

A MIRACLE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF OBEDIENCE

Joh 9:1 And as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth.

Joh 9:2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

Joh 9:3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

Joh 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

Joh 9:6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

Joh 9:7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

Joh 9:10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?

Joh 9:11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.

Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Rom 6:17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

Rom 6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

That form of doctrine - Greek, type; see the note at. The form or type of doctrine means that shape or model of instruction which was communicated. It does not differ materially from the doctrine itself, "you have obeyed that doctrine," etc. You have yielded obedience to the instructions, the rules, and the tenor of the Christian revelation.

And the meaning of the whole expression is simply, that they had yielded a cheerful and hearty obedience to what had been communicated to them by the teachers and the preaching of the one who imparted you the truth.

1. **Have you ever noticed** in God's Word, that obedience is "a must" if one desires to enjoy God's Blessings? It is also something that God requires of all His children after they are saved.

Ezr 10:10 And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel.
Ezr 10:11 Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives.

Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, **so must we do.**

Act 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, **what shall we do?**

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

2. **The first miracle of our Lord Jesus was first predicated on obedience.**

Joh 2:4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.

Joh 2:5 His mother saith unto the servants, **Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.**

3. **Obedience was the secret of Noah's success** in building the ark for the salvation of his family;

Gen 6:22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

4. **Anyone who starts out to serve God must be determined to obey Him regardless of the cost.**

5. **One of the enemy's biggest jobs is to keep people from obeying God.** He knows that if he can keep people from obeying God he will surely defeat them. We must keep the admonishment of the Prophet Isaiah dear to our hearts.

Isa 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Isa 1:19 **If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:**

Isa 1:20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

6. **God loves and pays more attention to obedience than He does to a lot of sacrifices.** (1 Samuel 15:22).

1Sa 15:22 And Samuel said, 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 sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.**

7. We are informed in Rev. 12:12 that the devil is come down unto us “Having **GREAT WRATH**, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time,” to deceive and keep us from obeying God.

8. He is constantly walking about “**seeking whom he may devour**” (1 Peter 5:8).

2Co 2:9 For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things.

2Co 2:10 To whom ye forgive any thing, I *forgive* also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave *it*, for your sakes *forgave I it* in the person of Christ;

2Co 2:11 **Lest Satan should get an advantage of us:** for we are not ignorant of his devices.

9. Jesus’ greatest victory was obedience and submission to the cross.

Php 2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

Php 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

Php 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, **he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**

Php 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Php 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

Php 2:11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

FIVE ENEMIES OF OUR OBEDIENCE

Jos 10:15 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

Jos 10:16 But these **five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah.**

Jos 10:17 And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found hid in a cave at Makkedah.

Jos 10:18 And Joshua said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and set men by it for to keep them:

Jos 10:21 And all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace: none moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel.

Jos 10:22 Then said Joshua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings unto me out of the cave.

Jos 10:23 And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, *and* the king of Eglon.

Jos 10:24 And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them.

Jos 10:25 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.

Jos 10:26 And afterward Joshua smote them, and slew them, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening.

FIVE KINGS AGAINST YOUR OBEIDENCE

the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, *and* the king of Eglon; who are particularly named for the greater glory of the conquest, and the triumph over them.

1. King of Jerusalem: King of Unbelief

- a. Unbelief is one of these kings that has hindered or kept many people from obeying God.
- b. This King has caused some to depart from the living God.

Heb 3:10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in *their* heart; and they have not known my ways.

Heb 3:11 So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)

Heb 3:12 **Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.**

Heb 3:13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Heb 3:14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;

- c. We need to be “strong in faith” as Abraham was, not allowing ourselves to “stagger...at the promises of God through unbelief.” Abraham grew strong in faith, until he “against hope believed in hope” (Rom. 4:18-20).
- d. **God help us not to be hindered from obeying Him by this great king of Unbelief.**

2. King of Hebron: The King of Fear

1Jn 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

1Jn 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because **fear hath torment**. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

- a. **Because fear hath torment:** it distresses a man, fills him with anguish, and makes him restless and uneasy, and keeps him in servitude; through the fear of men, of the devil, death, judgment, and hell, he is all his lifetime, or as long as this fear lasts, subject to bondage: or "fear has punishment"

b. **David and Goliath:**

1Sa 17:16 And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

1Sa 17:24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid.

c. **Hidden talents in the house of God:**

Mat 25:25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, *there* thou hast *that is* thine.

Mat 25:26 His lord answered and said unto him, *Thou* wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

d. **God did not give us a spirit of fear:**

2Ti 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

3. **King of Jarmuth: The King of Pride:**

Pro 16:18 Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Pro 16:19 Better *it is to be* of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

- a. Pride has been a great hindrance and has kept many people from obeying God. It is still working on people today, both the saved and the unsaved. The Psalmist informs us:

Psa 10:4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after God*: God is not in all his thoughts.

Psa 73:6 Therefore pride compasseth (bindeth) them about as a chain;

