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Rebellion is as the sin of
witchcraft, and stubbornness is
as iniquity and idolatry,...

I Samuel 15:23

Let's first look at what a few words mean. **Rebellion** is a big word that means not obeying in the right way. **Witchcraft** is worshipping the devil. **Stubbornness** is not changing the way we think even if we are wrong. **Iniquity** is a type of sin. **Idolatry** is worshipping idols.

You rebel when you do not obey your parents, teachers, police and anyone else in authority. Rebellion is usually doing what we want to do and not what authority wants us to do. The second word is witchcraft which means anything that has to do with worshipping the devil. God said in the Bible that rebellion and stubbornness is like the sin of worshipping the devil and idols. The devil is evil so God is saying that rebellion is evil and being stubborn is evil, also.

Why does God hate rebellion?

1. Because God set up the authority. *Romans 13:1, "Let every soul be s _____ unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."*

a. Here is a list of authority God has set up:

- **His Word**, the Bible is the highest authority above the government. *Matthew 4:4, "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the m _____ of G _____."*



- **Kings & rulers** - *Nehemiah 9:37, "...unto the k _____ whom thou hast set over us..."*

- **Apostles or missionaries** around the world - *Ephesians 4:11*

- **Prophets or preachers** - *Ephesians 4:11*

- **P _____** of churches - *Ephesians 4:11*

- **T _____** - *Ephesians 4:11*

- **Parents** - *Ephesians 6:1, "Children, o _____ your parents in the Lord: for this is right."*



- **Higher powers** that are set up by the government to punish evil (Police, Judges, Laws and Congress ...) - *Romans 13:1-7*



b. Authority is subject to God. *Hebrews 13:17, "...: for they watch for your s _____, as they that must give account, that they may do it with."* Those in authority will give as account to God for what they have done.

2. Because God commanded us to obey authority. *Hebrews 13:17, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: ..."*



What happens when we do obey authority?

- Authority protects us. *Hebrews 13:17, "...for they will do this for your souls,..."*

- Authority is there to help us, not hurt us. *Romans 13:3*

Some people in the Bible obeyed authority and God blessed them:

Jesus paid taxes to the Roman government.

Joseph obeyed Potiphar his master in Egypt.

Abraham obeyed God and moved to Canaan.

What happens when we do not obey authority?

- It makes God angry or vengeful. *- Isaiah 63:10*

- We destroy ourselves. God says to "warn them that are unruly."

Some people in the Bible rebelled and were destroyed.

Pharaoh - *Exodus 5:1-2*

Korah - *Numbers 16:8-11& 31-34*

Saul - *I Samuel 15:1-15,23*

Zereshbabbah - *II Chronicles 36:11-17*

Achan - *Joshua 7:10-26*



How do we obey authority?

- with a humble heart, accepting those over us - *Isaiah 57:15*

- keep ourselves close (near) to God - *Psalm 34:18*

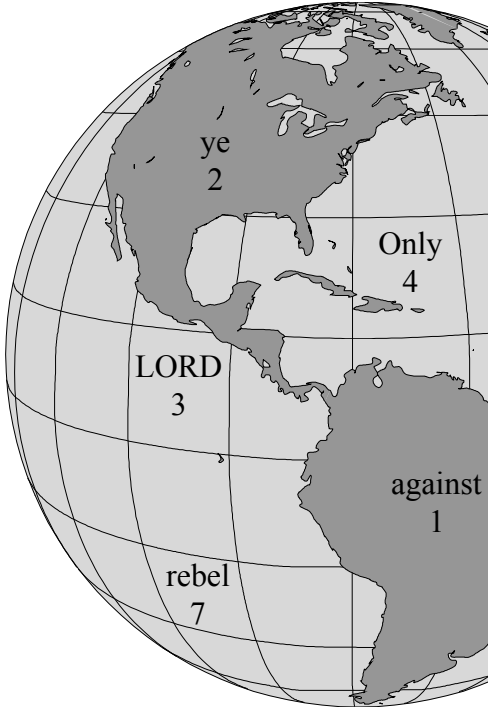
- do not hang around rebellious people - *Psalm 1:1, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful."*

Learn to obey God and the authority He has set up. Learn not to rebel against God and authority.



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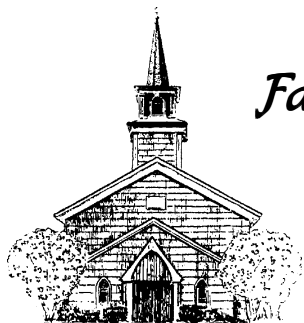
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