

THE BLESSINGS OF OBEDIENCE

I. Two important keys in regards to obedience:

A. Isa 1:19 If you are **willing** and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land;

1. **First Key: “WILLING”** Def: consent

a. willing: deals with our will and our **attitude**

b. willing: speaks of **surrendering** our will to the will of God / the Word of God / The leading of The Holy Spirit

B. **Second key** in regards to obedience is found in the life of Jesus:

1. Heb 5:8 though He was a Son, yet He **learned** obedience by the things which He suffered.

a. Jesus who knew know sin.....still had to learn obedience

b. Ps 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

(1) we were born in sin / fallen nature of man passed down Thru Adam & Eve’s fall in the garden:

(2) It is not in our natural man / the fallen nature of man to be obedient

(3) We first need to repent / become Born Again

(4) and then like Jesus: **obedience must still be learned**

As you grown in The Lord & study God’s word & follow the leading of the Holy Spirit

2. There will be times when you miss it, and even disobey The Lord:

a. during these times we must be quick to repent & get back on the path of obedience

3. That was a major key in King David’s walk with God:

a. He was not perfect: yet God said of King David

(1) Acts 13:22 I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will.

(a) When David would miss God, he would quickly repent of His sin & turn from his sin

(b) Ps 51:1 Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your loving-kindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.
 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.
 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me.
 4 Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight — That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.
 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.
 6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.
 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

- (1) David did not make **excuses**
- (2) David did not place the **blame** on others
- (3) He would **acknowledge** his sin, **repent** of his sin & **turn** from his sin
- (4) and get back to serving God & fulfilling the will of God for his life upon the earth in his generation
- (5) Which enabled God to say of King David:
 - (a) Acts 13:22 I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will.

4. Through the Power of The Blood of Jesus

- a. When we quit making excuses
- b. when we quit placing the blame on others
- c. When we acknowledge our sin
- d. repent of our sin / and then turn from our sin
 - (1) God can say the same of you & me as He did for David:
 - (a) I have found (put your name in their)
 - (b) a man / woman after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will

II. If we learn obedience, you will discover that **OBEDIENCE**
HAS its REWARDS Read Deut 8:-32

A. First I want to show you the **responsibilities of obedience:**

1. Deut 11:8 "Therefore you shall **keep** every commandment

a. Keep every commandment / the word

2. Deut 11:13 'And it shall be that if you **earnestly obey** My
commandments which I command you today,

a. Note: "**earnestly obey**": speaking of diligence & attention

(1) and not having a half hearted attitude & effort towards the
Word of God

3. Deut 11:22 "For if you **carefully** keep all these

Commandments which I command you to do —

a. Note: "**Carefully keep**":

(1) once again it is speaking of diligence on our part in regards

To giving a full hearted effort in serving The Lord

b. We see this once again in:

(1) Deut 11:32 And you shall be **careful** to observe all the
statutes and judgments which I set before you
today.

(a) The reality of this is: if we do not know what the
scriptures teach in regards to certain matters.....

(b) we cannot be careful to make sure that our actions, words & life
are in line with obedience to God's word

© so we may experience God's Blessings

4. Look at the **personal commitment level** God expected of the Israelites in regards to the **Word of God**:
- a. Deut 11:18 "Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.
 - b. Deut 6:8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.
 - 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.
 - (1) God was trying to teach Israel the importance of keeping the word of God before them,
 - (2) so they would be constantly reminded at all times, be a doer of the word, so you can experience the Blessing of God
 - c. Deut 11:18 "Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul,
 - (1) Lay up these words of Mine God's Word) in your heart
 - (a) We must get the word of God into our **heart / spirit man**
In order to live holy for The Lord:
 - (1) Ps 119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.
 - (2) Deut 11:18 "Lay up these words of mine...in your soul"
 - (a) We must get the word of God into our Soul, in order to prove, Discern thee will of God for our life in every situation:
 - (1) **Soul**: mind, will, intellect & emotions
 - (2) Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

B. God expects no less of us today, in regards to our personal commitment level to The Word of God:

1. Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom
2. 2 Tim 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

C. Obedience has it's rewards:

James 1:23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;

24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

1. Vs 23 & 24 teach us that not every one who:
 - a. goes to church & reads their bible, shouts, dances, gets a prophetic word, gets slain in the Spirit gets blessed
 - b. vs 24 & 25 teach us that the **doer** of the word / the **obedient:**
 - (a) **“This one will be blessed in what he does”**
 - (1) when your walking thru that valley
 - (2) when your going thru that trial
 - (3) when you face that temptation
 - (a) and you remember the Word of God that you studied
 - (b) and step out in faith in obedience on the Word
 - (1) “This one (not everyone) this one will be blessed in What he does”

D. Continued responsibilities of obedience:

1. Deut 11:19 You **shall teach them** (the word of God)
to your children, speaking of them when you sit
in your house, when you walk by the way, when
you lie down, and when you rise up.
 - a. In America, many parents send their children to school and
expect the teachers to teach them
 - b. and much of the failure of our school system has been traced
 - (1) not just back to the schools
 - (2) But, back to the homes of parents who spend no time
Teaching their children at home, spending time with them
With their home work
 - (3) before you child ever gets to Kindergarten, they should
know how to count ...know the alphabet ...& just
beginning to be able to read....because you have taught
them at home
2. Do you know how many Christian parents spend no time
Reading bible stories, and teaching their children scripture
In their home
 - a. and then send them off to Sunday School & Youth Group
and expect them to walk with God
 - (1) we only have them about one hour a week
 - (2) it is the job of the parent & teacher to educate their child
 - (3) it is the job of the parent and the church to give you child a
Good bible foundation.....**but it takes both**

II. Results of obedience in regards to God's word

A. When we make such a commitment of obedience to The Word Of God it enables us to :

1. Deut 11:22 **to walk in all His ways,**

a. to walk in God's ways means to fulfill:

(1) Gal 5:16 I say then: **Walk in the Spirit** (Holy Ghost), and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

2. Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also **walk in the Spirit.**

B. When we make such a commitment of obedience to The Word of God it enables us to:

1. Deut 11:22 **to hold fast to Him**

a. thru all seasons & changes of life: faithful...holding fast to Jesus

b. whether we are walking thru a valley or on the mountain top of life....holding fast to Jesus

c. whether I am blessed with abundance, or having to stand by faith in believing God to meet my need.....holding fast to Jesus

C. When we make such a commitment of obedience to the word of God it enables us to:

1. Deut 11:13 **to love the Lord your God**

a. When you love The Lord to the degree Jesus said we should in:

(1) Mark 12:30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

(a) **You quit measuring your offerings, and give God your all**

(1) You don't measure how much you worshipped.....cause of love for The Lord you do not want to stop

(2) You do not measure every offering you put in the collectioncause of love for the Lord you always give your best

- D. When we make such a commitment level of obedience to the Word of God it enables us to:
1. Deut 11:13 **serve Him** with all your heart and with all your soul,
 - a. You develop a servants heart
 - b. you lay down your life for others
 - c. you give of your talents & spiritual gifting
 - d. You no longer stay as a spectator, but get involved in serving in ministry in the Kingdom of God & local church
 2. Many today think that serving in ministry means that you will be exalted above others
 - a. Even the Jewish people had this mindset of their coming Messiah
 - b. and because of that mindset, they did not recognize Jesus The Messiah when:
 - (1) rode into town on a donkey, instead of pomp and glory
 - (2) Jesus put on the towel of a servant & washed the feet of His Disciples.....& religion could not recognize His live & anointing
 - (3) The world could not discern that it was The Son of God, Messiah hanging on that Cross, fulfilling the will of The Heavenly Father
 - (a) Because they did not understand what it means to: **SERVE**

III. OBEDIENCE HAS IT'S REWARDS:

A. if we are obedient we are promised in:

Deut 11:8 "Therefore you shall keep every commandment which I command you today, **that you may be strong,**

1. Obedience releases the anointing
2. Obedience releases the power of God into our lives
3. obedience releases the strength of God into our lives
 - a. Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be **strong** in the Lord and in the power of His might.
 - b. 1 John 4:4 because He who is in you is **greater** than he who is in the world.

(1) **Def Greater:** large, mighty, sore afraid, strong

B. If we are obedient we are promise in:

Deut 11:8 Therefore you shall keep every commandment Which I command you today..... **go in and possess the land which you cross over to possess,**

1. You will walk into your destiny
2. You will receive your inheritance the Lord has for you to partake of on earth & in glory
3. You will be Blessed to the point that you will also be a Blessing to others.....& expand the Kingdom of God upon the earth
4. You will fulfill the will of God / the purpose of God for you life upon the earth
 - a. and then Stand before Jesus and hear him say to you:
(1) WELL DONE THY GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANT

C. If we are obedient we are promised in:

1. Deut 11:8 8 "Therefore you shall keep every commandment which I command you today,.....

9 and that you may **prolong your days** in the land which the Lord swore to give your fathers,

Deut 11:21 that **your days** and the **days of your children** may **be multiplied** in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth.

a. not dying early

b. not going to glory prematurely

c, not letting the devil, life, sickness, disease take me to the grave

(1) God Promises:

(a) Ps 128:6 Yes, may you see your children's children.

(b) Prov 3:1 My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands;

2 For length of days and long life And peace they will add to you.

© Ps 90:10 The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years,

D. If we are obedient we are promised that our destiny / promise
Land will **drink the waters of heaven:**

1. Deut 11:10 For the land which you go to possess is not like
the land of Egypt from which you have come,
where you sowed your seed and **watered it by**
foot, as a vegetable garden;

11 but the land which you cross over to possess is a
land of hills and valleys, which **drinks water**
from the rain of heaven,

a. When we walk in obedience God becomes the source of life
and not just our own human efforts

b. Rather God releases The rains from heaven / the early & latter
day rains of His blessings.....causing life to manifest

(1) Zech 10:1 Ask the Lord for rain in the time of latter rain

(a) when we are walking in obedience we can ask The Lord
To send the rains of the Holy Spirit upon:

(1) our life, ministry, family, seed we just planted & expect
To see & experience an outpouring of the Holy Ghost &
Experience harvest of blessing

2. Deut 11:14 then I will give you the rain for your land in its
season, the **early rain and the latter rain,** that you
may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your
oil.

a. The early & latter rain are a type and shadow of the
Out pouring of the Holy Spirit

b. which bring us a harvest of:

(1) grain, new wine, and oil

(a) **Grain** type of sustenance & God meeting our needs

(1) Phil 4:19 And my God shall supply all your need
according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

(b) **new wine:** type of the Joy of The Lord, which is our
strength (Neh 8:10)

© **oil:** type of a fresh anointing of The Holy Ghost

(1) Ps 92:10 I have been anointed with fresh oil.

(2) Isa 10:27 And the yoke will be destroyed because of the

anointing oil.

E. if we are obedient we are promised that The Lord will drive out
The enemies we face in life:

Deut 11:23 then the Lord will **drive out** all these nations from
before you, and you will **dispossess** greater and
mightier nations than yourselves.

1. I like those words: **DRIVE OUT & DISPOSSESS**

- a. Does not matter what giant you are facing
- b. does not matter what devil you are facing
- c. If we walk in obedience....God promises to drive them out
& give us the land

2. Jesus said it this way:

- a. Mark 3:27 No one can enter a strong man's house and
plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And
then he will plunder his house.
- b. Matt 16:19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of
heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in
heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in
heaven."

(1) time to knock on the devils door

(2) and bind him in Jesus Name

(3) and spoil his house:

(a) take back what the devil has stolen from us

(1) health, family, finances, career, ministry, etc.....

(b) take those souls walking in darkness & bring them to light
of Jesus Christ

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CHRIST

3. This promise of driving out the enemies in our life also applies
to the natural realm

- a. Deut 11:25 No man shall be able to stand against you; the
Lord your God will put the dread of you and the fear of you
upon all the land where you tread, just as He has said to you.

b. Isa 54:17 No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their righteousness is from Me," Says the Lord.

F. if we will walk in obedience, God will **take the limitations off** of our life:

1. Deut 11:24 Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours:
2. God told Joshua the same thing:
 - a. Josh 1:3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you,
3. When we are walking in obedience to the word of God
 - a. following the leading of the Holy Spirit
 - b. the limitations are broken in our life & every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours

(1) when walking in obedience expect the favor of God to manifest on your behalf

IV. OBEDIENCE HAS IT'S BLESSINGS

A. Take a look at your own life and ask yourself these questions:

1. Am I committed to the studier of God's word
2. Am I a Doer of God's word
3. Am I obeying everything The Lord is requiring of me?