

OBEDIENCE TO GOD

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A. THE IMPORTANCE OF OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WILL AND HIS COMMANDS

1. **Jesus Christ is Lord** and the Supreme Authority over all creation. *Mat 28:18, Eph 1:19-23, Phil 2:9-11, 1Tim 6:15*. He is the Judge of all in the Day of Judgment. We have to give an account to God. *Ac 17:31, Rom 14:10-12, Jn 5:22,27, Mat 25:31,32*.
2. **The goal of Jesus' life** was obedience to the Father's will. *Jn 4:34, Jn 5:30, Jn 6:38, Jn 8:29*.
3. **Salvation begins** when we confess Jesus Christ as Lord, and believe in our heart that God has raised Him from the dead, *Rom 10:9*.
4. **Repentance means** to turn from going our own ways, and to turn to follow and obey the Lord Jesus, *Ac 26:9-20*.
5. **In the Lord's Prayer** Jesus told us to pray that his will, will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. My first responsibility is in my own heart and life.
6. **Obedience** to God's Word and commands.
 - a. is the expression of our love to God. It is seeking His highest good. *Jn 14:15,21,23, 1Jn 5:3, Jn15:14*.
 - b. is abiding in His love. *Jn 14:21,23, Jn 15:10, 1Jn 2:5, 1Jn 3:24*.
 - c. is membership of Jesus' family. *Lk 8:21, Jn 15:14*.
 - d. is to receive God's blessing. *Lk 11:28, Deut 28:1,13, Deut 6:2,3,18, Deut 4:40, Mat 7:24,25*.
 - e. results in us being able to stand through every trial, *Mat 7:24,25, 1Jn 2:17*.
 - f. enables us to know that we know God and have eternal life, *Jn 17:3, 1Jn 2:17*.
 - g. results in our prayers being answered by God, *1Jn 3:22*.
 - h. is expected of us by God, *Lk 6:46, Rom 12:1*.
 - i. is not doing God a favour, God expects it of us, *Lk 17:7-10, especially v10*.
 - j. is necessary for us to enter God's Kingdom, *Mat 7:21,22*.

B. HOW CAN WE FIND OUT AND DO WHAT GOD WANTS US TO DO?

1. **By reading and seeking in the Word of God**, the Bible, *Jn 8:31,32, 2Tim 3:16,17*.
If we read *Mat 5,6,7*, for example, we find many of Jesus' commands:
 - Mat 5:19* Teach and obey His laws, *Ex 20*.
 - Mat 5:21-26* Control feelings about others. Apologise v24.
 - Mat 5:27-32* Keep sex in God's order of marriage.
 - Mat 5:33-37* Do not make rash promises. Keep your word.
 - Mat 5:38-48* Do not seek vengeance. Forgive and bless.
 - Mat 6:1-4* Do not show off when you give to the poor.
 - Mat 6:5-13* Pray to God and not to show off to men.
 - Mat 6:14.15* Forgive others.
 - Mat 6:16-18* Fast unto God and not to boast to men.
 - Mat 6:19-24* Do not love and seek money first. Lay up treasures in heaven.
 - Mat 6:25-34* Trust God to supply every need. Seek first the Kingdom of God.

- Mat 7:1-5* Do not judge and condemn others.
Mat 7:6 Keep holy things from God-hating people.
Mat 7:7-11 Live by faith, asking and receiving all you need from God as your heavenly Father.
Mat 7:12 Treat others as you want to be treated.
Mat 7:13,14 Enter the narrow gate – God’s way, God’s will, God’s service.

Also there are many other commands, e.g.

- a. *Jn 13:34,35.*
 - b. *Mat 28:18-20.*
 - c. *Ac 1:8.*
2. **By the witness and leading of God’s Holy Spirit**, we come to know what God wants us to do. *Jn 14:26, Jn 16:13, Rom 8:14, e.g. Ac 13:2,3.*
 3. **Deliberately choose God’s will.** *Jn 7:17, Josh 24:15, 1K 18:21, Deut 30:19, Ac 9:6(KJV).* “Lord, today, I will, and choose Your will, to do it.” Amen!
 4. **Deny self-will,** *Lk 9:23, Mk 14:36,* “Lord, today, I deny my own way, own will, my own desires, and choose your will.” Amen! Water baptism is the sign of death to self and rising to a new life in Christ.
 5. **Pray for the fulness,** and the strength of God’s Holy Spirit, each day, to obey. *Eph 5:18,19, Gal 5:16, Lk 11:13, Is 61:10.*
 6. **Thank and praise God** that He has written His laws in your heart and mind. *Heb 8:10-12, Ps 40:8, Jer 31:33,34.*
 7. **By faith claim** the mighty, powerful promises of God, where he has promised to live His life in you, and out through you, in full obedience to His will. Hallelujah!

Phil 2:13(GNB)

1Cor 1:30

Deut 30:6

2Pet 1:3,4

Heb 13:20,21

Ezk 36:25-27

Eph 2:10

1Thes 5:23,24

Ps 138:8

Rom 6:22

Gal 2:20

Job 23:10-14

Pray these promises to God, believing, thanking, and praising.
 He will fulfil His Word in you.