

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

## **— Love and Service to Others Advanced Teaching Outline**

### **I. DOCTRINE STATEMENT — LOVE UNDER COST AND CONFLICT**

- Love is covenant faithfulness expressed through service when sacrifice, resistance, or loss is required. (John 15:12–13; Rom 12:17–21, summaries)
- Mature love persists without reciprocity. (Luke 6:32–36; Prov 19:17, summaries)
- Love validates true servanthood under pressure. (1 John 3:16; Matt 5:44–45, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Love is tested under cost.

### **II. LOVE AND SACRIFICIAL OBEDIENCE**

- Love submits personal rights for God’s purposes. (Phil 2:5–8; 1 Cor 9:19–23, summaries)
- Obedient love reflects Christ’s cross. (Isa 53:10–12; Heb 12:2, summaries)
- Love obeys even when misunderstood. (John 6:66–68; Prov 16:7, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Love obeys at personal expense.

### **III. LOVE AND ENEMIES**

- Love extends beyond agreement or affinity. (Matt 5:44–48; Prov 25:21–22, summaries)
- Loving enemies reveals divine likeness. (Luke 10:33–35; Rom 5:8, summaries)
- Retaliation contradicts covenant love. (Lev 19:18; Rom 12:19, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Love transcends hostility.

### **IV. LOVE AND JUSTICE**

- Love does not negate righteousness. (Micah 6:8; Isa 1:16–17, summaries)
- Love confronts oppression and injustice. (Prov 31:8–9; Eccl 5:8, summaries)
- Service protects the vulnerable. (Ps 82:3–4; James 1:27, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Love acts righteously.

## V. LOVE AND ENDURANCE

- Love perseveres through hardship. (1 Cor 13:7; Gal 6:9, summaries)
- Enduring love matures character. (Rom 5:3–5; James 1:12, summaries)
- Love remains faithful when outcomes are delayed. (Hab 2:3; Eccl 11:1, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Love endures.

## VI. LOVE AND DISCERNMENT UNDER PRESSURE

- Love must be governed by truth and wisdom. (Phil 1:9–10; Prov 4:23, summaries)
- Enabling harm is not love. (Prov 11:15; 2 Thess 3:10, summaries)
- Discernment preserves love’s integrity. (Eccl 8:5; James 3:17, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Love requires discernment.

## VII. LOVE IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE

- Love functions as spiritual armor. (Eph 6:14–18; Col 3:14, summaries)
- Hatred fractures spiritual authority. (1 John 2:9–11; Prov 10:12, summaries)
- Love overcomes evil. (Rom 12:21; Rev 12:11, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Love protects spiritual authority.

## VIII. SUMMARY CONSOLIDATION

- Love persists under cost.
- Love governs justice.
- Love endures hardship.
- Love overcomes evil.

Memory Anchor: “Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Rom 12:21, summary)

## IX. TRANSITION TO DOCTRINE 5 — ENDURANCE IN ADVERSITY

- Love must endure trials.
- Service invites hardship.
- Endurance preserves love under suffering.

## X. COMMAND SUMMARY

- Love and service express covenant faithfulness through sacrificial endurance and righteous action.