

A woman's profile is visible on the left side of the frame, looking upwards towards a dramatic sky. The sky is filled with large, billowing clouds that are illuminated from behind, creating a bright, golden glow. The overall atmosphere is contemplative and serene.

# ECCLESIASTES

*Making Sense Out of Life*

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***Wisdom When in the  
Company of Kings***

**Ecclesiastes 8:2-9**

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- 1. In general, we are to obey even foolish kings.**

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**A. As an act of submission to God.**

## **Romans 13:1-2a**

**“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. 2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: ...”**

**We obey government authorities ...**

**A. As an act of submission to God.**

**B. As a matter of prudence.**

**C. But not without limits.**

## **Acts 5:29**

**“Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.”**



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# **“General Prudential Rule” ...**

- **Unique Circumstances**
- **Imminent Danger**

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