

Genesis 1:16-17

Respect Your (given) Authority

Rule - *memšâlâ* - a realm or ruler, dominion, government, power, to rule, authority

- Romans 13:1 “appointed” (ESV) = assign, ordain, or determine
- Colossians 1:16 - Jesus is the source of...
 - “Thrones” = kings or kingly power
 - “Dominions” = power or lordship
 - “Principalities” = Beginning, origin, that by which anything begins to be, the first Place
 - “Power” = ability, privilege, capacity

Giving of Authority

- John 19:10-11 - No person can generate any “power”, it is God who gives it
- Ephesians 6:12 - Spiritual Authority or powers. Ex. John 14:30 & Ephesians 2:2, Matthew 4:1-11,

God Authorized - He GAVE the Sun and Moon and Stars authority to perform their task

- Ex. 1. Fixed laws. Gravity. Speed of light. Weight of water. Motion in the heavens as seen in days and seasons.
- Ex. 2. Spiritual gifts - 1 Cor. 12:4-7
- Ex. 3. Truth -
 - Jesus as the only savior - John 14:6
 - The Word as THE truth - John 17:17
 - The Holy Spirit as a guarantee of our inheritance - Ephesians 1:13-14

Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary

1:14-19 In the fourth day's work, the creation of the sun, moon, and stars is accounted for. All these are the works of God. The stars are spoken of as they appear to our eyes, without telling their number, nature, place, size, or motions; for the Scriptures were written, not to gratify curiosity, or make us astronomers, but to lead us to God, and make us saints. The lights of heaven are made to serve him; they do it faithfully, and shine in their season without fail. We are set as lights in this world to serve God; but do we in like manner answer the end of our creation? We do not: our light does not shine before God, as his lights shine before us. We burn our Master's candles, but do not mind our Master's work.

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Who is God in this passage? Relationships / Attributes / Actions / Commands

Who is Jesus? Role / Actions / Attributes

What about the Gospel? Salvation to the Lost / Sanctification to the believer

Who is Man in this passage?

What does this say to the Church? Universally / Locally / Individually