

Obedience
Mt 4:18-22
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Thesis: I want to remind us all that obedience is a requirement.

Intro:

1. Obedience is an area where many struggle.
2. For that reason it is good to be reminded what the Bible says about it.

I. Disobedience & Obedience in the Bible

A. Disobedience

1. Jehu – **2 Kings 10:31**
2. Amon– **2 Kings 21:20-22**
 - a. Disobedience can be even simpler (**James 4:17**).
 - b. The punishment from God for disobedience is the same.
3. Warning about not keeping the doctrine of Christ (**1 Tim 6:3,5b**)

B. Obedience

1. Obedience is the continued action of faithfulness.
2. Obedience had rewards (**Lev 26:3;4ff**)

II. Obedience at all times

A. In Sunshine

1. We read in the Bible of those who thought they did not need God.
 - a. Trusting in financial strength - **1 Tim 6:17**
 - b. Trusting in physical strength – **Isa 31:1**

B. In in the mire

1. Those in the mire of trials should trust in God (**Ps 69:2-3,14a; 69:32**)
2. God answers us in the mire just as He answers us in the sunshine (**Ps 3:1-4**)

III. But, I am saved!

A. Once saved does not mean always saved.

1. We are obedient because of the faith we have in God.
2. When we are disobedient we show God how little faith we have in Him, and in some cause we show Him we no longer follow Him at all (**Jn 14:15**)
3. Consider **1 John 3:6**

B. Continued obedience is a requirement.

1. Break down of **John 8:12** & **James 4:17**.

Conc:

1. Obedience is continued faithfulness. Not a one time act.
2. It's begins with putting Christ on at baptism and continues until He returns (**Rev 2:10b**).

Hear

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Believe

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever + in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Repent

Luke 13:3

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Confess

Rom 10:9 — Rom 10:10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Be baptized

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

Remain Faithful

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.