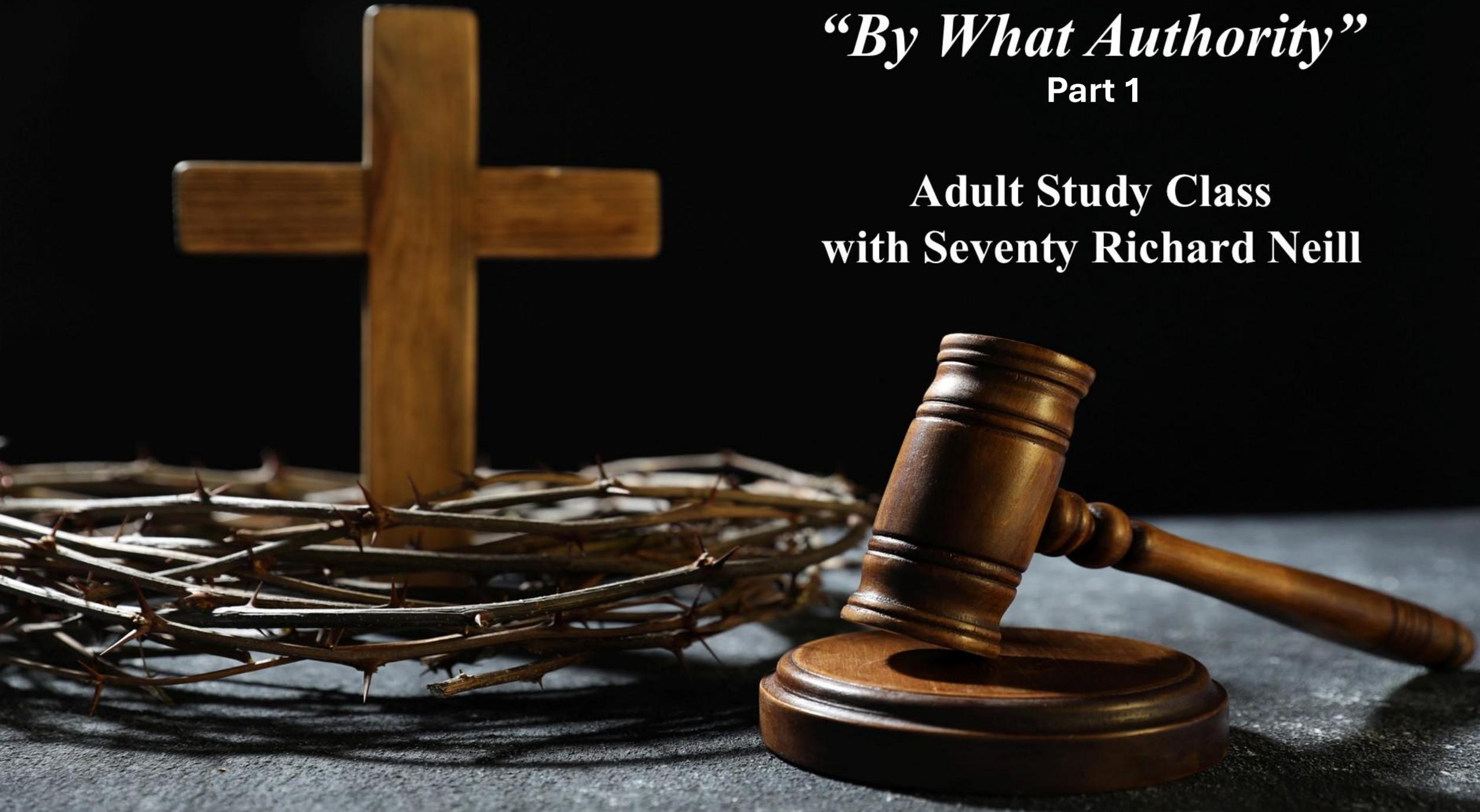


“By What Authority”

Part 1

**Adult Study Class
with Seventy Richard Neill**



The Ten Commandments

The Ten Commandments are a set of biblical principles that are significant in Judaism and Christianity.

They are often summarized as follows:

1. **You shall have no other gods before Me.**

This commandment emphasizes the importance of worshipping only one God.

2. **You shall not make for yourself an idol.**

It prohibits the creation and worship of idols or images.

3. **You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**

This emphasizes reverence for God's name and not using it disrespectfully.

4. **Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

This commandment calls for a day of rest and spiritual reflection.

5. **Honor your father and your mother.**

Emphasizing respect for parents and family relationships.

6. **You shall not murder.**

This prohibits the taking of innocent life.

7. **You shall not commit adultery.**

This commandment emphasizes the sanctity of marriage and fidelity.

8. **You shall not steal.**

It forbids taking what does not belong to you.

9. **You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

This commandment focuses on honesty and integrity in dealings with others.

10. **You shall not covet.**

It warns against the desire for what belongs to others, including their spouse or property.

These commandments serve as moral guidelines and have influenced many legal and ethical systems throughout history.

In the Beginning, I God

(Genesis 1:2,3,5, 14)(Selected verses from the Creation)

I am the beginning and the End, the Almighty God. By mine Only Begotten I created these things. Yea, in the beginning I created the heaven, and the earth upon which thou standest. And my Spirit moved upon the face of the waters, for I am God. And I God, saw that all things which I had made were good.

The Two Great Commandments

(Genesis 22:35-39)

Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. (see Genesis 7:23)*

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Kingdoms Have a Law Given

(Doctrine and Covenants 85:9-10)

*All Kingdoms have a law given; **and** there are many kingdoms; for there is no space in which there is no kingdom; and there is no kingdom in which there is no space, either a greater or a lesser kingdom.*

And unto every kingdom is given a law; and unto every law there are certain bounds also, and conditions.

All beings who abide not in those conditions are not justified... (vindicated)

We the People

Alma 21:41,48,52,132,140 (Chief Captain Moroni - 25 years old)

And Moroni was a strong and a mighty man; he was a man of a perfect understanding; yea, a man that did not delight in bloodshed; a man whose soul did joy in the liberty and the freedom of his country, and his brethren from bondage and slavery. Chief Captain Moroni, took his coat and wrote upon it, 'In memory of our God, our religion, and freedom, and our peace, our wives, and our children; and he fastened it upon the end of a pole thereof.

Now this was the covenant which they made; and they cast their garments at the feet of Moroni, saying, We covenant with our God...

Preamble to the Declaration of Independence

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

Preamble of the Constitution

We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the United States of America.