

“Obedience”

Matt. 7:13-14

Introduction

- I. Let us be honest, many people seek the “easy way” in life.
- II. In other words, they are unwilling to be faithful regardless of the consequences.
- III. We are expected and required to obey God, no matter what.

Discussion

- I. Will we obey God even when we are not “in the mood” do such?
 - A. What if God only did certain things when He was “in the mood” to do such?
 - B. We must be “instant” when we are “in the mood” and when we are not “in the mood” (2 Tim. 4:2).
 - C. In every thing, we must remember Mark 12:30.
 - D. When we refuse to obey when we are not “in the mood”, we show great disrespect to God!.
- II. Will we obey God even when it is “inconvenient”?
 - A. Felix is a great example of man and “convenience” (Acts 24:25).
 - B. The “inconvenience” of obedience is just too much for some people (Matt. 19:21-22).
 - C. How can we really say that we obey Matthew 6:33 when obeying God is too much of an “inconvenience”.
 - D. Would we like for God to “make an appointment” with us instead of changing our lives to serve Him?
 - E. Some things cannot wait. Do we feel that way about obeying God?
- III. Will we obey God even if we do not fully understand why I am required to do it?
 - A. Noah proved that he would obey God (Gen. 6:13-22).
 - B. Abraham proved that he would obey God (Gen. 22:1-18).
 - C. We may not seem to “understand” why fornication is the only Scriptural reason for divorce; but we still should obey it (Matt. 19:9).
 - D. We may not seem to “understand” why singing is the only music that God wants in worship to Him; but we still should obey it (Col. 3:16).
- IV. Will we obey God even when would rather it be some other way?
 - A. Man often struggles with this problem (Prov. 14:12; Jer. 10:21).
 - B. Naaman serves as an example of what happens when refuse and when obey (2 Kings 5:10-12).
 - C. Jesus serves as an example of One that obeyed even when He physically longed for some other way (Luke 22:41-44).
- V. Will we obey God even if we are “embarrassed” to do such?
 - A. Let us remember what Peter did long ago (Luke 22:54-62; Gal. 2:11-13).
 - B. The “chief rulers” cared more about what people thought of them than what God thought (John 12:42-43).
 - C. Jesus warned what will happen if we are too “embarrassed” to obey God (Mark 8:3).

Conclusion

- I. We should condition ourselves to obey God no matter what (1 Cor. 9:24-27).
- II. There is no good excuse for not obeying God.