

# Follow the Leader – Psalm 146:1-4



# Praise the Lord

- **Psalm 146:1-2** - Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

# Open My Eyes

- **Psalm 119:18** - Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.
- **Psalm 101:3** - I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless. I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me.
- **Matthew 6:22** - “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light”
- **Ephesians 5:8** - For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

# Discernment – Choosing Leaders

- **Colossians 2:8** - See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.
- **Proverbs 29:2** - When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people groan.

# Put Not Your Trust in Man

- **Psalm 146:3-4** - Put not your trust in princes,  
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.  
<sup>4</sup> When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;  
on that very day his plans perish.

# Follow the Leader – Man vs The Lord

	<b>Man</b>	<b>The Lord and Jesus</b>
<b>Authority</b>	Only granted through the Lord	Eternal – not beholden to kings or leaders
<b>Change</b>	Changes beliefs and principles to suit their agendas and power	Never Changes – Constant
<b>Manipulation/Division vs Unity</b>	Manipulate people against each other to divide and conquer	Unity in the Body of Christ
<b>Peace</b>	Always at the expense of others – achieved through power, war, or manipulation	Peace through faith in Jesus – peace not dependent on earthly pleasures or kingdoms

# Authority – Man vs The Lord and Jesus

- **Daniel 2:21** - He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding
- **Matthew 28:18** - <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
- **Colossians 1:16-17** - <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

# Change – Man vs The Lord and Jesus

- **Numbers 23:19** - God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?
- **Hebrews 13:8** - <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
- **Proverbs 14:12** - There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death



# Trust in the Lord and Not Man

- **Psalm 118:9** - It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.
- **Jeremiah 17:5** - Thus says the Lord:  
“Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
and makes flesh his strength,  
whose heart turns away from the Lord.

# Manipulation/Division vs Unity – Man vs The Lord and Jesus

- **3 John 9:10** - <sup>9</sup> I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. <sup>10</sup> So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church.
- **1 Corinthians 1:10** - <sup>10</sup> I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

# Cleanse Your Hands – Purify Your Hearts

- **James 4:7-8** - <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

# Peace – Man vs The Lord and Jesus

- **John 14:27** - <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.
- **1 Corinthians 14:33** - <sup>3</sup> For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.
- **2 Corinthians 13:11** - <sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.