



[ 16 : 28 ] And hence in chapter 9 verses 7 and 9 Solomon tells us Go, eat your food with gladness And drink your wine with a joyful heart For God has already approved what you do Always be clothed in white And always anoint your head with oil Enjoy life with your wife whom you love All the days of this meaningless life That God has given to you under the sun All your meaningless days For this is your lot in life And in your tourism labor under the sun

Although authority seems meaningless We cannot live without it And hence we must fear it

And hence Solomon teaches us Do not deliberately seek power But do not go against authority either

Because people themselves cannot solve the problem That is authority

And this is one of the reasons why Solomon believes that authority is meaningless

Solomon

And although I don't think What Solomon thought was wrong It is very pessimistic

However the more important thing today Is to see how Christ Jesus Christ himself viewed authority

Solomon had analyzed this concept of authority But could not come up with a solution And hence just accepted the reality And continued on living

Solomon

However the way that Christ viewed this Was very different It was a lot

It was in a much more positive light

Christ was once faced with a particular situation Where the Pharisees who were trying to attack him Gave him a difficult question

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In Matthew 22 The Pharisees asked Christ As a Jew Should they or should they not be paying taxes to Caesar

Behind this question Lay the issue of how to deal with authority

Jewish people by religion are ruled by God And they were heavily opposed to Roman rule And authority

However in those days The country was conquered by the Romans And hence the Romans did have the authority To govern them physically

And hence the Jewish people in those days Ware very conflicted about this issue of authority

And in this situation If Christ tells them not to pay Then the Romans would definitely take actions Against the Jews to reclaim those taxes

However if Christ says to pay the taxes Then many a Jew would lose the Jewish faith Due to their submission to a different authority

So how does Christ deal with this difficult situation

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So in Matthew 22 20-22 Christ replies to the Pharisees With the following And he asked them Whose image is this And whose inscription And Caesar's They replied Then he said to them So give back to Caesar What is Caesar's And to God What is God's When they heard this They were amazed And left him And went away

Christ did not belittle The value of the authority of worldly leaders

Regardless of whether or not they know themselves The power of all worldly leaders ultimately was granted to them from Christ from God

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