



Sermon Guide: One Master in Heaven - 05/17/26

Text(s): Colossians 3:22-4:1

Big Idea: *There is one Master in heaven and his Lordship changes everything*

Summary of the Sermon - In Colossians 3:22–4:1, Paul shows that there is one Master in heaven, and His Lordship changes the way Christians live under authority and exercise authority in a fallen world. Because believers ultimately belong to Jesus, even ordinary work and everyday leadership become opportunities to worship Christ, reflect His character, and serve others faithfully. Through the gospel, Jesus transforms relationships by leveling worldly status and uniting people under His Lordship as brothers and sisters in Christ..

Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you most from Colossians 3:22–4:1 and why?
2. Why do you think Paul repeatedly emphasizes “the Lord” throughout this passage?
3. How does remembering that there is “One Master in heaven” change the way we live under earthly authority?
4. In what ways are people tempted to find identity, status, or worth primarily through work or achievement?
5. What does it practically look like to “work heartily, as for the Lord” in your current season of life?
6. Why is “eye-service” and people-pleasing still such a strong temptation in work, ministry, parenting, and leadership?
7. How does understanding our inheritance in Christ free us from constantly striving for comfort, recognition, or status in this life?
8. What examples have you seen of authority being exercised in Christ-honoring ways? What made those examples different?
9. The sermon said, “Leadership is stewardship under the Lordship of Jesus.” How should that truth shape the way Christians lead others?
10. How does the relationship between Philemon and Onesimus demonstrate the transforming power of the gospel?