

# **Obedience**

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## I. Introduction.

A. Obedience is inward response to the will of God. Being obedient to the little things gives way to something else. Disobedience hurts your soul. We become bound by little strands of disobedience.

## II. God wants his children to do what he says.

A. Saul. (1 Samuel 15:9) Stubbornness is as iniquity to the Lord - it is an idol.

B. Saul was killed because he did not inquire of the Lord. (1 Chronicles 10:13, 1 Samuel 15:24)

## III. We are to obey the Lord by obeying God and men unless we are not permitted to speak in the name of Jesus. (John 14:21, Acts 5:29)

A. Daniel did not compromise concerning his testimony. (Daniel 6:10, Daniel 1:8)

B. We obey the Lord through men such as elders. You cannot be right with men and wrong with God. You cannot be right with God and wrong with men. (Galatians 1:10, Hebrews 13:17, Matthew 25:30)

C. Leave the exhorting up to the elders. (1 Peter 5:1, 1 Peter 5:3)

## IV. Exalting self is the great sin unto heaven. (Isaiah 14:12-13, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, John 8:29, Philippians 2:8, Hebrews 10:7)

A. John lived off of what God said. (John 1:21)

B. The Lord expects absolute obedience. (John 12:24, Matthew 22:37)

C. We are not to turn aside for vain things that cannot deliver.

### **Application questions**

1. How is obedience something that is inward?

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2. How did Saul fail to show obedience and what was the consequence?

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3. What is the relationship of obedience to God and obedience to man? What Scripture would you use to support your answer?

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