

give commands. And it is our duty to ~~to~~ obey those commands. Now, I think, for instance, I think of Queen Wilhemina of the Netherlands. And she was in exile in England. And the Netherlands were under the control of the German army. Now, was Queen Wilhemina a queen of the Netherlands at that time. She was, very definitely. She was queen of the Netherlands, and it was the duty of the people of the Netherlands to do what she told them to do. But someone there might say, the ~~queen~~ queen says to do this, I am not the least bit interested, I am going to do the opposite. And nothing would happen to him. Absolutely nothing. Her power belonged to her in principle, but she was not at the moment actively enforcing that power, in the Netherlands. But there were individuals in the Netherlands who recognized her as queen, and if they would receive word that Queen Wilhemina desired them to do something, it was their great desire to carry out that command.

And I think that is an exact analogy of the situation today. God has the power to remove things from his rulership over this world. Jesus said the prince of this world cometh. Satan became the prince of this world through the fall. ~~But~~ Satan offers Jesus the keys to this world. It was ridiculous for him to offer them to Jesus. Jesus was the God who created all things. But Satan is temporarily in power in this world. And he holds a tremendous section of it today in absolute loyalty in obedience to his commands. Now, in this world, Jesus is the rightful king. He is the one whom all should obey. And those who do not ~~obey~~ obey Him will eventually be punished for it. But in this world here they reach no ill consequences at present from failure. Because He has chosen not to assert His power ~~in that way at this time.~~ ~~in that way at this time.~~

~~Now~~ Now those of us who are in the church are members of the kingdom of God. And it is our duty to obey anything that we find in the Scriptures that Jesus ~~has~~ has said. And we recognize Him as our King. And so I think in a very true sense we can say that Jesus is the king of the church, and I think in principle He is king of the whole world. But, I think that as we in the church look at the kingship of Jesus, and ask the question, what should I do now about the kingship of Jesus, Jesus does