

# **OBEDIENCE TO GOD’S COMMANDS — UNCOMPROMISING ALIGNMENT**

## **— Humility and Lowliness Advanced Teaching Outline**

### **I. DOCTRINE STATEMENT — HUMILITY UNDER AUTHORITY AND HONOR**

- Humility is sustained lowliness before God when authority, honor, or power increase. (Prov 27:21; Luke 14:11, summaries)
- God tests humility through elevation as well as affliction. (Deut 8:2; Dan 4:30–37, summaries)
- Servant legitimacy is preserved by humility. (Micah 6:8; Matt 23:11–12, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Humility is tested most when honor increases.

### **II. HUMILITY AND DIVINE EXAMINATION**

- God examines hearts, not appearances. (1 Sam 16:7; Prov 16:2, summaries)
- Pride invites divine resistance. (James 4:6; Prov 15:25, summaries)
- Humility invites continued grace. (Isa 66:2; 1 Pet 5:5–6, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: God actively evaluates humility.

### **III. HUMILITY AND LEADERSHIP COLLAPSE**

- Pride precedes downfall in leaders. (Prov 16:18; Obad 1:3–4, summaries)
- God humbles rulers to preserve truth. (Dan 5:20–23; Luke 18:14, summaries)
- Authority without humility becomes destructive. (Eccl 10:5–7; Matt 20:25–28, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Leadership magnifies humility’s necessity.

### **IV. HUMILITY AND DISCERNMENT**

- Humility allows discernment to remain clear. (Prov 11:2; James 3:17, summaries)
- Pride clouds judgment and invites error. (Prov 18:12; Eccl 7:16, summaries)
- The humble seek counsel before acting. (Prov 15:22; Acts 15:6–11, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Humility protects discernment.

## V. HUMILITY AND SUFFERING

- God uses affliction to produce humility. (2 Cor 12:7–9; Lam 3:31–33, summaries)
- Submission under suffering refines character. (Ps 119:71; Heb 12:10–11, summaries)
- Resistance to humbling prolongs discipline. (Prov 29:1; Isa 9:13, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Humility is often forged through suffering.

## VI. FALSE HUMILITY AND DECEPTION

- Scripture warns against outward humility without inward submission. (Col 2:18–23; Isa 29:13, summaries)
- False humility seeks recognition indirectly. (Matt 6:16–18; Prov 26:25, summaries)
- True humility produces obedience and restraint. (Phil 2:5–8; Titus 3:2, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Not all humility is genuine.

## VII. HUMILITY AND SPIRITUAL WARFARE

- Humility positions the servant under God’s authority. (James 4:7; Eph 6:10–13, summaries)
- Pride creates vulnerability to deception. (Gen 3:5–7; 2 Cor 11:3, summaries)
- Submission strengthens resistance. (1 Pet 5:6–9; Prov 16:19, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Humility guards spiritual territory.

## VIII. SUMMARY CONSOLIDATION

- Humility must endure honor and pressure.
- Humility sustains leadership legitimacy.
- Humility preserves discernment.
- Humility protects against deception.

Memory Anchor: “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” (James 4:6)

## IX. TRANSITION TO DOCTRINE 3 — FAITHFULNESS

- Humility sustains reliability.
- Pride undermines consistency.
- Faithfulness grows from a lowly heart.

## X. COMMAND SUMMARY

- Humility and lowliness preserve servant authority, discernment, and endurance before God.