

A SHOWER OF OBEDIENCE – A Scripture reading for 2 readers

Obedience is such a basic topic in our walk with God. Following is a collection of Bible passages that have to do with various aspects of obedience.

1 – Samuel replied to King Saul: “Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of the rams.”

2 – Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human being, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!

1 – During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

2 – For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

1 – Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Those who listen to the word but do not do what it says are like people who look at their faces in a mirror and, after looking at themselves, go away and immediately forget what they look like. But those who look intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continue to do this, not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it – they will be blessed in what they do.

2 – Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey – whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

1 – Jesus said, “If you love me, you will obey what I command.”

2 – AND “You are my friends if you do what I command.”

1 – By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

2 – As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

1 – We know that we have come to know Jesus Christ, the Righteous One, if we keep his commands. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them.

1 & 2 – And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands.

Scriptures used in this reading: 1 Samuel 15:22; Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 5:7-9; Romans 5:19; James 1:22-25; Romans 6:16; John 14:15 & 15:14; Hebrews 11:8; 1 Peter 1:14-16; 1 John 2:3; 3:22,24; 5:3; 2 John 1:6.

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