

# The Rule Of The Church Authority

(Part 6)

*“<sup>9</sup> So Moses wrote down this law and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel. <sup>10</sup> Then Moses commanded them: “At the end of every seven years, in the year for canceling debts, during the Feast of Tabernacles, <sup>11</sup> when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose, you shall read this law before them in their hearing. <sup>12</sup> Assemble the people—men, women and children, and the aliens living in your towns—so they can listen and learn to fear the LORD your God and follow carefully all the words of this law. <sup>13</sup> Their children, who do not know this law, must hear it and learn to fear the LORD your God as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess.” (Deuteronomy 31:9-13)*

Another important rule for the church leadership is the following: In order to secure the word of God will go to the next generation in a proper way is to provide a record for the law of God in writing so that there will be always a written word of God as a record directing the people of the things that they needs to do in their lives. The purpose of writing is to have clear materials ready at any time to be read to the people *so they can listen and learn to fear the LORD your God and follow carefully all the words of this law.* That not only for them but also for *Their children, who do not know this law, must hear it and learn to fear the LORD your God as long as you live.*

After the death of Moses Joshua took the Leadership as the Lord had commanded and Joshua did everything the Lord had commanded through Moses. *“<sup>30</sup> Then Joshua built on Mount Ebal an altar to the LORD, the God of Israel, <sup>31</sup> as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the Israelites. He built it according to what is written in the Book of the Law of Moses—an altar of uncut stones, on which no iron tool had been used. On it they offered to the LORD burnt offerings and sacrificed fellowship offerings. <sup>32</sup> There, in the presence of the Israelites, Joshua copied on stones the law of Moses, which he had written. <sup>33</sup> All Israel, aliens and citizens alike, with their elders, officials and judges, were standing on both sides of the ark of the covenant of the LORD, facing those who carried it—the priests, who were Levites. Half of the people stood in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the LORD had formerly commanded when he gave instructions to bless the people of Israel. <sup>34</sup> Afterward, Joshua read all the words of the law—the blessings and the curses—just as it is written in the Book of the Law. <sup>35</sup> There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded that Joshua did not read to the whole assembly of Israel, including the women and children, and the aliens who lived among them.” (Joshua 8:30-35)* The availability of the written materials in Joshua hand as a leader enabled him to do exactly what God had commanded through Moses. Therefore it is so important for the church to provide clear written Materials for all that what is commanded by the Lord written in clear manner pointing out the sound doctrine and teaching to be followed by all.

That was the reason that God had wrote His Ten Commandment on two stones, and that is why Moses wrote down all what he had received from the Lord so that the community of the Israelites will be directed with the ways of the Lord and what God wanted them to do and how to live their lives unto him. At that time the first five books that Moses wrote was the good teaching curriculum for the people to settle and live gracefully in the Promised Land.

In the same way after the coming of Jesus and His death on the cross and His resurrection from the death and ascension to heaven there was growing need for a teaching materials for the expanding church that start to be widespread and for agreed curriculum for discipleship. Then that lead for the writing of the New Testaments four gospels, the letters of Paul, Peter, John and the rest of the agreed epistles that we can found today in the New Testament.

Now here in our hands the Whole bible, the Old and the New Testaments, all is the word of God and we need to read it, meditate on it and obey His word. In the addition to that the Lord had placed in His church the office of the teacher who is responsible to teach the truth extracted from the Scripture. The teachers in the church are responsible to teach from the word of God and make disciples in what is accord with the sound teaching. The teachers in the church are responsible to put forward in front of the church and the disciples the clear application of God’s word in people daily life. They are also responsible to record their teaching and what the Holy Spirit enabled them to extract from the word of God. They have to provide clear teaching materials whether in written, audios or videos so it can be used for the expanding church and reach places and times where the teachers cannot reach and also keep in stored the non adulterated word of God teaching for the next generations.

The following is what Paul wrote to Timothy *“<sup>14</sup> Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, <sup>15</sup> if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God’s household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.” (1Timothy 3:14-15)* Paul was willing to go and visit Timothy and the church that is under his care but he also knows that he may not be able to do it or he may be able to do it but later on. But whether he is able to achieve that or not, Paul did his part by sending teaching materials for Timothy to teach the church and the people under his care the will of God and the ways of the Lord. So there is written materials proper for teaching from Paul to the church, even if he will not be able to reach there, still they have received from the Lord the teaching that they need to know and follow.

For this reason Paul also wrote to Timothy and Titus his leaders the following: *“What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus.” (2 Timothy 1:13) “You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance.” (2Timothy 3:10) “If you point these things out to the brothers, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, brought up in the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed.” (1Timothy 4:6) “You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.” (Titus 2:1)*

*My Dear and Beloved:* The church is responsible to provide a clear sound teaching and doctrine from the word of God, written and recorded in clear way for the whole church to follow, and that to be a sound teaching materials for all the leaders, pastors and overseers for the church to follow in their ministry and service unto the Lord. *“<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.” (Philippians 4:8-9)* As you agree to pray.

*My Prayer:* Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I commit myself to be a responsible person, to follow, meditate and obey your word and what was pass unto me from teaching that is extracted from your word through the leaders that you had placed over your church to care for me. Help me Lord to read, meditate and obey, this all I ask and pray in Jesus name Amen.