

Biblical Reasons for Obeying God

Introduction

A. One of the most clear truths of the Bible is that one may not succeed while being willfully disobedient to God.

B. It was to King Saul that the words were spoken.

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 sacrifices and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

I Samuel 15:22,23

C. From these verses, as many others, we understand that there is no substitute for simple obedience.

D. One of the greatest of man's abilities is his will. The depth of our sinfulness is that we can sin against God. The essence of spirituality is to choose the will of God – in spite of personal desire and advantage.

I. Obedience is Necessary Because of the Holiness of God's Person, I Peter 1:15,16.

But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of daily life; because it is written, Be ye holy, for I am holy.

II. Obedience is Necessary Because of the Reality of Divine Revelation, I Peter 1:16.

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III. Obedience is Necessary Because of the Reality of Future Judgment, I Peter 1:17.

And If ye call on the Father, Who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.

IV. Obedience is Necessary Because of the Cost of our Redemption, I Peter 1:18-20.

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.

V. Obedience is Necessary Because of the Possession of Salvation, I Peter 1:21.

Who by Him do believe in God, that raised Him up from the dead, and gave Him glory, that your faith and hope might be in God.

VI. Obedience is Necessary Because of the Permanence of the New Birth, I Peter 1:22,23.

Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth throng the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently; being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

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VIII. Obedience is Necessary Because of the Permanence of the Gospel, I Peter 1:25.

But the Word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the Word which
by the Gospel is preached unto you.

IX. Obedience is Necessary Because of the Impermanence of our Lives, I Peter 1:24

For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass/
The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away.

X. Obedience is Necessary Because it Brings the Grace of God, I Peter 1:22.

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heart fervently.

Conclusion

- A. Spiritual success is the result of obeying God in faith and love.
- B. The Christian who disobeys God, by commission or omission, is taking a
stand in theory and in action against the ten reasons listed above.

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