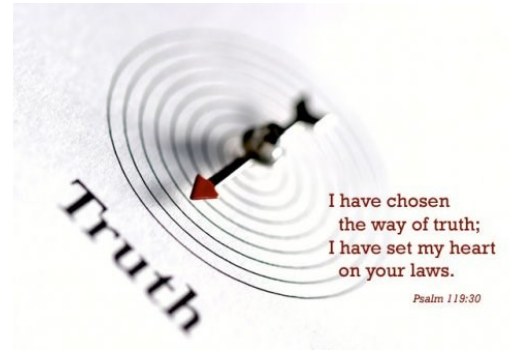


Psalms 119 & the Hebrew Aleph Bet - Part 20



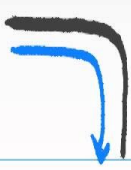


Resh


The twentieth letter of the Hebrew alphabet is called “Resh” (pronounced “raysh”) and has the sound of “r” as in “rain”. It appears in the following three forms:

		
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Writing the Letter: Resh

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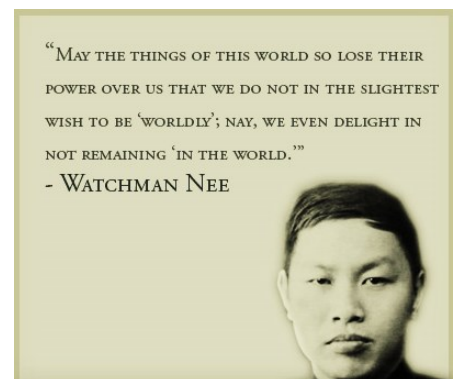



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“Nothing in a person’s life is closer to the Spirit than his mind.” – Watchman Nee

It is human nature (fallen) to follow our own desires, whenever our wills come in conflict with *Yahweh’s* Will. We say that *Yahweh* is God – Ruler of all – yet we often fail to consult His Will on important decisions, feeling rather that it’s “my life”.

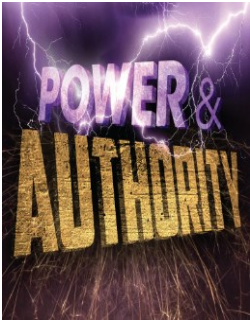
Watchman Nee, or *Ni Tuoseng*, was a church leader and Christian teacher who worked in China during the 20th century. In 1922, he initiated church meetings in *Fuzhou* that may be considered the founder of Christianity in Communist China. Watchman Nee wrote, “*we act as if there were two persons in the universe who are omniscient: God and myself.*” (Watchman Nee, *Spiritual Authority*, p 102).



Our greatest hindrance in obeying *Yahweh* is our human reasoning. Although *Yah* invites us to “*Come now and let us reason together*” (Isaiah 1:18), we tend to live our lives according to our own powers of reasoning, missing the blessed life of obedience to His Will in all things. This is the lesson of the letter *Resh*.

Spiritual Meaning of the Resh

Resh = R and 200 and means "HEAD", "CHIEF", "MASTER", "PRINCE", "COMMANDER" and "POVERTY"

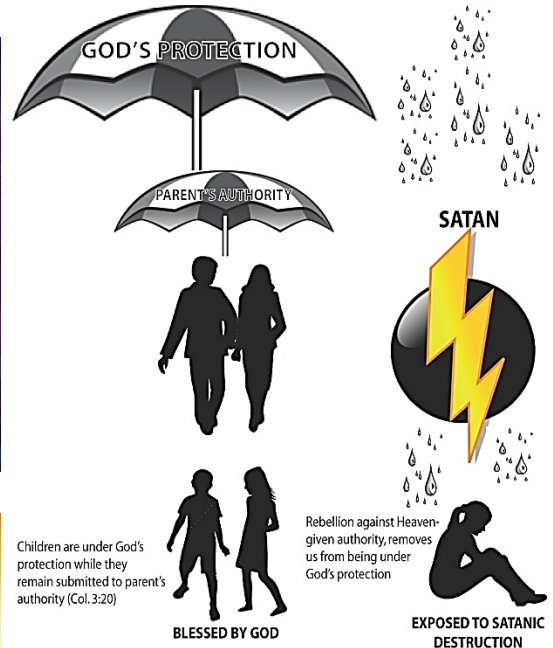


Resh symbolizes the **HEAD** and **HIGHEST** – what is **MOST IMPORTANT** and has the **HIGHEST AUTHORITY** in the life.

“Wherefore God also hath **HIGHLY** exalted Him, and given Him a Name which is above every Name; that at the Name of *Yahshua*, every knee should bow...” Philippians 2:9.

“For the husband is the **HEAD** of the wife, even as Messiah is the **HEAD** of the Church; and He is Savior of the Body,” Ephesians 5:23.

God’s blessing and protection extend over us, when we submit ourselves to His ordained authority structure. No one, in His Kingdom, is an island. All of us are under God-ordained authority. Remaining submitted under our proper authority is key to being submitted to *Yahweh*.



The meanings of *Resh* are all exalted, but one: “Poverty”. Though this last definition may seem contrary to the others, it reminds us that if we allow ourselves to be our own **MASTERS**, we will suffer spiritual poverty.



“Trust in *Yahweh* with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths,” Proverbs 3:5-6.

Hebrew Words Beginning with *Resh*:

Hebrew Word	Pronunciation	Meaning
ראה	<i>raah</i>	advise self, appear, approve, behold, X certainly, consider, discern, (make to) enjoy, have experience
ראה	<i>raeh</i>	see
ראש	<i>rosh</i>	band, beginning, captain, chapter, chief(-est place, man, things), company, end, X every [man], exc
ראשה	<i>roshah</i>	head[-stone]
ראשון	<i>rishown</i>	ancestor, (that were) before(-time), beginning, eldest, first, fore[-father] (-most), former (thing)
ראשית	<i>reshiyth</i>	beginning, chief(-est), first(-fruits, part, time), principal thing

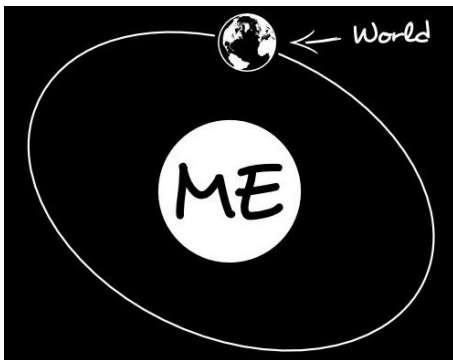
Resh: The Mathematical Center

Resh appears at the end of the Hebrew alphabet, being the 20th of 22 letters. But, mathematically, *Resh* is the center letter. This is because the first letter, *Aleph*, represents the number 1. And the last letter, *Tav*, represents the number 400. *Resh*, with a value of 200 is exactly between 1 and 400.

The Hebrew Alphabet with Values

Aleph א = 1	Yod י = 10	Koph ק = 100
Beth ב = 2	Kaph כ = 20	Resh ר = 200
Gimel ג = 3	Lamed ל = 30	Shin ש = 300
Daleth ד = 4	Mem מ = 40	Tau ת = 400
He ה = 5	Nun נ = 50	
Vau ו = 6	Samech ס = 60	
Zayin ז = 7	Ayin ע = 70	
Cheth ח = 8	Pe פ = 80	
Teth ט = 9	Tsaddi צ = 90	

In order, *Resh* is located between the letters *Koph* (*Qof*) and *Shin*, and appears at the end of the alphabet. Interestingly enough, if you join *Resh* with *Koph* and *Shin* you get the word *sheker*, which means “falsehood” (שקר). Since math is all about logic, this shows us a picture of how our human minds find it “logical” to put our own human reasoning at the center.



If we try to live our lives according to human reasoning and our own wills, we will be prone to deception, because our lives will be revolving around a false center. The tendency to enthrone self and human logic at the core of our being, around which all of our decisions and actions revolve, is very common today. This is not the way *Yahweh* designed us to operate – and attempting to live in this way leads to emptiness and an inability to ever achieve our full potential and Calling in *Yah*. It is the opposite of what *Yahweh* instructs us to do in His Word:

Trust in Yahweh with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear Yahweh, and depart from evil,” Proverbs 3:5-7.

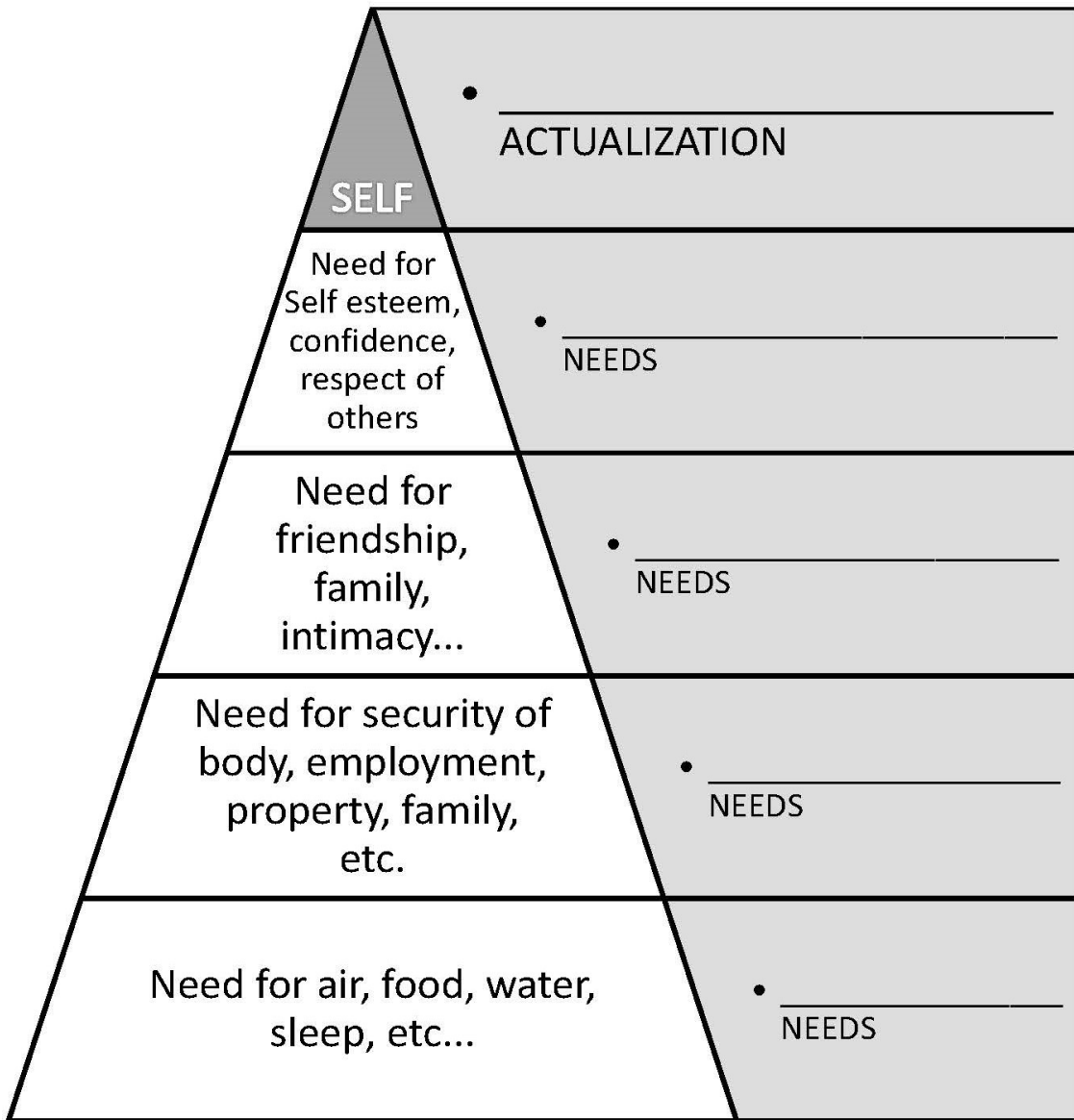
Notice that it does not say that we should never use our understanding; it says only that we should not “lean” upon it. Our human reasoning is like a paper wall, if we lean upon it, we will fall through. The purpose of our God-given power of reason is to enable us to appreciate what He has done, rather than try to determine what He is going to do. This is why *Resh* appears at the end of the alphabet. Reasoning makes a wonderful caboose, but is a poor locomotive. *Resh* follows *Tzaddi* (righteousness) and *Qof* (holiness) – so we must pray to have our reasoning led by righteousness and holiness and not the other way around. For human reasoning can never LEAD us to righteousness and holiness. Only when it follows the other two concepts, will our reasoning ability be used as a blessing.

Resh: Shows Submission to Yahweh’s Headship – and Suffering

If a person receives every “needful thing” in Abraham Maslow’s Pyramid of Human Needs, he or she will be fully “self-actualized”. Yahweh refines His people by challenging and denying our “needs” on this Pyramid. This process involves suffering. It is only when we submit to this suffering experience in the fear of God that self will be completely dethroned and *Yahweh* will fully reign in our souls.

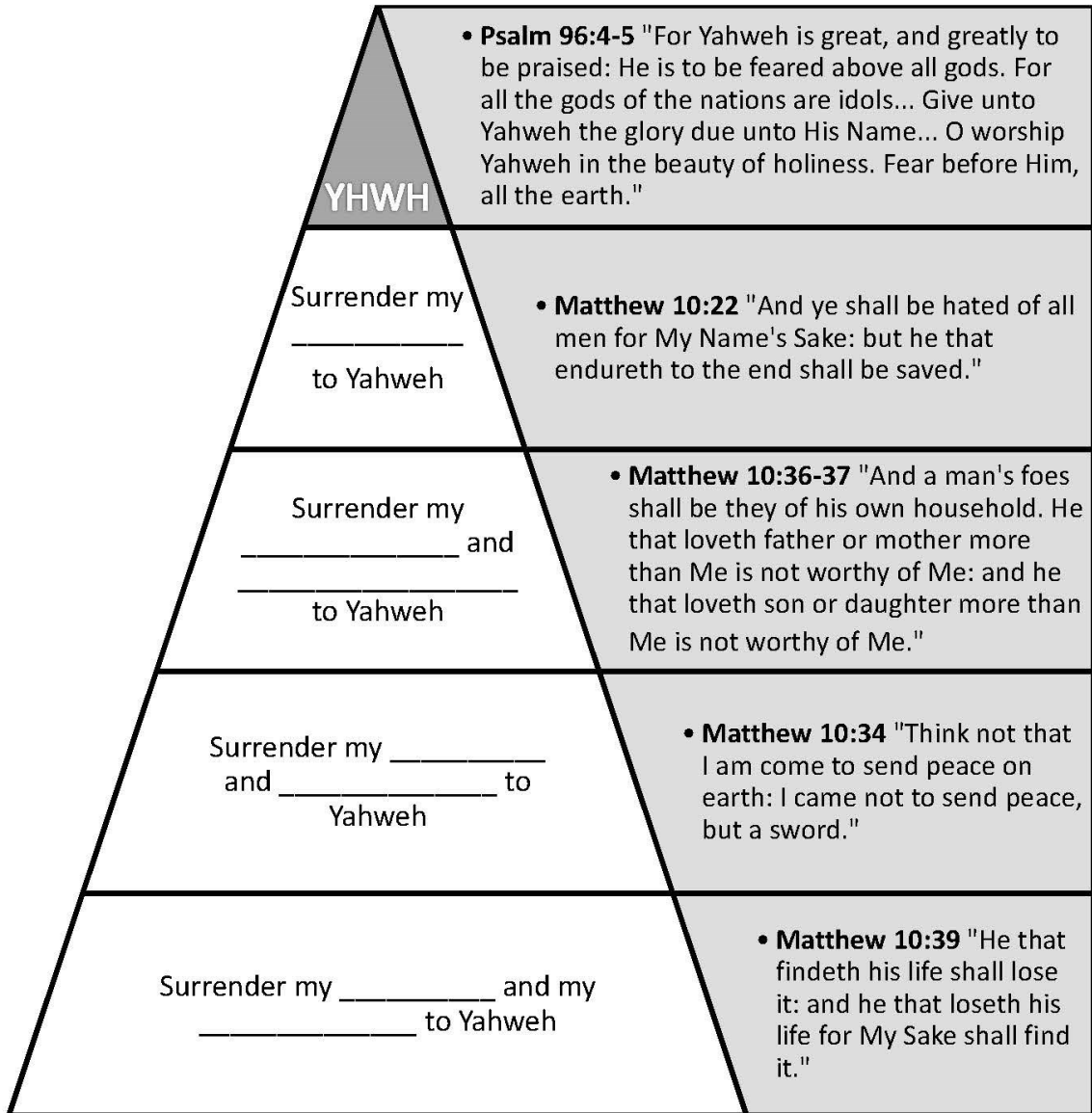
How Self is Fully Enthroned in the Soul

Human psychology teaches that the only way for a person to reach their full potential, is for them to successfully attain every level in Maslow’s Pyramid of “basic needs.” Only when a person consistently has every needful thing on this pyramid, will they be fully “mature.” Actually, if a person is successful in attaining every part of the pyramid, _____ will be fully enthroned in the soul!



KEYS TO LIVING LIKE YOU'VE BEEN SAVED

How our Loving Father Dethrones Self



What Process Does Yahweh Use to Perfect our Surrender?

He lovingly and wisely brings us into circumstances of _____

"Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction," Isaiah 48:10.

Resh: The Blessings of Submission Under Yah's Authority

Yahweh's Protection is a gift which He longs to give to each of His children. The Bible reveals the key to having His guidance and protection, continually. Submission under Heavenly Authority is the surprising key to receiving *Yahweh's* Protection. This is the lesson and message of the letter *Resh*. "Let every man be subject unto the higher powers, For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God," (Romans 13:1).

The Bible symbol of the "wings of an eagle" teaches us about protection under God's authority in our lives. The "eagle's wings" is a Hebrew idiom which appears twenty times in Scripture. Although generally associated with God's protection of His people, there is more. We sing, "Under His wings I am safely abiding," without realizing that the promise implies the responsibility of submission. In Psalms 91 we find this symbolism used to express the promise for our abiding: "He who dwells...shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." We must choose to come under the protection and authority of the Eagle, a metaphor for our Heavenly Father who protects and shelters His own.

- "His feathers," – is from the same root as the Hebrew Name of God, meaning "The Almighty."
- "Under" – refers to submission to Authority
- "His wings" – were seen above the Ark of the Covenant, as cherubim, and representing protection to those who obey the instruction within and submit under His Authority.

Thus, it is those who submit to the authority of the Almighty who are protected "under His wings." Under the sheltering Presence of God, we will mount up on high, according to Isaiah 40:31.

Satan is well aware of this protection given to those who love and obey *God*, as shown in [Job 1:9,10](#): *Doth Job fear God for naught? Hast not Thou made an hedge and all about him... and all that he hath, on every side?"*

Many metaphors are used in Scripture to describe God's authority and protection, but none more often than the symbol of being "under eagle's wings." Under His authority (wing), we will not trust the arm of flesh, but will abide in the "shadow of the Almighty." When facing temptations and trials, we will find our refuge "under His wings," as we submit to His authority in our lives. When we are perplexed, He will carry us through the clouds to the place where we can see more clearly His purpose for us. By remaining close to Him for comfort, guidance, and protection, we abide "in the shadow of the Almighty." We are in submission to His authority.

One key part of remaining submitted under *Yahweh's* Authority is remaining submitted to the human authorities in our lives. This is because *Yahweh* has ordained a command structure over each of us, involving other people. In the Beginning, God created mankind in His image and told our first parents to have dominion over the earth. This was the first time God delegated authority to man, as it says in Genesis 1:27-28.

*"So God created man in His own image... male and female created He them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and **have dominion... over every living thing that moveth upon the earth,**"* Genesis 1:27-28.

God also established a "chain of command" in human authority under Him; which He expects His children to respect, obey, and submit under. There is a Heaven-ordained authority structure in the home, the Body of Christ, and in society. For example, in the home, both parents have authority to instruct and command the children under God. (Ephesians 6:1). But, God has ordained that the husband be the highest human authority, as the Bible says in Ephesians 5:22-23:

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and He is the Saviour of the body."

All humans, in positions of authority are only able to hold this post because it is allowed by God. Submission to the human authorities in our lives is submission to God. And we cannot abide under Heaven's protective Wings unless we remain under the authority structure God established.

“Let **every soul** be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation... Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake,” Romans 13:1-5.

Submission under godly authority is a living demonstration of faith. The connection between submission under the Heaven-appointed “chain of command” and living faith is revealed in the Bible story of the Centurion with the sick servant (Matthew 8:5-13).

The centurion beseeched the Saviour to heal his sick servant, yet said he was unworthy for *Yahshua* to come to his home to do it. He then explained the human chain-of-command and revealed his own understanding of submission under the authority. Within this framework of understanding, the centurion asked Christ to simply say the Word, and his servant would be healed. This Roman

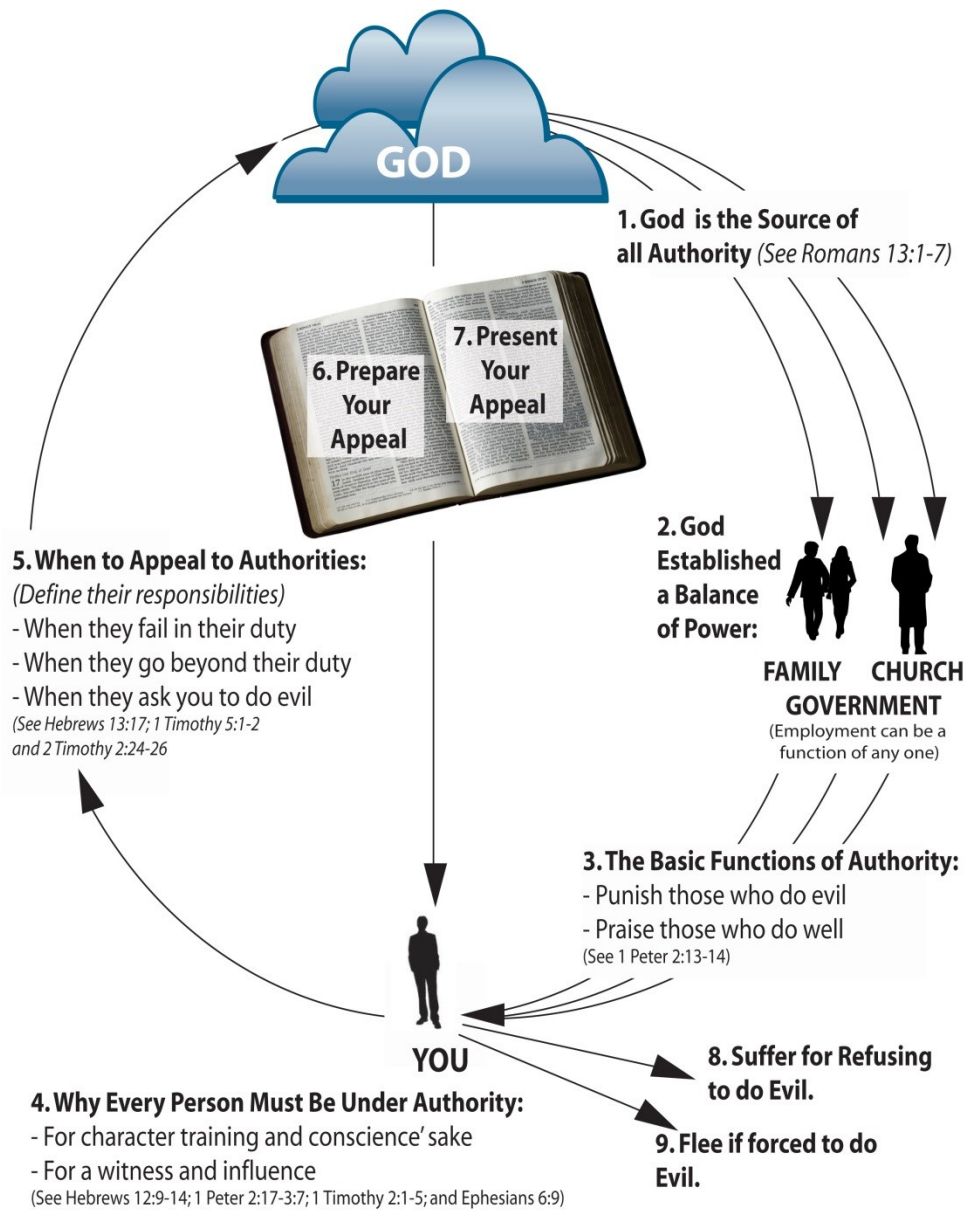
Centurion understood that God exercises His power and protection, through a chain of command, just as did the government of Rome. *Yahshua* was amazed at the man’s comprehension of godly authority. He said this understanding of Heaven’s chain-of-command demonstrated great faith.

“When *Yahshua* heard it, He marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel,” Matthew 8:10.

Submission under godly authority is a choice. The one who submits must choose to do so (Joshua 24:15). The word “submission” is important to understand. In 1 Peter 2:13, the Greek, the word “submit” is:

ὑποτάσσω (*hoop-ot-as'-so*)

It is used in the middle voice, which indicates that the one doing the submitting participates both in the action (submission) and in the results of the action (obedience). Submission also carries the military connotation of “lining up under.” This concept can be seen in our military today. Our involvement in the military is voluntary, but once we choose to enlist, or “line up under” that authority, there are binding obligations upon us, and we must obey.



By choosing to line up under Heaven-ordained authority it shows that we understand several important, Biblical principles:

- GOD is the supreme Ruler over all, 1 Timothy 6:15.
- GOD ordained all human authority, Romans 13:1.
- GOD is the One who establishes those in authority over us and influences their decisions, Proverbs 21:1.
- GOD doesn't force us to get under His Authority or the authority of those He establishes for us during our lifetime, Joshua 24:15.
- GOD uses these powers and authorities to work His ultimate will.

Because God is in control over our lives, so long as we remain submitted under His chain of authority, these authorities will be used of God to accomplish His good purpose our lives. Romans 8:28 tells us, *“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.”*

Here are a few of the many benefits:

- Things will go well for you, Ephesians 6:2-3
- You will have a long life, Ephesians 6:1-3
- Discernment will be gained, Proverbs 15:5.
- You will be given clear direction, Proverbs 6:20-22.
- You will be protected from evil people, Proverbs 6:23-24.
- You will obtain a good report, Heb. 13:17.
- You will avoid fear of condemnation, Romans 13:5.
- The Lord will be pleased with you, Col. 3:20.
- You will not blaspheme God or His Word, 1 Timothy 6:1.
- You will receive the reward of God's inheritance, Col 3:23-24

It is only when we live in submission to *Yahweh's* Supreme Headship, the message of the letter *Resh*, that we have the full ability to cry out to *Yahweh* for His Protection and Deliverance.

Psalms 119:153-160 Shows the Resh: In Psalms 119:153-160, we find the *Resh* section. In this part of Psalms 119, we see what it means to be submitted under *Yahweh's* Authority - thereby receiving His Protection - rather than becoming our own masters:

	ר	20 RESH
רִאֲהֵעֲנִי וְחַלְצֵנִי כִּי־תוֹרַתְךָ לֹא־שָׁכַחְתִּי:	153	Consider my affliction, and deliver me, for I don't forget your law.
TORAH		
רִיבָה רִיבֵי וְגַאֲלֵנִי לִאֲמֹרְתְךָ חֲנִי:	154	Plead my cause, and redeem me! Revive me according to your promise.
IMRAH		
רְחוֹק מִן־שֹׁעִים יִשְׁעָה כִּי־תִקְרֶה לֹא־דָרְשׁוּ:	155	Salvation is far from the wicked, for they don't seek your statutes.
CHOQ		
רַחֲמֶיךָ רַבִּים יְהוָה כְּמִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ חֲנִי:	156	Great are your tender mercies, Yahweh. Revive me according to your ordinances.
MISHPAT YHWH		
רַבִּים רִדְפֵי וְצָרִי מִעֲדוּתֶיךָ לֹא־נָטִיתִי:	157	Many are my persecutors and my adversaries. I haven't swerved from your testimonies.
EDUWTH		
רְאִיתִי בְגֵדִים וְאֶתְקוֹטְטָה אֲשֶׁר אֲמַרְתָּ לֹא־שָׁמְרוּ:	158	I look at the faithless with loathing, because they don't observe your word.
IMRAH		
רְאֵה כִּי־יִפְקֹדֶיךָ אֶהְבֵּתִי יְהוָה כַּחֲסֵדְךָ חֲנִי:	159	Consider how I love your precepts. Revive me, Yahweh, according to your loving kindness.
YHWH PIQQUWD		
רַאשְׁדְּבָרֶיךָ אֱמֶת וְלֵעוֹלָם כָּל־מִשְׁפָּט צְדָקָה:	160	All of your words are truth. Every one of your righteous ordinances endures forever.
MISHPAT DABAR		

Keyword Study: Psalms 119:153-154 (words starting with *Resh* are highlighted)

“RESH. **Consider** mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget Thy Law. **Plead** my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to Thy Word.”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
Consider			
Mine affliction			
Deliver me			
Plead			
Deliver me			
Quicken me			

Rewrite these 2 verses using the fuller meaning you found in your Keyword study above:

Cross References:

Keyword Study: Psalms 119:155-156 (words starting with *Resh* are highlighted)

“**Salvation** is far from the **wicked**: for **they seek** not **Thy Statutes**. **Great** are Thy **tender mercies**, O LORD: quicken me according to Thy Judgments.”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
Salvation			
Wicked			
They seek			
Thy Statutes			
Great			
Tender mercies			

Rewrite these 2 verses using the fuller meaning you found in your Keyword study above:

Cross References:

Keyword Study: Psalms 119:157-158 (words starting with *Resh* are highlighted)

“**Many** are **my persecutors** and **mine enemies**; yet do I not **decline** from Thy Testimonies. **I beheld the transgressors**, and was grieved; because they kept not Thy Word.”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
Many			
My persecutors			
Mine enemies			
Decline			
The transgressors			

Rewrite these 2 verses using the fuller meaning you found in your Keyword study above:

Cross References:

Keyword Study: Psalms 119:159-160 (words starting with *Resh* are highlighted)

“**Consider** how I love Thy Precepts: **quicken me**, O LORD, according to Thy Lovingkindness. Thy Word **is true from the beginning**: and every one of Thy righteous Judgments endureth **for ever**.”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
Consider			
Quicken me			
Is True			
From the beginning			
For ever			

Rewrite these 2 verses using the fuller meaning you found in your Keyword study above:

Cross References:

