

MORNING RECAP

Submission in Biblical language

Hebrew (*shamah*) was something you could imagine of a desert-people following God, it meant to; *keep on listening, diligently discern, to come to an understanding, and to proclaim*. It had a **very relational** flavor to it.

Greek (*Hupotasso*) was actually two words, literally, “**arrange under**.” It was a military term, it had a hard edge to it, meaning to *yield to one’s admonition or command*.

THE PROMISES OF GODLY SUBMISSION

Near to God

Meaningful work in your life

Freedom

Mind of Christ

Godly submission is practiced with God and _____

HOW TO PRACTICE SUBMISSION

Hold loosely

Hear others

Welcome correction

See hardship as training, not punishment

HOW DID YOU ANSWER THIS MORNING’S QUESTIONS

- WHAT IS YOUR HONEST FEELING ABOUT SUBMISSION?
- HOW WELL DO YOU UNDERSTAND GOD’S CONCEPT OF SUBMISSION?
- WHAT PRIORITY IS IT IN YOUR LIFE-WALK TO PRACTICE SUBMISSION?

THE NEGATIVE SIDE OF SUBMISSION AS SCRIPTURE TEACHES

Rejection of God’s nature, even with a zeal for God

Romans 10: 2-3

For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, ***they did not submit to God’s*** righteousness.

Did not “hupotasso”

Returning to old ways, old slavery

Gal 5:1-2

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and ***do not submit again*** to a yoke of slavery. Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you.

Not submit “arrange under” but, (enecho) *to hold within, entangle, ensnared, grudge against*

Col 2:20-23

If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, **do you submit to regulations**— “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” (referring to things that all perish as they are used)— according to human precepts and teachings? These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

Submit to regulations (dogmatizo) *decree, command, be subject to ordinances*

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE TERMS USED FOR SUBMISSION?

WHAT ARE WE NOT SUPPOSED TO SUBMIT TO?

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE WHEN PEOPLE SUBMIT TO THE WRONG THINGS?

WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF THE WRONG THINGS?

EXPLAIN HOW SUBMISSION PLAYS INTO CONNECTING DIRECTLY WITH GOD.