

# **Lordship and Obedience**

## **JESUS IS LORD**

### **Acts 2:36 (NKJV)**

“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

### **Philippians 2:6–11 (NKJV)**

6 “who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

### **Colossians 2:6 (NKJV)**

“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,”

### **Luke 6:46–49 (NKJV)**

46 “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say? 47 Whoever comes to Me, hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: 48 He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. 49 But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.”

### **Matthew 7:21–23 (NKJV)**

21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ 23 And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”

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# THE NARROW DOOR

## Thoughts-

Salvation is by grace alone, not by works. Yet genuine salvation produces visible fruit—a changed life empowered by Christ.

### **Matthew 7:13–20 (NKJV)**

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them.”

### **Exodus 20:1–17 (NKJV - Excerpts)**

“And God spoke all these words, saying: ‘I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image... You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain... Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy... Honor your father and your mother... You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness... You shall not covet...’”

### **Matthew 5:17–19 (NKJV)**

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill... Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven...”

### **Matthew 7:12 (NKJV)**

“Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

### **John 14:15, 23–24 (NKJV)**

“If you love Me, keep My commandments... If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word... He who does not love Me does not keep My words...”

### **Ephesians 5:3–5 (NKJV)**

“But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints...”

### **Galatians 5:19–21 (NKJV)**

"Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like..."

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## **LORDSHIP AND RELATIONSHIPS**

### **1 Corinthians 5:11 (NKJV)**

"But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person".

### **1 Corinthians 5:1–2 (NKJV)**

"It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles—that a man has his father's wife! And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you."

### **2 Corinthians 6:14–16 (NKJV)**

"Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God..."

### **2 Corinthians 6:17–18 (NKJV)**

"Therefore 'Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.' 'I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty.'"

### **1 John 3:14 (NKJV)**

"We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death."

### **Matthew 18:21–22 (NKJV)**

"Then Peter came to Him and said, 'Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.'"

### **John 17:23 (NKJV)**

"I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me."

### **Philippians 2:3–4 (NKJV)**

"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."

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## **CAN YOU PASS THE TEST?**

### **1 John 1:5–6 (KJV)**

"God is light, and in him is no darkness at all... If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie..."

- **1 John 2:3–4 (NKJV):** "Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, 'I know Him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."
  - **1 John 3:11 (NKJV):** "For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another."
  - **Matthew 22:37-39 (NKJV):** "Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"
  - **1 John 2:9–11 (NKJV):** "He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes."
  - **1 John 3:7–10 (NKJV):** "Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil... In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother."
  - **1 John 4:20 (NKJV):** "If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen
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# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## Lordship and Obedience

1. What does it practically mean to call Jesus *Lord* rather than just *Savior*?
  2. Why do you think obedience is often resisted even by sincere believers?
  3. How does Jesus' teaching about fruit challenge cultural ideas of faith without change?
  4. In what areas of your life is God currently calling you to deeper surrender?
  5. How do grace and obedience work together without contradiction?
  6. What role do Christian relationships play in helping us walk in obedience?
  7. How can we lovingly respond when we see a believer walking in ongoing sin?
  8. What warning from 1 John impacted you the most—and why?
  9. How does forgiveness protect unity within the body of Christ?
  10. What is one practical step you can take this week to live more fully under Christ's lordship?
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## Closing Reflection:

Jesus did not die merely to forgive sin, but to free us from its power. A gospel that does not transform our lives is not the gospel Jesus preached. True faith produces a life increasingly shaped by obedience, love, and holiness.