



2 CHRONICLES 10-12

LESSON 1: REHOBOAM - THE PERIL OF PARTIAL OBEDIENCE

BACKGROUND INFO ON CHRONICLES

TITLE

The original title in the Hebrew Bible read “The annals (events or happenings) of the days.” The English title “Chronicles” originated with Jerome’s Latin Vulgate translation (400 a.d.), First and Second Chronicles were comprised of one book until later divided into separate books in the Greek OT translation, the Septuagint (LXX), 200 B.C.

AUTHOR AND DATE

Jewish tradition strongly favors Ezra the priest (Ezra 7:1–6). These records were most likely recorded ca. 450–430 b.c. The NT does not directly quote either 1 or 2 Chronicles.

*Partial obedience is a peril that plagues us all
and results in partial blessing.*

1. PARTIAL OBEDIENCE IS A PERIL FOR US ALL

A. Partial obedience means hearing what we want to hear, not what God says.

B. Partial obedience means acting before you seek the Lord’s mind, not after.

C. Partial obedience means living in line with custom, not in submission to God’s Word.

D. Partial obedience means diluting the worship of the one true God with cultural religion.

E. Partial obedience means following God when you're in need, but forsaking Him when you're doing well.

2. PARTIAL OBEDIENCE RESULTS IN PARTIAL BLESSING

Three results of partial obedience:

A. Partial obedience results in weakened national, religious, and family life.

B. Partial obedience results in the service of a more difficult master.

C. Partial obedience results in continual hassles.

WHAT'S THE SOLUTION FOR PARTIAL OBEDIENCE?

- We need to see the foolishness of trying to dodge God.
- Humble yourself and acknowledge God's righteousness in disciplining you through trials.
- Set your heart to seek God.

Discussion Questions

1. What are some American customs which threaten to undermine our total obedience to God's Word? How has our culture affected our Christianity?
2. Some obey God and yet suffer terribly. Do we have distorted views of what His blessing means?
3. How can we guard against partial obedience?