

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*?

- v1* _____
- v3* _____
- v4* _____
- v6* _____
- v7* _____
- v9* _____
- 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* _____