

## Obedience is the Key to Loving God

### A. Obedience

**Joh 15:10-17**

**Joh 14:15** If you [really] **love** Me, you will keep (**obey**) My commands. **AMPC**

**Col 1:4** For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus [the leaning of your entire human personality on Him in absolute trust and confidence in His **power**, wisdom, and goodness] and of the **love** which you [have and show] for all the saints (God's consecrated ones), **AMPC**

**Mar 12:33** And to love Him with all the heart, with understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

**1Sa 15:22** So Samuel said: "Has 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 heed than the fat of rams.

**Rom 5:19** For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. **KJV**

**1Pe 1:2** You were chosen according to the purpose of God the Father and were made a holy people by his Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be purified by his blood. May grace and peace be yours in full measure. **GNB**

**2Th 1:8** with a flaming fire, to punish those who reject God and who do not obey the Good News about our Lord Jesus.

### B. What happens when we don't Obey?

#### 1. We open ourselves to the attack of satan.

**1Pe 5:8** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

#### 2. The blessings of God do not come to us. **Ex. Tithing**

**Mal 3:8** "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings.

**Mal 3:9** You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation.

**Mal 3:10** Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

#### 3. The blessings of God do not flow to others.

#### 4. Our hearts get harden and then the trust in the Lord is diminished.

**1Jn 3:20** For if our heart condemns us, God is greater Than our heart, and knows all things.

**1Jn 3:21** Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

#### 5. Our conscience is 'seared'.

**Psa 95:8** Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

### **C. What happens when we Obey?**

#### **1. To obey according to Webster's Dictionary:**

To comply with the commands, orders or instructions of a superior, or with the requirements of law, moral, political or municipal; to do that which is commanded or required, or to forbear doing that which is prohibited.

He who has learned to **obey**, will know how to command.

#### **2. Blessed are those who obey.**

**Rom 4:8** Blessed and happy and to be envied is the person of whose sin the Lord will take no account nor reckon it against him. **AMPC**

**Psa 112:1** Praise the LORD! Happy is the person who honors the LORD, who takes pleasure in obeying his commands.

**Psa 112:2** The good man's children will be powerful in the land; his descendants will be blessed.

#### **3. Your obedience results in your abiding in His Love.**

**2Ch 6:14** He prayed, "LORD God of Israel, in all heaven and earth there is no God like you. You keep your covenant with your people and show them your love when they live in wholehearted obedience to you. **GNB**

#### **4. We desire to serve Him.**

**Joh 13:12** After Jesus had washed their feet, he put his outer garment back on and returned to his place at the table. "Do you understand what I have just done to you?" he asked.

**Joh 13:13** "You call me Teacher and Lord, and it is right that you do so, because that is what I am.

**Joh 13:14** I, your Lord and Teacher, have just washed your feet. You, then, should wash one another's feet.

**Joh 13:15** I have set an example for you, so that you will do just what I have done for you.

**Mar 10:45** For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

**When you have obedience to God it shows Him that you love Him. You want to serve Him. Even though it says that we are His friends, we desire to serve Him. We desire to give our lives to the Jesus, who was willing to die for us and give His life for each of us.**