

OBEDIENCE TO GOD’S COMMANDS — UNCOMPROMISING ALIGNMENT

— Dependence on God Through Prayer Intermediate Teaching Outline

I. DOCTRINE STATEMENT — PRAYER AS COVENANT DEPENDENCE

- Prayer is covenant dependence that aligns the servant’s will with God’s purposes. (Ps 37:5; 1 John 5:14–15, summaries)
- God responds to prayer rooted in obedience and trust. (Prov 3:5–6; John 15:7, summaries)
- Prayer sustains spiritual clarity and strength. (Isa 40:31; Phil 4:6–7, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Prayer sustains covenant alignment.

II. PRAYER AND THE FEAR OF THE LORD

- Reverence anchors effective prayer. (Eccl 5:1–2; Prov 1:7, summaries)
- Casual prayer weakens discernment. (Isa 29:13; Matt 15:8, summaries)
- God honors reverent petition. (Ps 145:18–19; Heb 12:28, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Reverence strengthens prayer.

III. PRAYER AND DISCERNMENT

- Prayer clarifies direction. (Ps 25:4–5; James 1:5, summaries)
- Prayer guards against deception. (Matt 26:41; Prov 2:6–9, summaries)
- Discernment increases through prayerful listening. (1 Sam 3:9–10; Isa 30:21, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Prayer sharpens discernment.

IV. PRAYER AND PERSEVERANCE

- God calls servants to persistent prayer. (Luke 18:1; Rom 12:12, summaries)
- Delay tests faithfulness. (Hab 2:3; Eccl 7:8, summaries)
- God responds at appointed times. (Dan 10:12–14; Ps 102:13, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Persistence matures prayer.

V. PRAYER AND OBEDIENCE

- Obedience reinforces prayer confidence. (1 John 3:22; Ps 66:18, summaries)
- Disobedience hinders prayer effectiveness. (Isa 59:1–2; Prov 28:9, summaries)
- Repentance restores prayer access. (Ps 51:10–12; 2 Chron 7:14, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Obedience sustains access.

VI. PRAYER IN COMMUNITY AND LEADERSHIP

- Corporate prayer strengthens unity. (Acts 1:14; Ps 133:1, summaries)
- Leaders are sustained through prayer. (Exod 17:8–13; Acts 6:4, summaries)
- Prayer precedes major decisions. (Acts 13:2–3; Neh 1:4, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Prayer supports leadership.

VII. SERVANT IDENTITY MARKERS

- Prayerful servants wait on God. (Ps 27:14; Isa 40:31, summaries)
- Prayerful servants intercede for others. (Job 42:10; 1 Tim 2:1, summaries)
- Prayerful servants remain thankful. (Col 4:2; Ps 100:4, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Prayer identifies faithful servants.

VIII. SUMMARY CONSOLIDATION

- Prayer sustains covenant dependence.
- Prayer sharpens discernment.
- Prayer matures perseverance.
- Prayer strengthens obedience.

Memory Anchor: “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”
(James 5:16, summary)

IX. TRANSITION TO ADVANCED DOCTRINE

- Prayer will be tested by authority and delay.
- Dependence deepens under pressure.
- Advanced prayer governs warfare and authority.

X. COMMAND SUMMARY

- Dependence on God through prayer preserves clarity, obedience, and spiritual authority.