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READ THIS FIRST

This study is not written to comfort your beliefs, but to test them.

Many claim to love YHWH, yet their lives do not reflect obedience. Words are spoken, emotions are felt, and intentions are claimed, but Scripture does not measure love by what is said, it measures it by what is done.

Because of this, you cannot approach this study casually.

This study is the result of years of preparation, prayer, experience, research, and careful scriptural verification. This is not rushed teaching or surface-level content. Every part has been built deliberately to ensure clarity, accuracy, and faithfulness to Scripture.

So do not read this quickly, and do not assume understanding.

You are responsible to test everything you read. You are responsible to search the Scriptures and confirm whether what is written is true.

No guessing.

No assuming.

No rushing.

Each point must be examined and proven through the Word of YHWH.

This is how a person is led into truth, not by agreement, but by verification.

It does not matter your background, your tradition, or how long you have studied. What matters is this: are you willing to listen, willing to examine, and willing to test everything by Scripture?

Set aside feelings. Set aside assumptions. Let the Word define truth.

If what you believe is true, it will stand. If it is not, it must be corrected.

Read carefully. Examine honestly. Respond accordingly.

Opening Exhortation: A Letter Before the Study.

How much is God worth?

Very often I have found myself asking the Lord what I could do, what I should do, what I should say. There were days the Lord gave me a word of encouragement, and everyone seemed to enjoy those words. Many times, He gave me lessons from scripture, and other times He directed me to specific passages. But the root of my question toward YHWH (our God) has always been this: how can I love Him more? How can I have perfect faith toward Him? How can I become what He created and purposed me to be, so I could bless others and help them see and understand who He truly is?

There was a day when He gave me a question to work on, a question that we all truly need to think about, process, and meditate upon. It connected to another question my soul had asked a couple of weeks earlier, and that question was: what do I truly want? Do I want a godly life, a worldly life, or a balanced life? The first answer that popped into my head was a balanced life. I imagine that would still be the same answer most people would give today. Yet as I sat and pondered, the question became more complicated. There has always been more underneath the surface of every “simple” question.

And here is where the Lord pressed the truth deeper. What does a “balanced life” really mean? Can there be such a thing when it comes to the gospel?

In the world, balance is often spoken of as dividing our time, desires, and efforts so that nothing overtakes the other. But in Christ, we should all know by now that there can be no balance with sin. You cannot balance lies with truth. You cannot balance drunkenness with sobriety. You cannot balance lust with holiness.

Light and darkness cannot share the same space. Paul asked it plainly: “What communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial?” (2 Corinthians 6:14–15).

But, what about time? To live and have a balanced time? To try to live in balance between the ways of the world and the way of God is to live divided, and a divided heart will always be unstable. That is why Christ said, “No man can serve two masters” (Matthew 6:24).

Time is the one thing we can never buy back. Money can be earned again, possessions can be replaced, and opportunities may return in another form, but every moment that passes is gone forever.

When we give our time to the world, to pleasure, or to sin, we are not just losing hours, we are stealing them from God, who gave us breath and days to glorify Him. In truth, every second belongs to Him, yet how often do we treat our time as if it were ours to spend however we wish?

And here lies the greater deception; Even on the one-day God specifically set apart as holy, the Sabbath, the flesh still seeks to rob Him. God calls it His day, yet the flesh calls it wasted time. God says it is a delight, yet the flesh says it is a burden. Instead of resting in Him, worshipping Him, and rejoicing in His presence, many use the Sabbath for their own pleasure, or treat the hours as interruptions to their routine. In doing so, the flesh steals what God set apart for Himself.

The Sabbath exposes where our hearts truly are. Do we see it as God’s time, or do we still claim it as our own? Every hour spent chasing our own will while claiming to honor His is proof that our time is divided. And a divided time always leads to a divided heart.

Beloved, time is not just a measurement of hours and days, it is the very fabric of our obedience. To spend time with God is to invest in eternity. To spend it on the flesh is to throw away what can never be returned. Paul exhorted us: “Redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:16). If we truly believe His Kingdom is of greater worth than all else, then our time must reflect that belief.

Many believe they can balance worldly attachments with following Christ, but discipleship demands total surrender. Just thinking of letting go of lying, cursing, or immorality keeps many from truly accepting God. They say, “God gets in the way of enjoying life,” but in reality, these attachments keep them in bondage and blind them to who God really is. A balanced life is a myth. You cannot balance holiness with rebellion. To be chosen means you are set apart, and that separation will cost you. And the disciple’s life is not one of partial commitment, but of complete surrender. Whatever you own, owns you. A man cannot be attached to both Christ and the things of this world.

A divided life is not balance; it is bondage. In Him there is no negotiating how much we keep back for ourselves. The call is all or nothing. Christ compared discipleship to building a tower and to going to war, because both require counting the cost before starting, and both demand endurance until the end.

I did not go into all the details back then, because the details are already found throughout the entirety of the salvation series studies stored with Zion’s Roar archives and available for all to read. As much as I have wanted to help, guide, and make it easier for everyone to see, to learn, to understand, and to love God, there is still a part of the good works that God commands us in 2 Timothy 2:15 and 2 Timothy 3:16–17 that I cannot do for anyone else. Human nature has always shown that humanity tend not to

value what it's received freely from others as much as when they work hard to attain it. Perhaps that is part of why Paul wrote, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12).

This brought me to another thought: why are we so stingy toward God? In the book of Malachi, God said He would rather the temple doors be shut than for the people to continue bringing meaningless offerings, injured, crippled, blemished, or diseased animals burned on useless fires (Malachi 1:10–13). Even worse, the people considered their gifts and service to Him to be a burden. And is this not how many people today treat the Sabbath?

God calls it a delight: "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable" (Isaiah 58:13). Yet for many, it still feels like an interruption, a heavy command, or even an inconvenience.

Why is this?

It is because the flesh sees rest in God as wasted time when it could be pursuing its own pleasures, and because without the Spirit, obedience will always feel like restriction instead of freedom.

But for the chosen, what feels like a burden is actually preparation. God sets them apart, strips away distractions, and trains them to walk a different path. Whatever the soul resists from the flesh, it embraces through the Spirit. When the soul delights in God, the Sabbath becomes a joy and you look forward to it. When the soul is divided, it becomes a burden.

Commitment is proven in the heart. God calls us to love Him with all our heart, soul, and mind (Matthew 22:36–38). When

obedience feels like a burden, it is because the heart has not fully surrendered. To those who love Him, obedience is joy. To those still clinging to self, obedience feels like loss.

And involvement itself is part of that obedience. Involvement in service, evangelism, giving, and exhorting one another is the very evidence of living faith. To profess that we know God but deny Him in works is to live as reprobates (Titus 1:16). Faith without works is dead (James 2:17–26). Involvement is required to maintain salvation, and when our service becomes stingy or reluctant, we reveal that our hearts are still divided. (Study 50)

Christ spoke about the cost of being His disciple in (Luke 9:57–62), and in Matthew’s Gospel He gave the parable of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price (Matthew 13:44–46) to show how valuable the kingdom of God is.

This has never been about money, though giving has its place. This is about giving God our hearts, our time, our thoughts, and our very lives.

Is His Kingdom worth giving up sleep to spend time with the King each morning?

Is it worth turning off the television to read His Word to your children?

Is it worth more than seeing them excel in sports or dance?

Is God your heart’s first desire, or your seventh, or your thirtieth?

Beloved, my toes are throbbing too, but the question still stands: what is God worth to you?

God cannot be priced. He cannot be bought or sold. The very thought of attaching a number to His worth feels out of place,

because the entire universe and existence itself belong to Him. He created it, He sustains it, and He has it all planned out for it. All that we see and all that exists belongs to God. As a matter of fact, all that will also come into existence will also belong to God as His creation. There is no market that could purchase what He owns, no price that could ever measure His worth. His worth is 100% plus 7 times 77 of everything that ever has been, is now, and ever will be.

Let us not be forgetful hearers, but doers of the Word. Let us hold fast to who we are in Christ and let us never grow stingy toward the God who has given us everything.

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The Full Biblical Study.

Love and Obedience

The First and Greatest Commandment.

Love.

Strong's Number: G26

Greek Word: ἀγάπη

Transliteration: agape

Strong's Definition: love that is affection or benevolence; specifically (plural) a love feast.

Love is translated from the Greek word ἀγάπη, (agape). Greek has multiple words for love, including eros which is sexual love, and Philo which is brotherly love. Agape' is perfect love that only YHWH can give.

In respect of agape as used by YHWH, it expresses the deep and constant "love" and interest of a perfect God towards entirely unworthy objects, producing and fostering a reverential "love" in them back towards YHWH, and a hands-on "love" towards those who are partakers of the same faith, and a greater desire to help others to seek YHWH."

When it comes to the "love" we are to have for others, it is the agape type of love that YHWH imparts within our spirit and not the "love" that we give by ourselves as a mortal person.

The foundation of YHWH's creation (talking about us) are relationships and family. These relationships are both our natural family and church family.

Relationships however are a privilege, and to a degree we understand this, and find ourselves with a deep sense of honor, respect, patience and a few other choice attributes found in 1 Cor 13.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (KJV) Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not

easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

This verse describes the characteristics of true love. These qualities are found in Christ, and all truly loving relationships. The problem with trying to find love in our dating relationship is that too often we don't look for these characteristics. Rather we look at physical appearance, popularity, or wealth.

1 Peter 4:8 (KJV) And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

1 John 4:8 (KJV) He that loveth not knoweth not YHWH; for YHWH is love.

1 John 4:16 (KJV) And we have known and believed the love that YHWH hath to us. YHWH is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in YHWH, and YHWH in him.

1 John 4:18 (KJV) There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14 (KJV) Let all your things be done with charity.

If we talk about the Love we are to have for our Creator, then we have to understand what His love language is and how to show Him our love.

What people call love vs what YHWH calls love

Many say, "I love YHWH," yet their lives remain unchanged. They continue in disobedience, thinking that words, emotions, or intentions are enough. But Scripture does not agree.

1 John 2:4 (KJV) He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

People say, “YHWH knows my heart,” but YHWH tests the heart through obedience, not through claims. True love is not declared, it is demonstrated.

If obedience is absent, then love is absent, no matter what is spoken; because He requires something very different than what we need.

John 15:9-11 (KJV) As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

John 13:34-35 (KJV) A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John 14:15 (KJV) If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Obedience is the practical acceptance of the authority and will of YHWH. One of the greatest obstacles to true obedience is feelings.

Many do not reject YHWH's commandments openly. Instead, they allow their feelings to decide when, how, or if they will obey. But Scripture warns that the heart is deceitful above all things (Jeremiah 17:9), and those who trust in it are led astray.

Feelings change. Truth does not.

If obedience is based on how a person feels, then obedience will be inconsistent. But true obedience does not depend on emotion, comfort, or personal agreement. It depends on the authority of YHWH alone.

Grace does not remove obedience. Grace demands it. Many have been taught to separate grace from obedience, as though grace excuses what YHWH commands. Scripture does not support this.

What YHWH joined together, man has divided, and the result is a people who speak of love yet do not walk in submission.

Grace teaches obedience.

Where grace does not produce obedience, it has been misunderstood.

Obedience includes both submitting to Him and expressing that submission in actions, words, and thoughts.

To be obedient is to be in agreement with YHWH.

To be in agreement and obedient to YHWH and His commandments is to love Him with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.

The only way to keep the first commandment is to love YHWH. But that love does not sustain itself. The fear of the Lord is what preserves that love.

Fear is not panic. It is clarity, seeing YHWH as holy authority, producing obedience that does not negotiate, delay, or redefine His commands. Without fear, love becomes emotion.

With fear, love becomes submission.

This is why Scripture always joins fear, love, and obedience together. Remove fear, and love weakens into words. Restore fear, and obedience becomes immediate and consistent.

And the only way to love YHWH is by being OBEDIENT to His commandments. There is no other way around it. It is a plain and simple circle.

Reasons Why Obedience to YHWH Is Important

1. It is the First and great commandment:

Deuteronomy 6:5 (KJV) And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Matthew 22:37-40 (KJV) “Christ” (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Mark 12:30-31 (KJV) And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. 31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Luke 10:27 (KJV) And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

2. Christ Calls Us to Obey

In “Christ” (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach), we find the perfect model of obedience. As his disciples, we follow Christ's example as well as His commandments. Our motivation for obedience is love:

John 14:15 (KJV) If ye love me, keep my commandments.

3. Christ showed His love to YHWH the Father by following His commandments.

John 14:31 (KJV) But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

4. The transition for us: that the same way Christ loved His Father and showed Him love, we are to do the same.

John 14:31 (KJV) But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

John 15:10 (KJV) If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

John 21:15-17 (KJV) So when they had dined, “Christ” (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach) saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. “Christ” (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach) saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

5. Obedience Is an Act of Worship and is our reasonable service.

While the Bible places a strong emphasis on obedience, it's critical to remember that believers are not justified (made righteous) by obedience.

True disciple obedience flows from a heart of gratitude for the grace we have received from the Lord:

Romans 12:1 (KJV) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of YHWH, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto YHWH, which is your reasonable service.

6. The only way YHWH chooses for us to show Him love is through obedience. True obedience comes at a cost. It may require turning away from relationships, desires, habits, and even things we hold dear.

Matthew 10:37 (KJV) He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me...

Obedience will challenge the flesh, confront pride, and separate a person from the world. If what is called “love” never requires sacrifice, then it is not the love that Scripture defines.

YHWH does not ask for hugs, nor gifts, nor for us to say, “I love you”. His only requirement is obedience to His commandments:

John 14:15 (KJV) If ye love me, keep my commandments.

John 14:21 (KJV) He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

John 14:23 (KJV) “Christ” (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach) answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

1 John 5:2-3 (KJV) By this we know that we love the children of YHWH, when we love YHWH, and keep His commandments. For this is the love of YHWH, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous.

2 John 1:6 (KJV) And this is love, that we walk after His commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

Exodus 20:6 (KJV) And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Deuteronomy 5:10 (KJV) And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

7. YHWH Rewards Obedience

Over and over again we read in the Bible that YHWH blesses and rewards obedience:

Examples of obedience and disobedience

Throughout Scripture, YHWH has always revealed the difference between those who love Him and those who do not through their obedience.

Abraham obeyed YHWH by offering Isaac, proving his love and faith through action, not words (Genesis 22:18).

Noah obeyed YHWH without ever seeing rain, building the ark exactly as commanded, and was preserved because of his obedience.

On the other hand, Saul partially obeyed YHWH, keeping what he desired while rejecting what was commanded, and YHWH called it rebellion and rejected him as king (1 Samuel 15:22–23).

Judas walked with Christ, heard His words, and witnessed His power, yet through disobedience and betrayal, he proved that proximity does not equal obedience, and obedience alone proves love.

These examples make it clear: YHWH does not measure love by association, knowledge, or words, but by obedience.

Genesis 22:18 (KJV) And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Luke 11:28 (KJV) But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of YHWH, and keep it.

But don't just listen to YHWH's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

James 1:22-25 (KJV) But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural

face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

8. Obedience to YHWH Proves Our Love

Righteousness is the visible evidence of that love.

A man may claim to love YHWH, but heaven does not record what he claims, it records what he becomes through obedience. Righteousness is not declared by words, it is revealed in conduct. If love does not produce obedience, and obedience does not produce righteousness, then what is called “love” is self-deception.

The books of 1 and 2 John clearly explain that obedience to YHWH demonstrates love for Him. Loving YHWH implies following his commands:

1 John 5:2-3 (KJV) By this we know that we love the children of YHWH, when we love YHWH, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of YHWH, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

2 John 6:6 (KJV) And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

And of course, there is more to it, Here are more examples!

John 15:10 (KJV) If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

9.Obedience to YHWH Demonstrates Faith

When we obey YHWH, we show our trust and faith in him:

Faith and feelings do not operate the same way.

Faith obeys what YHWH has spoken. Feelings respond to circumstances. A person who lives by feelings will obey when it is easy and withdraw when it is difficult. A person who lives by faith obeys regardless of what they feel.

Scripture does not call us to live by feelings, but by faith. And faith is proven through obedience.

Modern religion has redefined righteousness into comfort. Many claim they are righteous because they speak well, attend church, or show kindness, yet their lives remain unsubmitted to the commandments of YHWH. True righteousness is not outward behavior detached from obedience, but obedience born of love.

A man can do good works and still be unrighteous if rebellion rules his heart. YHWH does not measure righteousness by sincerity, but by submission. And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments.

If someone claims, "I know YHWH," but doesn't obey His commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. But those who obey YHWH's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. Those who say they live in YHWH should live their lives as Christ did. 1 John 2:3–6 (KJV) And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of YHWH perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

Obedience does not only prove love, it defines identity.

A person is not known by what they confess, but by what they follow. Those who walk in obedience reflect the nature of YHWH. Those who refuse obedience reveal that they are still governed by self.

Love, faith, righteousness, and holiness all meet at one point, obedience. Remove obedience, and all of them collapse into empty claims.

10. Obedience Is Better Than Sacrifice

The phrase "obedience is better than sacrifice," has often perplexed believers. Partial obedience is still disobedience. YHWH does not accept selective obedience where a person chooses what to follow and what to ignore.

Saul obeyed most of the command, yet because he altered YHWH's instruction, it was counted as rebellion. This reveals a critical truth: obedience must be complete. Delayed obedience, modified obedience, or convenient obedience is not obedience at all.

To obey YHWH is to surrender fully to His will, not to negotiate with it. It can only be understood from an Old Testament perspective. The law required the Israelite people to offer sacrifices to YHWH, but those sacrifices and offerings were never intended to take the place of obedience.

But Samuel replied, "And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king". (1 Samuel 15:22–23, KJV)

11. Disobedience Leads to Sin and Death

The disobedience of Adam brought sin and death into the world. This is the basis of the term "original sin." But Christ's perfect obedience restores fellowship with YHWH for everyone who believes in Him:

Romans 5:19, KJV For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

1 Corinthians 15:22, KJV For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

12. We must be doers of the word and not just listeners.

James 1:22 (KJV) But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

John 9:31 (KJV) Now we know that YHWH heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of YHWH, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

Deuteronomy 10:12 (KJV) And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

Deuteronomy 11:1 (KJV) Therefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, always.

13. Through Obedience, We Experience the Blessings of Holy Living

Noah is a clear example of obedience over feelings.

He was commanded to build an ark for a flood that had never been seen. For many years he continued the work, not because it felt right, but because YHWH had spoken. Surrounded by a world that rejected truth, Noah chose obedience over emotion, faith over feeling.

This is the same decision every disciple must make. Obey what YHWH has said, or follow what feels right.

Righteousness, fear, and obedience cannot be separated.

Righteousness is the outward evidence, fear is the internal posture, and obedience is the action that connects both. Where fear is present, obedience follows. Where obedience is consistent, righteousness becomes visible.

If any one of these is missing, the others collapse. Without fear, obedience fades. Without obedience, righteousness disappears. Without righteousness, the claim of love is empty.

Only “Christ” (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach) is perfect, therefore, only He could walk in sinless, perfect obedience. But as we allow the Ruach Hakodesh to transform us from within, we grow in holiness.

This is the process of sanctification, which can also be described as spiritual growth. The more we read YHWH's Word, spend time with “Christ” (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach), and allow the Holy Spirit to change us from within, the more we grow in obedience and holiness as Disciples:

Psalm 119:1–8, KJV Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect

unto all thy commandments. I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

Luke 11:28 (KJV) But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of YHWH, and keep it.

Acts 5:32 (KJV) And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Ruach Hakodesh, whom YHWH hath given to them that obey him.

Romans 8:28 (KJV) And we know that all things work together for good to them that love YHWH, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

Deuteronomy 11:26-27 (KJV) Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day:

Hebrews 5:9 (KJV) And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

2 Corinthians 7:1, KJV Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of YHWH.

This verse says, "Let us work toward complete holiness." We don't learn obedience overnight; it's a lifelong process that we pursue by making it a daily goal.

Disobedience is a SIN caused by rebellion and distrust of YHWH.

Feelings often become the doorway to that rebellion.

A person may know what YHWH has commanded, yet choose differently because it feels uncomfortable, inconvenient, or undesirable. In that moment, feelings are placed above truth, and self is placed above YHWH.

Disobedience is not always loud rebellion. It is often quiet justification, choosing what feels right instead of what is right. To be disobedient is to yield to self-will instead of surrendering to YHWH and desiring His will in all things.

Sin is the transgression of YHWH's known will and/or His commandments or any of His principles. Sin is rooted in a broken relationship with Him, ourselves and others. Broken relationships bring doubts and fear, which are lack of faith and whatever is not from faith is Sin.

1 John 3:4 (KJV) Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Romans 14:23 (KJV): for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

Matthew 24:12 (KJV) And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Revelation 2:4 (KJV) Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

To become disobedient is to sin or rebel against YHWH.

Matthew 10:37 (KJV) He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

John 14:24 (KJV) He that loveth me NOT keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

Luke 6:46 (KJV) And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

1 Corinthians 16:22 (KJV) If any man love not the Lord “Christ” (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach) Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.

Psalms 119:136 (KJV) Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

Proverbs 28:9 (KJV) He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

Sin hinders our prayers. Many cry out to YHWH asking for answers, guidance, and blessings, yet ignore the very commandments He has already given. This creates a contradiction.

You cannot ask YHWH to move in your life while refusing to obey what He has already spoken. Prayer without obedience becomes empty words, and obedience is the condition that aligns us with His will so that our prayers may be heard. If we aren't doers of what we know we should do, it will hinder our prayers. We need to obey YHWH and please Him for our prayers to be answered.

John 9:31 (KJV) Now we know that YHWH heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of YHWH, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

Psalms 66:18 (KJV) If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

Isaiah 59:2 (KJV) But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

YHWH curses those who are disobedient to Christ and His commandments.

Ephesians 5:6 (KJV) Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of YHWH upon the children of disobedience.

Deuteronomy 11:28 (KJV) And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

2 Thessalonians 1:8 (KJV) In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not YHWH, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord “Christ” (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach) Christ:

1 Samuel 12:15 (KJV) But if ye will not obey the voice of the Lord, but rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then shall the hand of the Lord be against you, as it was against your fathers.

Proverbs 28:9 (KJV) He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

Knowing the true biblical definitions is of most importance to be able to see and read the scriptures through the Apostles eyes. In this study we learned that to Love YHWH = to be obedient to YHWH

This truth demands a response.

That response cannot be based on feeling.

Many feel convicted, yet never change. Many feel stirred, yet never obey. Feelings may acknowledge truth, but only obedience submits to it.

What you feel in this moment does not matter if it does not lead to action. Truth is not proven by emotion, but by obedience. It is not enough to agree with it intellectually. Each person must examine their own life.

Are you obeying YHWH, or only claiming to love Him?

Are you a doer of the Word, or only a hearer?

Does your life reflect obedience, or does it reveal selective submission?

If obedience defines love, then disobedience reveals the absence of it.

And abhor = to detest.

You will also learn in study B3-C02-S04- “Truth or Deceit Testing What You Believe”, that the Biblical definition of INIQUITY = lawless and/or wicked. In other words, not being legalistic.

With the above information in mind, we can now get a glimpse of how the following scriptures are read and seen through an Apostles eyes.

Mat 7:23 (KJV) And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work illegality.

Mat 13:41 (KJV) The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do Illegality/Wickedness;

Mat 23:28 (KJV) Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and Lawlessness.

Mat 24:12 (KJV) And because Lawlessness shall abound, the obedience of many shall wax cold.

Mark 12:30 (KJV) And thou shalt be obedient to the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

John 8:42 (KJV) “Christ” (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach) said unto them, If YHWH were your Father, ye would be obedient to me:

for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but He sent me.

Romans 4:7 (KJV) Saying, Blessed are they whose illegalities/wickedness are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Romans 8:28 (KJV) And we know that all things work together for good to them that are obedient to YHWH, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

1 Corinthians 2:9 (KJV) But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which YHWH hath prepared for them that are obedient to Him.

1 Corinthians 16:22 (KJV) If any man is obedient NOT to the Lord “Christ” (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach) Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.

Ephesians 1:4 (KJV) According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in obedience:

2 Thess 2:7 (KJV) For the mystery of Illegality doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

Tit 2:14 (KJV) Who gave himself for us, that He might redeem us from all Lawlessness, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Heb 1:9 (KJV) Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated Lawlessness; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Heb 8:12 (KJV) For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their Lawlessness will I remember no more.

Heb 10:17 (KJV) And their sins and Lawlessness will I remember no more.

James 1:12 (KJV) Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that are obedient to him.

2 John 1:6 (KJV) And this is love, that we walk after His commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

Luke 10:27 (KJV) And he answering said, Thou shalt be obedient to the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

John 14:15 (KJV) If ye love me, keep my commandments.

John 14:21 (KJV) He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

John 14:23-24 (KJV) “Christ” (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. 24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

Final Consideration

You have now seen what Scripture says, not what is commonly taught, not what is assumed, but what is written. At this point, the issue is no longer understanding, it is response. God does not measure what you agreed with while reading, He measures what you obey after seeing it. If something in this study exposed an area of your life, that was not accidental, that was light, and Scripture is clear that light brings responsibility. What you now know, you are accountable for.

This is where many fail. They read, they agree, they feel conviction, and then they delay. But Scripture does not treat delay as neutral. “To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.” So the question is not whether this study was correct, the question is simple, what will you do with what God has shown you? Will you obey immediately, or will you explain it away? Will you remove what He has exposed, or will you manage it? Will you submit, or will you delay? There is no third option.

God is not asking you to fix everything at once, but He is requiring that you stop defending what He has already revealed. Repent where you must repent, cut off what must be cut off, and obey what you already know. Do not wait for a better moment, do not wait for stronger feelings, do not wait for more clarity. Scripture has already spoken, “Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your heart.” This is that moment.

If the fear of the Lord is present, obedience will follow. If obedience does not follow, fear was never received. The line is clear, and the responsibility is now yours. Choose.

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