



*"Triumphant In Christ, Victorious In Life"*

**Sermon Connection Notes Handout: "Why Obey?" – 11/11/2018**

**Hebrews 5:9 (NKJV)** – "And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who **obey** Him."

**Acts 5:29 (NKJV)** – "But Peter and the other apostles answered and said. "We ought to **obey** God rather than men."

**Titus 3:1 (NKJV)** – "Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities; **to obey**, to be ready for every good work."

**1 Peter 1:13 - 16 (NKJV)** – "<sup>13</sup> Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; <sup>14</sup> as **obedient children**, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; <sup>15</sup> but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup> because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

**INTRODUCTION:**

- Ref **Romans 10:9, 10** and **Philippians 2:9, 10**
  - **Lord** = (Greek – kuros) = supreme in authority, i.e. controller; by implication, Master: - God, Lord, Ruler. Does the Lord Jesus Christ get to tell me what to \_\_\_\_\_?
- See, it is hard to understand Kingdom principles with a democratic mind-set. Too often today, everyone has a \_\_\_\_\_ and everyone offers an \_\_\_\_\_. We have a \_\_\_\_\_ to **SUBMIT** to every day and in every way.
- Today let's examine one of the underlying themes of the entire Word of God – \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHY SHOULD I OBEY?**

**Genesis 4:1 - 7 (NKJV)** In Genesis we see \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ through God's perspective as Adam's sons came to worship God.

- Cain and Abel reflect every person's choice regarding how to approach Almighty God.
  - Cain's own \_\_\_\_\_ made receiving from God absolutely impossible.
- **Read 1 Samuel 15:1 – 23 (NKJV)**
- **HEED THE VOICE** = Samuel is telling Saul to listen carefully to what God is saying and then be sure to \_\_\_\_\_ it! But instead of \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord, we read in verse 9 (**1 Samuel 15:9 NKJV**) – "<sup>9</sup> But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all that was good, and were unwilling to utterly destroy them. But everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed."
- Even if Saul's intentions had been pure, he still \_\_\_\_\_ God's decree and specific directions. First, Saul openly \_\_\_\_\_ the commands of the Lord. Secondly, he began to \_\_\_\_\_ the people. This is a very strange thing for the king of Israel to say, because in fact, the people were subject to him. Then lastly, Saul \_\_\_\_\_ the second time, strongly affirming to Samuel that he had \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord (**1 Samuel 15:17 – 23**).
- Why did the Lord regret making Saul the king of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_. He failed to \_\_\_\_\_ the voice of the Lord!
- Friends, we must understand this truth: **YOU CAN'T COMPENSATE BY SACRIFICE WHAT YOU LOSE THROUGH DISOBEDIENCE.** Therefore, God had to refuse Saul's

sacrifice just as He had to refuse Cain's offering. Both were sacrifices done in \_\_\_\_\_ to all that God has said.

- The \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives nullifies and short-circuiting the power of God in our lives. \_\_\_\_\_ cannot bring blessing from God; but \_\_\_\_\_ will eventually bring judgement from God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ will always bring you victory. \_\_\_\_\_ is THE key place of *prosperity, peace* and *protection* in our lives.

#### OBEDIENCE: MORE THAN AN ACTION

- The first thing we need to realize about obedience is that it is a life principle.
- Friends, in the Army of the Lord, in the Kingdom of God, \_\_\_\_\_ is a whole lifestyle characterized by a spirit of obedience, or a habitual \_\_\_\_\_ of obedience.
- **JESUS OUR LORD AS AN EXAMPLE:** *Hebrews 10:9 (NKJV)* – “then He said, “Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.” He takes away the first that He may establish the second.” The principle by which He lived His entire life was \_\_\_\_\_.
- And we as His Body – fulfilling His Will upon the earth – will have to live by this same principle. If we’re ever going to accomplish anything in this life for God, as His children, the number one principle we must live by, is \_\_\_\_\_.
- **OBEDIENCE SHOULD BE THE CHRISTIAN’S GREATEST JOY:** *Isaiah 1:19 (NKJV)* – “If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.”
- **IN TRUE OBEDIENCE THERE IS AN ELEMENT OF REAL HUMILITY.** Read *Philippians 2:1 – 11 (NKJV)*
- **CONNECTION BETWEEN OBEDIENCE AND FAITH:** Read *Mark 11:23 – 26* and *Galatians 5:6 (WITHOUT OBEDIENCE, GOD CANNOT TRUST US WITH HIS POWER!)*
  - **Walking In Love:** (1) Making the *CHOICE* (2) Showing true *COMPASSION* (3) Demonstrating unwavering *COMMITMENT* and (4) Displaying consistent *CARING*
  - **Walking In Forgiveness:** Read *Luke 17:1 – 6 (KJV)* (1) Practicing in *Instant Forgiveness* and *Unconditional Love* (2) Removing Roots of Bitterness - *Ephesians 4:31 - 32 (NKJV)* – “Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”
- The whole of God’s plan is based on serving God in \_\_\_\_\_ to His will, not our own.

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