

Obedience is a step of Faith pt2

Deuteronomy 6:4–10 (NKJV)

⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

⁶ “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Caution Against Disobedience

¹⁰ “So it shall be, when the LORD your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build,

James 4:7–8 (NKJV)

⁷ Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded.

- **Rooted in Love and Faith:**

- **John 14:15 (NKJV)** ¹⁵ “If you love Me, keep My commandments.
- **1 John 5:3 (NKJV)** ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.
- Obedience demonstrates trust in God's goodness and promises.
- **John 14:21 (NKJV)** ²¹ He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”
- **Hebrews 10:22 (NKJV)** ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

- **Action Over Mere Words or Rituals:**

- **1 Samuel 15:22 (NKJV)** ²² So Samuel said: “Has 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 heed than the fat of rams.
- **James 1:22 (NKJV)** ²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

- **Willingness and Promptness:**

- **Psalms 119:60 (NKJV)** ⁶⁰ I made haste, and did not delay To keep Your commandments.

- **Submission to God's Will:**

- **Acts 5:29 (NKJV)** ²⁹ But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men.

- **Results in Blessing and Relationship:**

- **John 14:23 (NKJV)** ²³ Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.