

In the words of *Isaiah 1:11-20*, God says he is sick and tired of all Israel's sacrifices, *v11-15*. What is it that God is looking for? *Is 1:16,17* \_\_\_\_\_

If we will repent and turn from sin, what will God do for us? *Is 1:18* \_\_\_\_\_

More than that, if we are willingly obedient to Him, what will happen to us? *Is 1:19* \_\_\_\_\_

### **Blessings of Obedience**

Obedience releases God's richest blessings on our lives. Some we have already seen as in *Is 1:19*. What is the blessing that comes upon us as we fear God and keep His commandments? *Deut 5:29* \_\_\_\_\_

What are some of the blessings of obedience mentioned in *Deut 28*?

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- v3* \_\_\_\_\_
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- v6* \_\_\_\_\_
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- v12* \_\_\_\_\_
- v13* \_\_\_\_\_

Where do true prosperity and success spring from? *Josh 1:7,8* \_\_\_\_\_

As we abide in Jesus, and hold fast to His words, what will be the result? *Jn 15:7* \_\_\_\_\_

**Question:** Is God speaking to you about something in your life that He wants you to obey Him in? Do not be afraid to obey Him. You will be blessed.

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## **CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WITNESS COURSE**

### **Study Twelve: The Blessings of Obedience**

#### **Jesus is Lord and Saviour**

The Bible clearly teaches that Jesus Christ came not only to be our Saviour, but that He is Lord as well. We are therefore to give Him total and absolute obedience in every area of our lives. Who has raised Jesus and made Him both Lord and Christ? *Ac 2:36* \_\_\_\_\_

What is the end result of Christ dying on the Cross, rising from the dead and living in the fulness of life again? *Rom 14:9* \_\_\_\_\_

Before whose judgment seat will we all stand one day and give an account? *Rom 14:10* \_\_\_\_\_

Who has been given a name above every other name? *Phil 2:9* \_\_\_\_\_

What is something that every tongue in heaven, on earth and under the earth will confess? *Phil 2:10,11* \_\_\_\_\_

How high has Jesus Christ been exalted? *Rev 3:21; Heb 1:3* \_\_\_\_\_

To whom was Jesus being obedient in all that He did? *Phil 2:8; Jn 4:34* \_\_\_\_\_

In the time of His Second Coming to judge the nations and execute the wrath of God, *Rev 19:15*, what is the Name that is written on His robe and thigh? *Rev 19:16* \_\_\_\_\_

The word "LORD" means master, owner, possessor and sovereign ruler? How should these titles affect us? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Lordship and Obedience**

Obedience to the will of God must naturally follow our recognition of the Lordship of Christ in our lives. We cannot claim that Jesus is our Lord and still live as we please. What is more important than the words we speak? *Mat 7:21* \_\_\_\_\_

If we hear the Word of God, agree with it, but do not do it, what are we doing to ourselves? *Jam 1:22* \_\_\_\_\_

What does Jesus expect of us when we call Him Lord? *Lk 6:46* \_\_\_\_\_

### **Obedience – a Sign**

If we call Jesus “LORD” and do what He says, what are we proving? *Lk 6:46* \_\_\_\_\_

Furthermore, if we obey Jesus, and keep His commandments, what else does this prove? *Jn 14:15* \_\_\_\_\_

If we obey the commandments of Jesus, what will Jesus and the Father do for us? *Jn 14:21,23* \_\_\_\_\_

What is necessary before we can say that we know God? *1Jn 2:3* \_\_\_\_\_

If we are keeping the commandments of the Lord Jesus Christ, what does this prove? *1Jn 3:24* \_\_\_\_\_

### **God’s Commands are not Burdensome**

God’s commandments are meant to bless us, not bind us. When we obey His laws, we will in fact be liberated instead of being limited. **It is only in God’s Will that we are free.** What is the way of being a disciple, or obedient follower, of Jesus? *Jn 8:31*

What two things follow abiding and being obedient to His will? *Jn 8:32* \_\_\_\_\_

Where is true rest to be found? *Mat 11:28* \_\_\_\_\_

What are the three steps of entering into His rest? *Mat 11:29* \_\_\_\_\_

What is the yoke that links us to Jesus as we walk with Him? *Mat 11:29; Lk 9:23* \_\_\_\_\_

How do we show our love to God? *1Jn 5:3* \_\_\_\_\_

In what way are God’s commandments described? *1Jn 5:3* \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Security of Obedience**

The Lord promises to bless and protect those who will in faith obey His word and do what He says. Christians are not exempt from trials and problems, but our obedience to God’s laws will help us overcome in every situation and give us the final victory.

Please read *Mat 7:21-27*. Who will enter the Kingdom of Heaven? *Mat 7:21* \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe someone who says, “Lord, Lord,” but does not do God’s will?

Now if we are listening to Jesus’ teachings of *Matthew, chapters 5,6,7*, and doing them, how secure will we be through every rain, flood, and storm of life? *Mat 7:24,25*

### **Obedience is Better than Sacrifice**

Nothing else can substitute for obedience. God wants a people who will keep His word and obey Him at all costs. We will look at the dangers of disobedience to God. Please read *1Sam 15:1-23*. What are Samuel’s famous words to Saul in *1Sam 15:22,23*?

In *Ps 40:6-8; Heb 10:5-7*, we read of Jesus’ example to us. What did Jesus delight Himself in? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the reason for this delight in Jesus? *Ps 40:8* \_\_\_\_\_

What is God’s promise to us? *Jer 31:33, Heb 8:10* \_\_\_\_\_

Why is it better to obey God and do what he says to us? *Lk 6:46-49* \_\_\_\_\_

If we lay aside sin and receive with meekness the Word of God planted in our heart, what benefit will we receive? *Jam 1:21*. \_\_\_\_\_

If we look into the liberating Word of God, *Jn 8:32*, and continue in it, remembering to do it, what will be the result? *Jam 1:25* \_\_\_\_\_