

DISCIPLESHIP-BIBLE STUDY | THE BOOK OF ACTS

THE OBEDIENCE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd READ ACTS 5 | WORKING IN THE SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE

DISCUSSION / REFLECTION / IMPLICATION

DIVINE OBEDIENCE -VS- HUMAN OBEDIENCE

ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA SOLD PROPERTY AND DONATED A PORTION OF THE MONEY TO THE APOSTLES
WHILE FALSELY CLAIMING THEY GAVE THE FULL AMOUNT.

- A. WHAT WERE THEIR SINS?
- B. WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE OF US?
- C. HOW DOES THIS QUESTION RESONATE WITH YOU?

WHAT DOES THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES SAY ABOUT OBEDIENCE?

BLESSINGS FOR OBEDIENCE | DEUTERONOMY 28:1-8 | NLT

THE LORD REJECTS SAUL | 1 SAMUEL 15:10-23 | NLT

IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOD'S COMMANDMENTS AND GOD'S COMMAND?

GOD'S COMMANDMENTS REFER TO THE UNIVERSAL, PERMANENT, AND FOUNDATIONAL MORAL LAWS ESTABLISHED FOR ALL HUMANITY. THESE MORAL LAWS (COMMANDMENTS) REPRESENT GOD'S UNCHANGING NATURE AND TIMELESS ETHICAL STANDARDS TO WHICH WE NEED TO LIVE BY.

COMMANDMENTS SERVE AS THE BEDROCK OF SPIRITUAL AND CIVIL LAW. THEY DICTATE HOW HUMANS SHOULD PERMANENTLY RELATE TO GOD AND TO EACH OTHER.

GOD'S COMMANDS REFER TO SPECIFIC, DIRECT, AND OFTEN SITUATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO A PARTICULAR PERSON, OR GROUP FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE.

COMMANDS ARE OPERATIONAL OR FUNCTIONAL. THEY ARE FREQUENTLY USED BY GOD TO SET EVENTS IN MOTION, FULFILL PROPHECIES, OR GOVERN THE NATURAL WORLD

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- 1) WAS THIS A COMMAND FROM GOD OR A COMMANDMENT?
- 2) WHAT DID GOD TELL KING SAUL TO DO?
- 3) WHAT WERE KING SAUL'S SINS?

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³ THEN PETER SAID, "ANANIAS, WHY HAVE YOU LET SATAN FILL YOUR HEART? YOU LIED TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND YOU KEPT SOME OF THE MONEY FOR YOURSELF. ⁴ THE PROPERTY WAS YOURS TO SELL OR NOT SELL, AS YOU WISHED. AND AFTER SELLING IT, THE MONEY WAS ALSO YOURS TO GIVE AWAY. HOW COULD YOU DO A THING LIKE THIS? YOU WEREN'T LYING TO US BUT TO GOD!"

⁵ AS SOON AS ANANIAS HEARD THESE WORDS, HE FELL TO THE FLOOR AND DIED. EVERYONE WHO HEARD ABOUT IT WAS TERRIFIED. ⁶ THEN SOME YOUNG MEN GOT UP, WRAPPED HIM IN A SHEET, AND TOOK HIM OUT AND BURIED HIM.

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- 1) WHAT DOES PETER'S STATEMENT IN VERSE 3 TO ANANIAS REMIND YOU OF?

JESUS PREDICTS HIS DEATH | MATTHEW 16:21-24 | NIV

THE APOSTLES HEAL MANY | ACTS 5:12-16 | NLT

- 1) WHY DO YOU THINK OR BELIEVE NO ONE ELSE DARED TO JOIN THE APOSTLES?
 - 2) DID THIS STOP THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH?
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th ACTS 5 | WORKING IN THE SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE
FIRST DISTRICT PASTOR'S RETREAT IN VERMONT: SUN 13SEP20SEP2026 – THURS 17SEP2026

WEEKS 1 AND 2 REVIEW: DISCUSSION / REFLECTION AND LIFE APPLICATION
WE WILL CONTINUE ACTS 5 NEXT WEEK

DIVINE OBEDIENCE -VS- HUMAN OBEDIENCE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD ACTS 5 | WORKING IN THE SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE

DIVINE OBEDIENCE -VS- HUMAN OBEDIENCE

THE APOSTLES MEET OPPOSITION | ACTS 5:17-21 | NLT

- 1) IS THIS A COMMAND FROM GOD OR A COMMANDMENT?
- 2) WHAT IS THE MESSAGE OF LIFE AND THE MEANING OF LIFE?

WE WERE CREATED TO PRAISE AND GLORIFY GOD, AND ESTABLISH A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS SON. GOD SENT JESUS CHRIST TO PAY THE PENALTY FOR OUR SIN, SO WE MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE IN HEAVEN.

JOHN 3:16: ¹⁶ *FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.*

MATTHEW 22:37-40: ³⁷ *JESUS REPLIED: "LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND."* ³⁸ *THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREATEST COMMANDMENT.* ³⁹ *AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: 'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'* ⁴⁰ *ALL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS HANG ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS."*

EVERYTHING IS MEANINGLESS | READ ECCLESIASTES 1:1-18 | NLT

THE TEACHER SPEAKS: THE FUTILITY OF WISDOM

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th ACTS 5:21-32 | WORKING IN THE SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE

DIVINE OBEDIENCE -VS- HUMAN OBEDIENCE

- 1) ARE THE APOSTLES DOING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?
 - A. COMMANDS
 - B. COMMANDMENTS
 - C. OBEDIENCE
 - D. SACRIFICE
 - E. SHARING THE MESSAGE OF LIFE
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