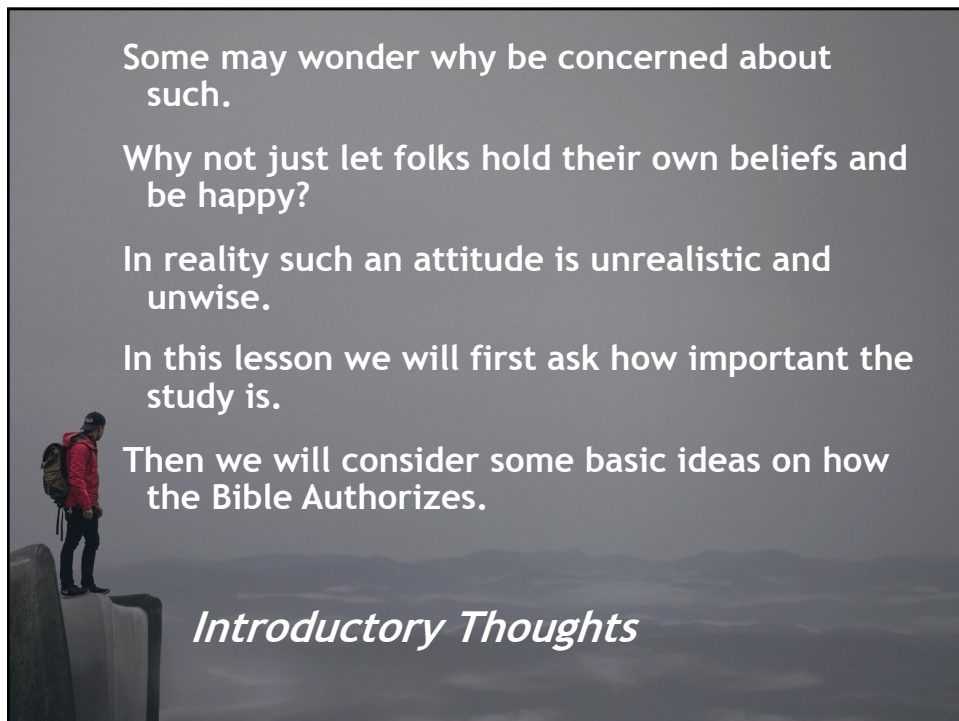




Seeking Biblical Authority
How Does the Bible
Authorize?
Matthew 21:23
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Some may wonder why be concerned about such.

Why not just let folks hold their own beliefs and be happy?

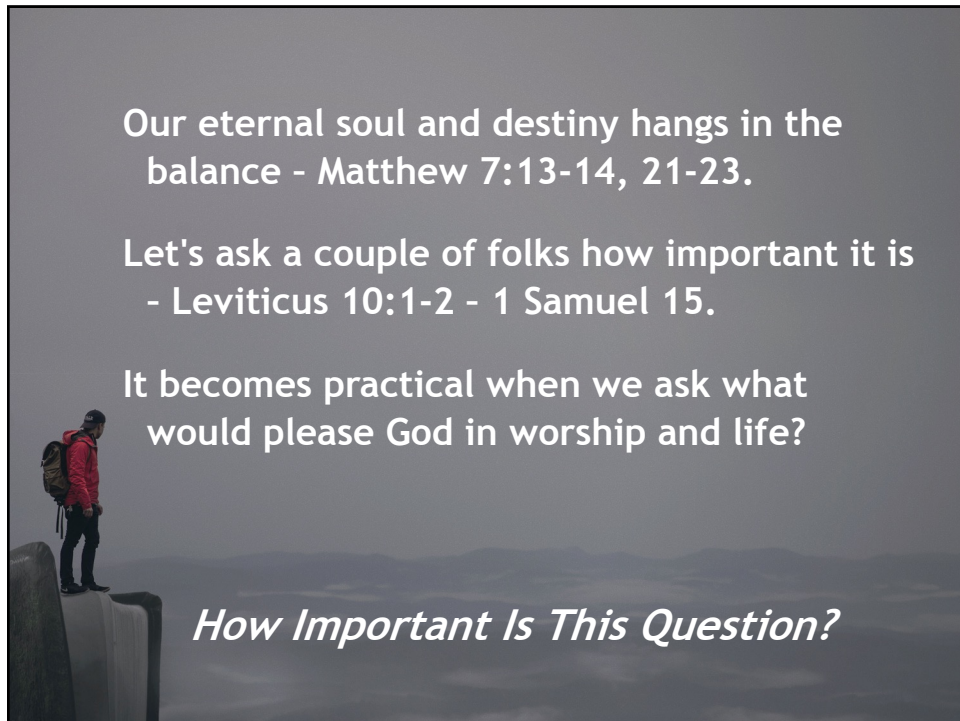
In reality such an attitude is unrealistic and unwise.

In this lesson we will first ask how important the study is.

Then we will consider some basic ideas on how the Bible Authorizes.

Introductory Thoughts

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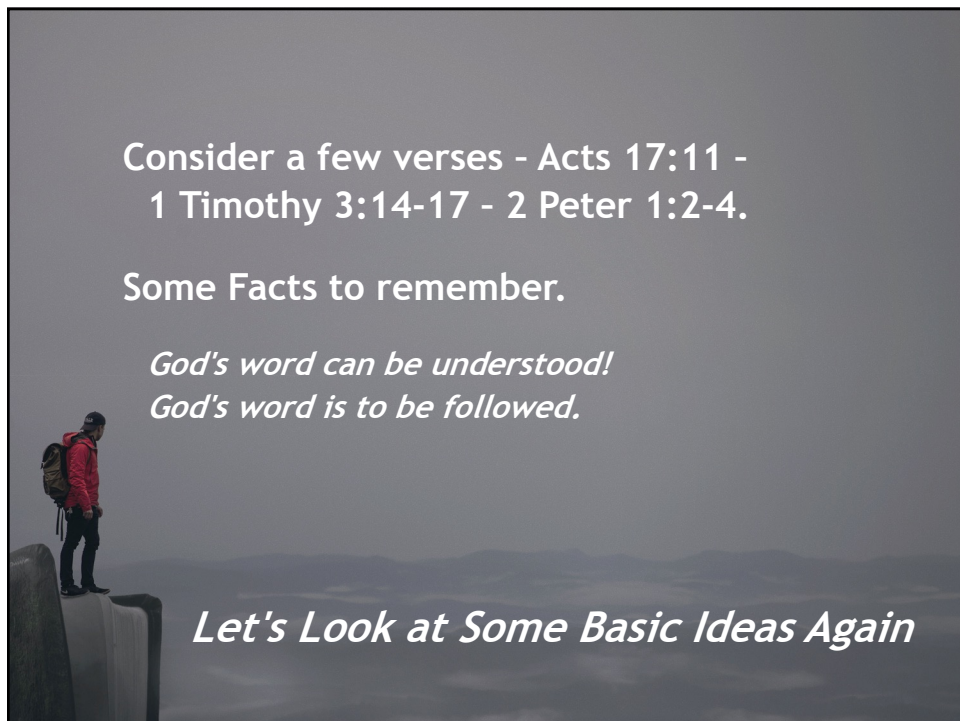
Our eternal soul and destiny hangs in the balance - Matthew 7:13-14, 21-23.

Let's ask a couple of folks how important it is - Leviticus 10:1-2 - 1 Samuel 15.

It becomes practical when we ask what would please God in worship and life?

How Important Is This Question?

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Consider a few verses - Acts 17:11 - 1 Timothy 3:14-17 - 2 Peter 1:2-4.

Some Facts to remember.

God's word can be understood!
God's word is to be followed.

Let's Look at Some Basic Ideas Again

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The Bible authorizes by explicit teaching -
Command.
*Exodus 26:30, 40:16-18 - Mark 16:15-16 -
1 Corinthians 11:23-26 - 1 Corinthians 16:1-2*

The Bible also authorizes by implicit teaching -
Inference.
*Hebrews 20:25 implies - Ephesians 5:19 -
1 Corinthians 16:1-2.*

The Bible also authorizes by approved
precedent - Example.
1 Corinthians 11:23-29 - Acts 20:7.

How Does the Bible Authorize?

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Some use the defense of many actions that are
questioned, "But God doesn't say not to".

What about those things neither specifically
commanded nor condemned?

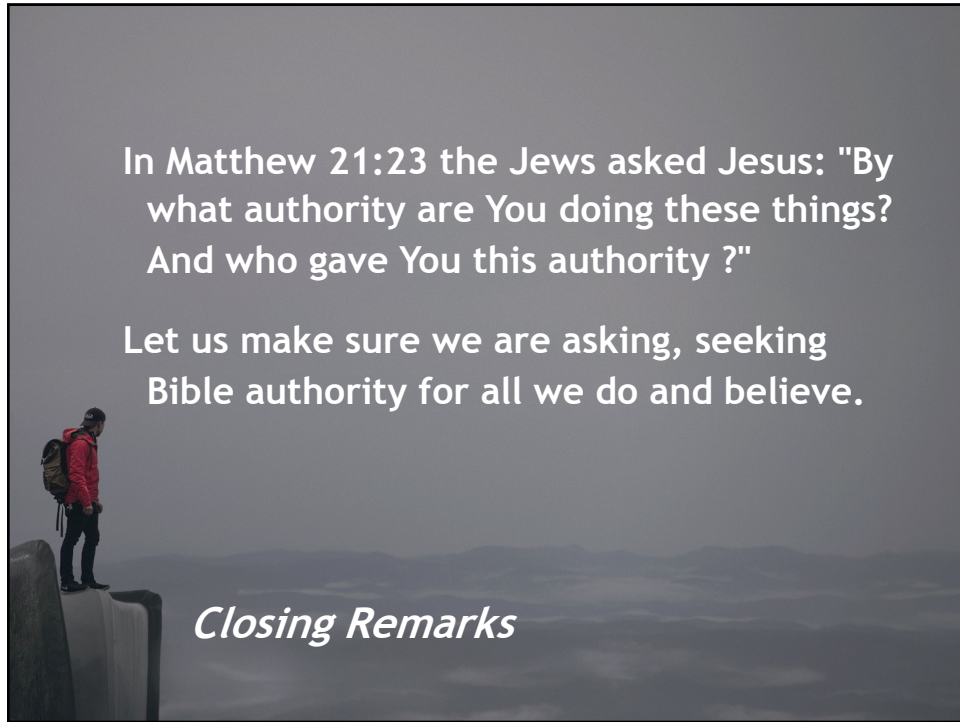
Let us allow the Bible to answer - *Leviticus 10:1-2.*

The principle stated, illustrated - God authorizes
what He wants and then is silent.
Genesis 6:22 - Exodus 26:30 - Exodus 40:16.

Consider the matter of music in worship -
Ephesians 5:19 - Colossians 3:16.

*What Do We Do When the Bible Is
Silent on A Matter?*

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A person wearing a red jacket and a backpack stands on the edge of a cliff, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape. The scene is captured in a wide-angle shot, emphasizing the scale of the environment. The person is positioned on the left side of the frame, looking towards the right. The background shows rolling hills and a distant horizon under a clear sky.

In Matthew 21:23 the Jews asked Jesus: "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority ?"

Let us make sure we are asking, seeking Bible authority for all we do and believe.

Closing Remarks