM WRONG** . . . Isaiah 5:20  
An easy matter to know right from wrong if the proper authority is accepted
3. **MAN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HE ACCEPTS AUTHORITY** . . . Matthew 15:14; Jeremiah 6:16  
1 Kings 13:1-34

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**"YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET, AND A LIGHT TO MY PATH."** Psalm 119:105

"This book contains the **MIND OF GOD**, the **STATE OF MAN**, the **WAY OF SALVATION**, the **DOOM OF SINNERS**. It's **DOCTRINES ARE HOLY**, it's **PRECEPTS ARE BINDING**, it's **HISTORIES ARE TRUE**, and it's **DECISIONS ARE IMMUTABLE**. **READ IT TO BE WISE**, **BELIEVE IT TO BE SAFE**, and **PRACTICE IT TO BE HOLY**. It **CONTAINS LIGHT TO DIRECT YOU**, **FOOD TO SUPPORT YOU** and **COMFORT TO CHEER YOU**. It is the **TRAVELER'S MAP**, the **PILGRIM'S STAFF**, the **PILOT'S COMPASS**, the **SOLDIER'S SWORD** and the **CHRISTIAN'S CHARTER**. Here **PARADISE IS RESTORED**, **HEAVEN OPENED**, and the **GATES OF HELL DISCLOSED**. **CHRIST** is its **GRAND OBJECT**, our **GOOD**, its **DESIGN** and the **GLORY OF GOD** its end. It should **FILL THE MEMORY**, **RULE THE HEART**, **GUIDE THE FEET**. Read it slowly, **FREQUENTLY**, and **PRAYERFULLY**. It is a **MINE OF WEALTH**, a **PARADISE OF GLORY** and a river of pleasure. It is **GIVEN YOU IN LIFE**, **WILL BE OPENED AT THE JUDGMENT** and will be **REMEMBERED FOREVER**. It involves the **GREATEST RESPONSIBILITY**, **REWARDS THE GREATEST LABOR** and **CONDEMNS ALL WHO TRIFLE WITH ITS HOLY COMMANDMENT**.

**"ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD"**

2 Timothy 3:16