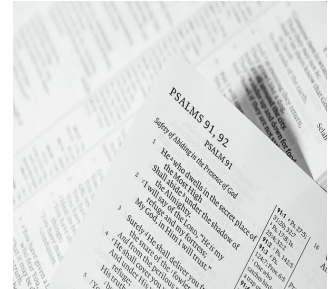


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From Heaven's Heart

“When God Speaks, Obey Him Immediately”

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The Bible says a lot about obedience. We spent some time last month looking at what God says about receiving His promises...His one condition...we must obey Him. We all know God wants us to obey Him so He can bless us. His instructions are for our good.

But He also tells us how He wants us to obey. One of the most important things we should learn about obedience in the Bible is that we must obey God immediately. Psalm 119:32 says, “I will quickly obey your commands”.

Later on, that Psalm gives the same message in a different way: “Without delay I hurry to obey your commands” Psalm 119:60

When God tells you to do something, don't procrastinate. Don't make excuses. Don't drag your feet. Just do it. Do it now.

But what if I don't understand why God is asking me to do a particular thing, you might ask.

You don't have to understand something to benefit from it. I don't understand how planes fly but I used to travel in them several times a month. I don't understand how this computer prints to my printer without wires attached or how my emails arrive on your computer or smartphone in seconds but I still use one everyday. You don't have to understand God's commands to obey them and benefit from them.

Children often ask why they have to eat a certain food or obey. As a parent, my answer was, “Because I said so”. What parents mean is this: “Today you're not old enough to understand but just trust me...I know better. And I need you to do this for your own good.” Right!

Like a child, sometimes I'm tempted to ask God, “Why do I need to do that?”

And like a loving parent, God might want to say, "Because I said so. I know more than you. One day you'll understand, but today you don't. And I need you to do this anyway, for your own good.

Is this making sense? I hope so.

What if you can't obey God with a good attitude? Should you still obey Him? Absolutely! That's far better than disobedience. Mature people do the right thing in spite of their feelings. Here's a principle in the Bible. Anytime God gives us a stated command without a specific date, He wants you to do it now.

When our children were young, Andrea might say, "Dinner's ready, come and get it while it's still hot. That meant," "Wash your hand and come to the dinner table right now." It's the same with God. If He tells you to do something without a specific timeframe, He means you should do it right now.

When we delay obedience, we're questioning God. We're asking, "God, do you really know what's best for me?" Don't you think that's a silly question to be asking God?

Consider this question" What if God responded to your prayers and your needs at the same speed in which you obey Him? When you get in trouble, you want God's help immediately. When God tells you to do something, He wants you to obey immediately.

Delayed obedience is disobedience. If you want the blessings of God, quickly follow His instructions. There's only one way to receive God's blessings...Trust and obey Him.

Happy July and may God richly bless you because you love Him enough to listen and obey...immediately,

Pastor Steve

