

TOPIC	ABSOLUTE OBEDIENCE – PART 1
DATE	Sunday, August 20, 2023

MEMORY VERSE	“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.” 1 Samuel 15:22
BIBLE TEXT	Jeremiah 35:1-19

INTRODUCTION

Obedience is carrying out the word and will of another person. It implies compliance with the demands and requests of one in authority. Absolute obedience therefore is to carry out the demands and requests of one in authority and this time, God bearing in mind every detail of the instructions. A good example is the case of Saul who God asked to destroy ALL Amalekites but he spared their king and some animals, **1 Samuel 15:3, 15, 20-22**. May the Lord grant us grace to obey Him absolutely in Jesus name, Amen.

LESSON OUTLINE

A. THE MEANING OF ABSOLUTE OBEDIENCE.
B. REWARD OF ABSOLUTE OBEDIENCE.

A. THE MEANING OF ABSOLUTE OBEDIENCE.

- God loves details and wants obedience to be complete. Consider the details in **Joshua 6:2-5**. Jericho was given to the children of Israel but certain things have to be done to bring the wall down.
- Think of the results if one of the instructions was not obeyed.
- Absolute obedience is to be ready to carry out every instruction given by God in love, **John 14:15-16; Hebrews 11:6-11**.
- It is reading, hearing, preaching and doing the word of God, **Joshua 1:8**.
- It is also living a holy life, **Romans 12:1-2**.
- It means giving cheerfully and generously, **2 Corinthians 9:6-9**.
- Absolute obedience includes paying your tithe correctly, **Malachi 3:8-10**.
- Another area of absolute obedience is in training your children the way of God, **Jeremiah 35:12-15**.
- To some of us, total disobedience is not our problem, but half-obedience. God hates those who are neither cold nor hot, **Mark 12:29-30; Revelation 3:15-16**.

B. REWARD OF ABSOLUTE OBEDIENCE.

- Almost all of God's blessings come with conditions before the blessings. Consider the following,
 - i. Give and..., – **Luke 6:38**;
 - ii. Tithe – **Malachi 3:10-12**.
- You will become a friend of God, **John 15:14**.
- A known reward is that you will eat the good of the land, **Isaiah 1:19**.
- Another reward is that you will rule, reign and have dominion over all things, **Deuteronomy 28:1-13**.
- Absolute obedience can guarantee protection from enemies, **Deuteronomy 28:7**.
- You will become a channel of blessings to people and nations if you obey God completely, **Deuteronomy 28:3-13**.
- God will keep His covenant with you and your descendants, **Jeremiah 35:17-19**.

- Whosoever wants to enjoy God's blessing must cultivate the habit of obeying Him whole heartedly. **Deuteronomy 28:1.**
- God is ready to make you a peculiar treasure unto Him – **Exodus 19:5.**
- He will also be an enemy to the enemies of those who follow Him wholeheartedly, **Exodus 23:22.**
- Diseases will be kept away from anyone who obeys God diligently, **Exodus 15:26.**

SUMMARY

God is interested in details and requires absolute obedience from His children.

CONCLUSION

One of the important ingredients for a breakthrough is absolute obedience. There will be signs and wonders when absolute obedience is followed.

ASSIGNMENT

1. Consider **Joshua 6:2-5** and list the conditions to be met.
2. Let students study **Matthew 6:14-15** and write out details contained in this passage as it relates to forgiveness.