

Obedience in all things

Deuteronomy 5:33

"Walk in obedience to all that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper."

Romans 13:1

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established.”

Titus 3:1

“Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good.”

1 Peter 2:13

“Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority.”

Disobedience to God's will can have profound spiritual consequences.

By disobeying God, we may come to feel a sense of spiritual emptiness and a lack of divine protection and blessings.

This spiritual isolation can manifest in a variety of ways, from a loss of purpose and meaning in life to a deepening of sinful tendencies and a weakening of one's faith.

Psalms 9:17-20

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

To disobey God is to obey Satan.

The Apostle Paul identifies the Evil One as "the god of this age" who "has blinded the minds of unbelievers"

2 Corinthians 4:4

indicating his power to obscure truth and lead people away from the Gospel.

Similarly, Peter warns believers to be vigilant, describing the devil as "a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour"

1 Peter 5:8

The devil is always busy tempting us to disobey God's commandments.

Some can resist the temptation, just like Joseph, the dreamer.

But many Christians struggle with temptation and are not able to fight it.

Like in the example of Eve, the devil takes advantage of the lust of the flesh, the eyes, and the pride of life.

Eve continued to converse with it instead of leaving the serpent to avoid temptation.

So to resist temptation, we must avoid every appearance of it.

Understand that everything operates by law and not by luck or chance.

When that becomes a reality, we will be more responsible for taking control of our lives.

Galatians 6:7-9

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Faith as the Root of Obedience

Faith is portrayed as the root from which obedience springs.

If your faith is weak, so shall your obedience be

Romans 1:5 ,

Paul speaks of receiving "grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for His name's sake." Here, obedience is directly linked to faith, indicating that the latter is the source of the former. Without faith, the motivation and ability to obey God are absent, as faith provides the assurance and conviction needed to follow His commands.

Is the problem a lack of?

Biblical Thinking

Biblical Reaction

Biblical Aggression

Divine Reaction

No Personal Alter

Satanic Reaction can never stop you!

Matthew 16:18

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Isaiah 1:19-20

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

1 Samuel 15:22

“And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.”

Obedience in everything means fully and wholeheartedly submitting to God's will as expressed in Scripture.

It involves following God's commandments, teachings, and guidance in all areas of life.

This obedience is not selective or partial; rather, it is marked by a complete surrender to God's authority.

Stop making everything about you.

What you like or do not like, what you agree with or do not agree with.

The question is, is it a biblical requirement?

The concept of obedience is deeply rooted in the Bible, beginning with the creation narrative where Adam and Eve's disobedience led to the fall of humanity (Genesis 3).

Throughout Scripture, obedience is portrayed as a fundamental aspect of a faithful relationship with God.

In the Old Testament, obedience is closely linked to the covenant relationship between God and His people.

The Israelites were commanded to obey God's laws as a demonstration of their loyalty and love for Him.

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Therefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, always.

What part of the bible do you disagree with?

Matthew 5:18

For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

A "jot" is the smallest letter in the Hebrew alphabet, while a "tittle" refers to the small strokes or points that distinguish similar letters.

Matthew 5:17-20

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.

For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

In the New Testament, obedience is further emphasized through the teachings of Jesus Christ and the apostles.

Jesus Himself exemplified perfect obedience to the Father, as seen in **Philippians 2:8** :

"And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross." Believers are called to follow Christ's example and live in obedience to His commands.

The apostles also taught the necessity of obedience.

John 14:15 , Jesus declares,

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."

The Holy Spirit plays a crucial role in enabling believers to obey God in everything.

The Spirit empowers and guides Christians, helping them to understand and apply God's Word in their lives.

Romans 8:14

"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."

The Spirit's work in the believer's life results in the fruit of obedience, as seen in **Galatians 5:22-23**.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Obedience is fundamentally linked to faith.

Hebrews 11, often referred to as the "faith chapter," highlights the obedience of various biblical figures as an expression of their faith in God.

James 2:17 underscores this connection: "So too, faith by itself, if it does not result in action, is dead." True faith manifests in a life of obedience to God's commands.

Challenges and Rewards

While obedience in everything is the ideal, it is not without challenges.

Believers face temptations, trials, and the influence of a fallen world that can hinder their obedience.

However, Scripture assures that God provides the strength and grace needed to overcome these obstacles.

1 Corinthians 10:13 promises,

"No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear."

The rewards of obedience are exceptional.

Obedience leads to a deeper relationship with God, spiritual growth, and the fulfillment of God's promises.

Jesus assures in **John 15:10** ,

"If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and remain in His love."

Peace, Protection, Prosperity

Humility:

Obedience requires humility, recognizing God's authority and submitting to His will.

James 4:7

"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Perseverance: Obedience often involves enduring trials and challenges.

Romans 5:3-4 speaks of the perseverance that develops character and hope:

"Not only that, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."

Love:

Love for God and others motivates obedience.

Galatians 5:14 summarizes the law:

"The entire law is fulfilled in a single decree: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

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Ezekiel 36:27

"And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes and to carefully observe My ordinances."

The Spirit empowers believers to live in accordance with God's will, transforming their hearts and minds.

1 Peter 1:14

As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

Scripture consistently associates heartfelt obedience with blessings.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2, "If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all His commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.

And all these blessings will come upon you and overtake you, **if you obey the voice of the LORD your God.**"

This passage reveals that obedience from the heart leads to divine favor and blessings.

You become a hypocrite. – Jonah says that he fears God in Jonah 1:9. However, his words contradict his actions. If he really fears God then he would not disobey God.

You invite storms (problems) into your life. – Jonah knew that he was the reason God sent a storm over them (Jonah 1:12.)

The people around you will suffer because of your disobedience. – Jonah was not the only one who was troubled by the storm. Even the mariners had to experience the consequence of Jonah's disobedience (Jonah 1:4-5.)

God will put you in an uncomfortable situation. – Jonah stayed in the belly of the whale for three days and nights. It must have been an uncomfortable place with all the digestive juices, darkness, and stench.

You reveal your spiritual isolation from God. – When the storm came, instead of praying to God and turning back to Him, Jonah proceeded to sleep. This shows Jonah's pride and refusal to submit to God's will.

When we Disobey God

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