

“Respect for Leaders”
Acts 23:1-5; 1 Peter 2:13-17

I. SUPPORT: "shall not speak evil of a ruler" (Acts 23)

A. Assertion: "Paul...at the Council" (v.1)

B. Assault: "violation of the Law" (vv.2-3)

1. Punish: "commanded...to strike him" (v.2)

2. Pay Back: "God is going to strike you" (v.3)

C. Abuse: "Do you revile God's high priest?" (vv.4-5)

1. Rebuke: "high priest?" (v.4)

2. Recognition: "I was not aware" (v.5a)

3. Respect: "not speak evil of a ruler" (v.5b)

II. SUBMIT: "honor all men...the king" (1 Peter 2)

A. Obedience: "submit yourselves" (vv.13-15)

1. Rules: "to every institution" (v.13a)

2. Rulers: "to a king...to governors" (vv.13b-14)

3. Restraint: "that...you may silence...foolish men" (v.15)

B. Obligation: "Act as free men" (vv.16-17)

1. Liberation: "use your freedom...as bond-slaves" (v.16)

2. Lifestyle: "Honor...love...fear...honor" (v.17)

a. Mankind: "honor all men"

b. Members: "love the brotherhood"

c. Maker: "fear God"

d. Monarch: "honor the king"