

VERSES ON RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY

Exodus 22:28 28 You shall not revile God nor curse a ruler of your people.

Leviticus 19:32 32 You shall stand up before the gray head and honour the face of an old man, and you shall fear your God: I am Yahweh.

Leviticus 20:9 9 Anyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother. His blood is upon him.

Numbers 16:3-7 3 [Korah and all his company] assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron and said to them, You have gone too far! For all in the congregation are holy, every one of them, and Yahweh is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of Yahweh? 4 When Moses heard it, he fell on his face. 5 And he said to Korah and all his company, In the morning Yahweh will show who is his and who is holy, and will bring him near to him. The one whom he chooses he will bring near to him. 6 Do this: take censers, Korah and all his company. 7 Put fire in them and put incense on them before Yahweh tomorrow, and the man whom Yahweh chooses shall be the holy one. You have gone too far, sons of Levi!

Deuteronomy 21:18-21 18 If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and, though they discipline him, will not listen to them, 19 then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gate of the place where he lives, 20 and they shall say to the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious. He will not obey our voice. He is a glutton and a drunkard. 21 Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones. So you shall purge the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear and fear.

Isaiah 3:1-5 4 I [Yahweh] will make boys their princes, and infants shall rule over them [Judah]. 5 And the people will oppress one another, every one his fellow and every one his neighbour. The youth will be insolent to the elder, and the despised to the honourable.

Luke 20:25 25 [Jesus] said to [the Jewish leaders], Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

Romans 13:6-7 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. 7 Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Hebrews 13:7 7 Remember your leaders (ἡγέομαι), those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

Hebrews 13:17 17 Obey your leaders (ἡγέομαι) and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 12 We ask you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, are over (προϊστημι) you in the Lord, and admonish you, 13 and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work.

1 Peter 2:13-19 13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution (κτίσις),¹ whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. 15 For this is the desire of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. 16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as bondservants (δοῦλος) of God. 17 Honour everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the emperor. 18 Bondservants (δοῦλος), be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. 19 For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly.

2 Peter 2:9-10 9 The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, 10 and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise (καταφρονέω) authority (κυριότης). Bold and wilful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones....

¹ “[S]ystem of established authority that is the result of some founding action, *governance system, authority system*” (BDAG, 573).