

**I Will Submit To The Rightful Authority Of My Church Leaders**  
**Hebrews 13:17**

**2 Samuel 23:3-4**

*“The God of Israel has spoken; the Rock of Israel has said to me: When one rules justly over men, ruling in the fear of God, <sup>4</sup> he dawns on them like the morning light, like the sun shining forth on a cloudless morning, like rain that makes grass to sprout from the earth.*

Our church covenant (Commitment #13) says:  
“I will submit to the rightful authority of my church leaders.”

**5 SIMPLE REALITIES ABOUT THIS COMMITMENT:**

- I. It is a **biblical** commitment. **(Hebrews 13:17)**
  - A. Consider the requirements of this command. **(17)**
    1. You must obey your leaders. **(17)**

*It is first a disposition before it is an action.*

      - *It is first a disposition.*
      - *It is an action.*
    2. You must submit to your leaders. **(17)**
  - B. Consider the reasons for this command. **(17)**
    1. Reason #1 – Leaders watch for your souls. **(17)**
    2. Reason #2 – Everyone benefits. **(17)**

The Leaders Benefit:

      - *Positive Example: Paul.*
      - *Negative Example: Moses.*

The People Benefit:
- II. It is a **threatened** commitment. **(Numbers 16:8-11)**
- III. It is a **practical** commitment. **(Hebrews 13:17)**
- IV. It is a **grace-required** commitment. **(Genesis 1-3)**
  - A. You need to put the effort in.
  - B. You need God’s help and grace.
- V. It is a **gospel-driven** commitment. **(1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)**