

# Our Great Need For Biblical Authority

## Introduction:

- A. *Authority* – legal or rightful power; a right to command or to act; dominion; jurisdiction.
- B. So many of the church's problems come from errors relating to Scriptural authority.
- C. "No big deal" – three words whose destructive power are beyond comprehension.

## I. Our Expectation For Standards Of Authority In Everyday Aspects Of Life

## II. The Only Two Sources Of Religious Authority (*Matthew 21:23-27*)

## III. The Ancient And Modern Need For Divine Authority In Religious Practice

- A. *Jeremiah 10:23*
- B. *Genesis 4* – Cain and Abel
- C. *Leviticus 10:1-2* – Nadab and Abihu
- D. New Testament warnings and admonitions
  - 1. *Matthew 7:21-23*
  - 2. *1 John 3:4*
  - 3. *Matthew 13:40-42*
  - 4. *1 Corinthians 1:10*
  - 5. *Philippians 3:16*

## IV. God's Defining Of A Pattern For Mankind To Follow

- A. *Exodus 25:40*
- B. *2 Timothy 1:13*
- C. *1 Peter 4:11*
- D. *Colossians 3:17*
- E. *1 Thessalonians 5:21*
- F. *Ephesians 5:10*
- G. *Jude 3*

## Conclusion:

- A. Our choice – law or lawlessness?
- B. *John 12:48*
- C. *Genesis 4:7*