**The Authority of The Eternal God Rev 4**

**Why Does God get to be In Charge? Why should we listen carefully to God’s Word?**

**I. Why Does God Get to be in Charge …God is in Charge as He is the CREATOR!- Rev 4:11**

1. **All things were made for Him, through Him and to Him! Rom 11:36**
2. **As CREATOR God receives the Preeminence-Col 1:15-18**
3. **Preeminence = “The Most Excellent One” “The One receiving the priority” “The Firstborn over all creation”**

**II. Many People in the World DO NOT recognize God’s Authority, Yet recognize some types of Authority!**

1. **Most People recognize the authority of Governments-Rom 13:1-7**
2. **Most People recognize the authority of The Work Place-Eph 6:5-9**
3. **Most People recognize the authority of The Family-Eph 5:25, Eph 6:1-2**

**III. Defining Authority**

* **AUTHORITY = The Liberty or Right to do something, particularly to give orders and see that they are followed.**
* **There are Basically 2 types of Authority: Intrinsic and Derived**
* **INTRINSIC AUTHORITY: Authority belonging to one’s essential nature, which belongs only to God as Creator!**
* **DERIVED AUTHORITY: Authority received from another source . Derived authority is received from God and includes Governments (Rom 13:1-7) Employers (Eph 6:5-9) Parents (Eph 6:1-4) etc.**
* **\*\*Notice, the Authority most recognized by those in the world, is Derived from God!**

**IV. God is the Source of All Authority**

1. **God Created All things by the Power of His Word! Psa 33:6-9**
2. **God Upholds All things by the Power of His Word! Heb 1:3**
3. **God Will Resolve All things by the Power of His Word! 2 Pet 3:10**
4. **Praise is Therefore given to God for Creation! Psa 8, Psa 148, Rev 4:9-11**

**V. The Transfer of The Authority and Power from the Father to the Son!**

**A. The Prophecy of the granting of Authority from the Father to the Son! Dan 7:13-14 B. The Fulfillment of the Prophecy-God grants All Authority to Jesus after His Resurrection-Matt 28:18-20 C. Why was this Authority given? TO SAVE (to save man from sin)! John 17:1-2 D. Where is God’s Authority to save found?...In the Scriptures! Rom 1:16-17**

**VI. Why Should we listen carefully to the Word of God?**

1. **God’s Word has The Power to Reveal the hearts of men! Heb 4:12-13**
2. **God’s Word has The Power to Convict One of sin! John 16:7-8**
3. **God’s Word has The Power to Save! Rom 1:16-17, Col 1:13**
4. **God’s Word has The Power to Judge! John 12:48**
5. **God’s Word has The Power to Condemn! Matt 10:28**

**VII. The Choice Of Salvation is yours! Rom 6:23, Matt 11:28**