

Lecture No. 46

Dated: . **July 28, 2018** .

. **Rule over Who?** .

No. 1.) This Sabbath we want to look at rulership and it's importance, in it's proper place, in our lives.

No. 2.) There is in the heart of man, a desire **to rule**. There is in the heart of man, a desire **to be ruled**. God says, **“be not many masters”** that is found in James 3:1. **Rule yourself first.** 2 Corinthians 7:1
Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

1 Timothy 3:4 **One that ruleth well his own house,**

Rule your own tongue. James 3:2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, **and able also to bridle the whole body.**

No. 3.) I'm going to read some excerpts from James White, as given in the authentic 1880 Life Sketches. James was a great leader that God gave to his church, his life being a wonderful example of leadership for the glory of God. But right here is the great rub for so many. They, like Israel of old, say **“now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.”** 1 Samuel 8:5. There it is, that desire to be ruled.

James White fought against this un-Christian desire to be ruled; and so states it in Life Sketches, page 396, “Some, taking extreme positions upon the subject of leadership, have been ready to acknowledge us as the leader of this people. This position, however, we have never for a moment accepted.”

No. 4.) I have a copy of Early Writings that is over one hundred years old, and in that book it spoke of something called Gospel Order, which I was never able to understand, nor did I ever meet a person that I was inclined to ask if they knew. It was only after coming out of the darkness of the SDA church that I learned the truth, which is found in The Present Truth, No.10, page 80. It says that Gospel Order is New Testament Gospel Order, which is the way Christ setup his church to function, or, more properly, church organization. James White, in the authentic 1880 Life Sketches, page 402, further states, “The reader will find no difficulty in deciding in this case, [whether we assumed the position of an independent leader, or chose one of subordination, to be held and controlled by the views of fellow-laborers.](#)” You will not find this information in the counterfeit version of the book.

Many people put James White down, in various ways, yet this man, like Elijah of old, remained true as steel to Christian principles till he breathed his last, on August 6, 1881, and the last band holding the floodgates of evil was broken. Satan’s agents breathed a sigh of relief, the man was gone, the voice of rebuke silenced forever, but, these, the

agents of Satan in the church, think not that James himself will be shown every evil deed of which they are guilty, and will in that day aid in passing sentence on them.

No. 5.) Some time back now, I had occasion to meet a man in passing, who promptly gave me his title, after giving me his name, while shaking my hand. Now the setting was one of purely, social, in passing meeting, yet this man wanted to make sure I was aware of his great position. I was not impressed. My penalty for not stroking his pride, by expressing near total awe at his position, was to be un-invited to an upcoming holiday.

No. 6.) From Matthew 23:1-12 Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, (2) Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: (3) All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. (4) For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. (5) But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, (6) And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, (7) And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. (8) **But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.** (9) **And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.** (10) **Neither**

be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. (11) But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. (12) And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

James White further states on page 402, of Life Sketches, **“Christ is the only authorized leader of his people.”**

Surely salvation is now of the SDAs, as Christ said when he was here, “salvation is of the Jews.” John 4:22. They *HAVE* the truth, but they know it not, neither do they want to know it.

No. 7.) We have learned that we must first rule our own selves, we must control our own tongue. And all mankind has either a desire to rule, or be ruled, but, these are perverse desires, we must be converted and become as little children, we must follow **Christ, the only authorized leader of his people.** And by so doing, we will avoid the great pitfalls the SDA church finds itself in now.

And that is...

~ The End ~

of our Presentation for Today,

God Bless your Study

