

# **Stability in an Unstable World**

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## **Stabilizer 1: God reigns!**

**Remember, God is not surprised or upset by the people who create turmoil around us and in us (Psalm 2).**

**God is omniscient and omnipresent. He knows everything and He is everywhere (Psalm 139). He knows hearts, actions, and results. God is never surprised.**

**Men such as Pharaoh and Nebuchadnezzar have had to learn that the Lord is God; they are not. Nebuchadnezzar came to confess this truth (Daniel 4:34-37).**

## Stabilizer 2: God ordains! (Romans 13:1-7)

All human authority on earth is not just allowed by God, but actually **ordained** by Him! God has chosen whom to put in positions of power- at every level. Parents, teachers, employers, and government officials have their authority by God's own design.

Authority is intended to produce **order, good, and justice**.  
The wicked are judged (2,4); good are rewarded (3,5).  
Obedience to authority is obedience to God (4,6).

## **Stabilizer 3: God decrees (Romans 13:8-14)**

Persian kings tried to make unalterable laws. Esther showed how unchangeable laws could be altered by making new laws as kings changed their minds. **God's law is forever settled in Heaven. Their motivation is unchanging, for God is unchanging.** His laws fall under two categories: love Him. love others. **Loving your neighbor fulfills your horizontal obligation (8-10).**

**God's laws call for unchanging zealousness from you (11-12). Your time is limited.**

**Don't betray your King (13-14)!**

## Stabilizer 4: God responds

**God does not promise that rulers He ordains will be good or kind.**

God does not promise that human rulers will be wise or helpful, though all authorities should bring judgment, righteousness, and order.

When we have incompetent or wicked authorities, **God offers to let us change things by our prayers (1 Timothy 2:1-6)**. When persecution comes, God remains our Father (Matt 6). He is His children's protector, so we are safe in His hands (Psalm 91).

**Trust God regardless of the circumstances. Pray with faith.**