

Things to consider from Sunday's message for meditation, conversation and fellowship:

1. God is an authority Who: exercises authority, shares authority, gives authority away (establishes authorities) and also submits to authority.
 - A. How does this shape and influence your view of God – the Almighty?
 - B. How does this reality make God different from all other gods?
 - C. How does His Authority and His submission to authority increase His beauty?
 - a. Is God's authority a beautiful thing?
 - b. Is God's submission a beautiful thing?
 - c. Would His beauty be diminished if He weren't one or the other?
2. All authority comes from God (Rom. 13:1).
 - A. What authority has God given to you? What positions of authority do you have?
 - B. What authority are you submissive to?
 - C. What do you learn from God's authority, and His submission to authority, that applies to you in this regard?
3. Not only did Jesus submit to His Father's authority – but He also submitted to imperfect authorities here on earth (He submitted Himself to His earthly parents, paid taxes, even submitted to an unjust death penalty).
 - A. How does Jesus' example of submission to imperfect authorities influence your submission to imperfect authorities?
 - B. Is God able to use wicked men who abuse their authority to advance His cause and build His church?
4. How does acknowledging God's authority make you humble, submissive, and secure?

Our gospel is ***the good news of the glory of the happy God!*** Our Triune God is beautiful.