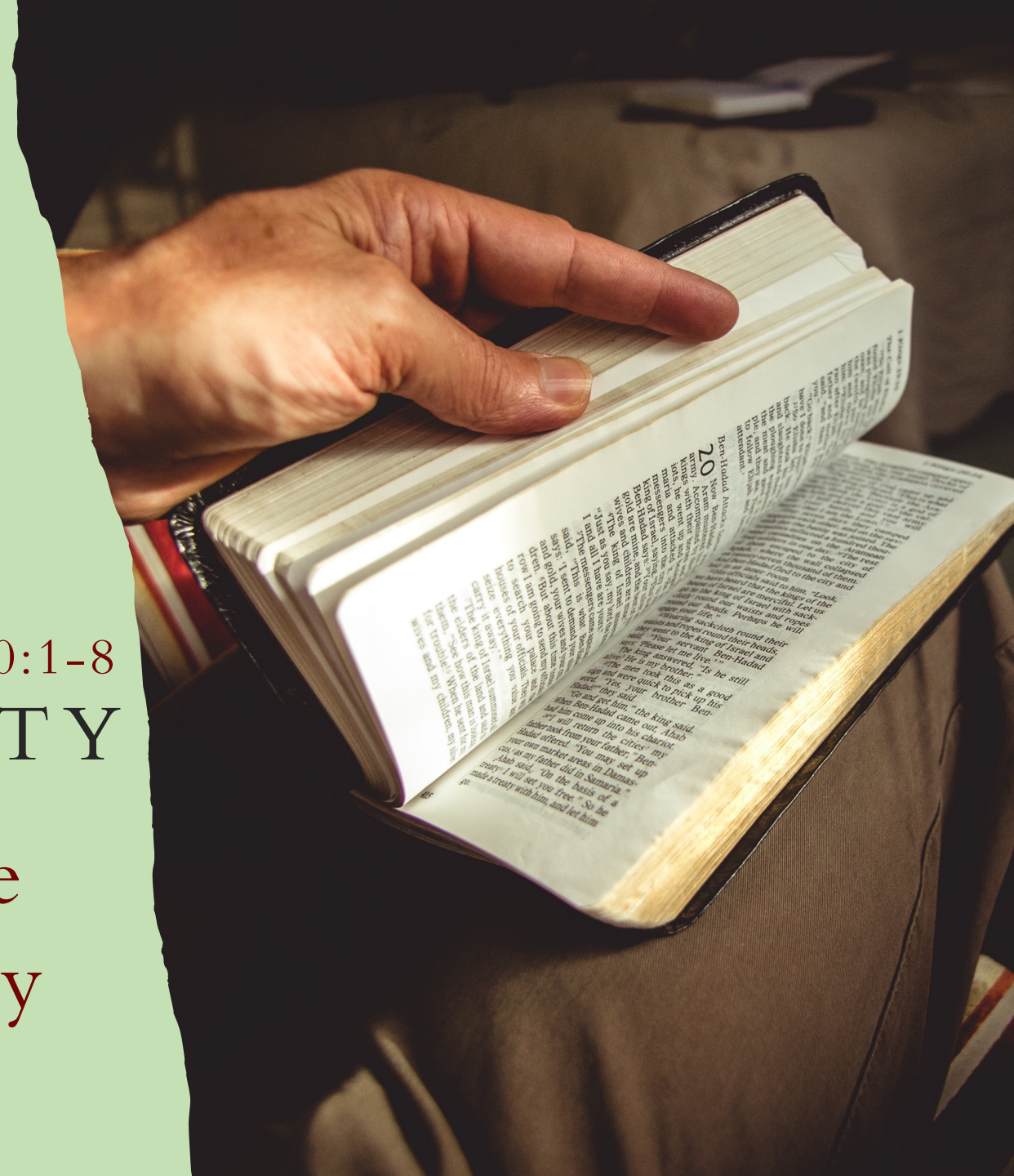


BY WHAT Luke 20:1-8 AUTHORITY

The Doctrine of Expediency



TWO NATURES OF AUTHORITY

- ❖ Generic (inclusive) – Anything required or authorized by God includes the authority for whatever is necessary, incidental, or expedient in fulfilling the authorized action within that class.
- ❖ Specific (exclusive) – Anything specified in the requirement or authorized action necessarily excludes all other things within that class.

TWO NATURES OF AUTHORITY

Examples of Generic Authority (inclusive)

- ❖ Water of Purification – **Numbers 19:2** – says nothing of the size of the animal.
- ❖ Passover Lamb – **Exodus 12:5** – says nothing about the method of keeping the animal blemish free.
- ❖ Great Commission – **Matthew 28:18-20** – says “Go,” but not how.

TWO NATURES OF AUTHORITY

Examples of Specific Authority (exclusive)

- ❖ Water of Purification – **Numbers 19:2** – not different animal, no blemish, etc.
- ❖ Passover Lamb – **Exodus 12:5** – not different animal, no blemish, not different age, not female, etc.
- ❖ Great Commission – **Matthew 28:18-20** – not sprinkling/pouring, not authority of denomination, not teaching creeds.

THE DOCTRINE OF EXPEDIENCY (AID / ADDITION?)

Expediency – “(1) the quality or state of being suited to the end in view...(4) a means of achieving a particular end” (Merriam-Webster).

An Expediency Must Be Lawful –
1 Corinthians 6:12; 10:23

❖ EX: **Mark 16:16** (baptizo) – pouring not an expediency.

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❖ Moses and Tabernacle – **Exodus 25:1-9**

❖ Specified – materials, pattern.

❖ Expediencies – tools, etc.

❖ Additions – change of materials, adding to pattern.

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- ❖ Paul and Macedonian Call – *Acts 16:6-12*
 - ❖ Specified – preach gospel in Macedonia.
 - ❖ Expediencies – transportation – sailing.
 - ❖ Additions – preaching human wisdom, storytelling, stopping by another city on the way.

AID (EXPEDIENCY) OR ADDITION (TRANSGRESSION)?

Assembly – Hebrews 10:25

- ❖ Aid – location (cf. Acts 2:46; Romans 16:3, 5; James 2:2)
- ❖ Addition – virtual.

Lord's Supper – 1 Corinthians 11:23-36

- ❖ Aid – time on first day, location of assembly, containers.
- ❖ Addition – PBJ, another day, virtual/at home (cf. Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:17-18, 20 – local, physical assembly)

AID (EXPEDIENCY) OR ADDITION (TRANSGRESSION)?

Teaching – **Matthew 28:20; Titus 2:3-4**

❖ Aid – public, private, class, assembly, teaching aids (PPT, chalk board, etc.)

❖ Addition – human wisdom, creeds, storytelling.

Giving – **1 Corinthians 16:1-2**

❖ Aid – check, cash, coins, collection basket/box, etc.

❖ Addition – tithing, another day than 1st day, fundraisers, events, raffles, receiving gifts from institutions, etc.

AID (EXPEDIENCY) OR ADDITION (TRANSGRESSION)?

Singing – Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16

❖ Aid – song books, pitch pipe, PPT, etc.

❖ Addition – mechanical instruments, choir, secular music.

Evangelism – Matthew 28:18-20

❖ Aid – lesson material, PPT, transportation, etc.

❖ Addition – human wisdom (cf. Colossians 2:4, 8; 1 Cor. 2:1-5), attracting by carnal methods (cf. John 6:27), missionary society, etc.

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