

The Meaning of Obedience

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Obedience is a Great Word of Human Experience

① A Great Football Team

- Disciplines them Obedience to Coach and Game.
- Then the One Crucial Play.

② The Battle of Leyte in Second World War

- The Greatest Naval Battle in History
- Broke the Back of Japanese Fleet.
- Three Great Forces with Thousands of vessels under command of Admiral Nimitz.
- It was an intricate maneuver and the word Obedience was the key.

③ An Inspiring, friendly family

- Well-beloved and kind with a sense of understanding and order.
- There has been Discipline and Obedience in that family.

④ Professional Men Dedicated in Their Work.

- Northrop of Yale - Philosopher.
- ~~University~~ of Chicago - Biologist.

Obedience Is The Key Word At The Center of Our Faith

① The Bible Is A Book of Obedience.

- God Asks Obedience of the Faithful Man.
- He Creates A People And Tries To Teach Them To Obe Through The Law And Prophets.
- There Is A Great Strong At The End of The Bible Who Have Been Obedient.
- Main Disobedience Means sin and Death.

② Christ Shows An Amazing Life of Obedience.

- He Learned Obedience from his Parents and Obed the Law of his People.
- He Stood on the Will of God in the Middle of Temptations.
- He Taught Men Obedience.
 - Not only "Lord, Lord" but Obedience.
 - The House on Rock and Sand.
- Finally the Man in the Garden.

→ "He became obedient unto death".

③ God Has Used Men Who Are Obedient.

- Abraham - Going Not A far Country
- Feeling him With The Key.

- Moses. Going by To Lead His People.

- Paul - Not His obedience Unto The Heavenly
Vision.

- William Carey or David Livingstone.

- or The People in Bur Bur Church.

We Do Not Take Kindly To Obedience.

- ① We Have Lived In A framework of Resisting Authority.
- Let A Man Express Himself.
 - Throw off Restraints. We Must Be Free.
 - Personal Morality, Her and Family Life.
 - Mental Anguish

② Him Has Come Into Our Religion

- Nice, Easy-Going Affair - Spectators.
- No Claims, No Depth, No Costly Response.

③ Yet We Must Obey Some Great Cause or Person.

- We Have Been Created To Give Our selves.
- Otherwise We Become Obedient to Small ^{affairs}.
- Our Passions or Moods
- What people say or keeping up ^{someone} with

Hope Mocking Salvation Army on Street

→ Who Is Obedient To Greater Cause?

Christ Asks of Us Obedience

- ① Sooner or Later You Face the Issue of Obedience.

H) You Move Close and Become Serious,

- How The Claim of it lays a Grip on You.
- Either You Will Have to Listen or Become Serious.

(2) ? Can I Learn Christ

- He has learned through Obedience.

- He is the One True Living Authority.

(3) ? I have Yielded to him and Become Obedient.

- "Yielding To Live Again"

- "A Seed falling Into The Ground"

- "For Me To Live is Christ"

② There Is Growth in Obedience

(1) We Start Small & Simply

- One Step Leads to Another.
- We Go from one Grade to Another.
- We learn to read, then write, then we compose a letter.

(2) So We Grow in Obedience

- We Open and Believe.
- Then we come to Love.
- Then we walk in Holiness.
- Then we are United with Christ.

(3) The Guidance In Growth

- The Bible - The Words of Christ
- The Christian Community.
- The Inner Voice of The Holy Spirit

→ (4) God Takes Us Each Step of The Way.

- Coming forward. Then making a call.

③ Obedience Now Becomes A Way of Life

(1) Not an Occasional Act

- On Wednesday and Sunday
- In Church Teaching a Class.

(2) But the Total Offering of Life

- All of life is a Wine a Wine.

- There is a Wine to which I give

Myself

→ "Now My Wine, I have given the Wine."

④ God shares His Deepest Blessings with those who Obey the Commandments.

(1) "The Holy Spirit is given to those who obey Him."

- The ones who have drunk deeply of His life and spirit can sing songs in the night.

(2) Many of us are unhappy and divided because we have never given ourselves in obedience.

- Our Stewardship

- Our Personal Life - Living & Empty.

"Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field; for the sake of it a man will gladly go and sell all that he has. It is the pearl of great price to which the merchant will sell all his goods. It is the living rule of Christ; for which sake a man will pluck out the eye which causes him to stumble, it is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows Him."

First Baptist Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

July 15, 1962

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

"Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and for whom we exist."

AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH

Organ Prelude—"Prelude in A Minor".....Bach
Processional Hymn—"Holy, Holy Is The Lord".....97
Invocation
Lord's Prayer and Gloria

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INVISIBLE RESOURCES

Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Genesis 12: 1-9
Choral Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response

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**Anthem—"What Are These That Are Arrayed in White Robes".....Stainer

What are these that are arrayed in white robes
And whence came they?
These are they which came out of great tribulation
And have washed their robes and made them white
In the blood of the lamb. Hallelujah!
Therefore are they before the throne of God,
And serve Him day and night in His temple.
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more;
Neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.
For the lamb which is in the midst of the throne
Shall feed them and shall lead them
Unto living fountains of waters:
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

Christian Greetings
Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings
Organ Offertory—"Our Father in Heaven".....Bach
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE WORD OF GOD

Vocal Solo—"I Will Praise Thee, O Lord".....LaForge
Susan Ullius, mezzo soprano
Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson—"The Meaning of Obedience"

HUMBLE ENOUGH TO BEGIN

Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"O Jesus, I Have Promised".....308
Benediction
Choral Response
Postlude

*First Service Only **Second Service Only ***Ushers may seat latecomers

This morning Pastor Fredrikson will greet folks at the main door, Pastor Rowe at the balcony door and Pastor Babcock at the side door.

The service this morning over KELO is sponsored by Lynn's Studio.

EVENING SERVICE

7:30 P. M.

Prelude

Fellowship Singing

Christian Greetings and Announcements

Scripture

Call to Prayer

Prayer

Prayer Response

Singing a Hymn

Receiving the Offering

Special Music

Evening Message by Pastor Fredrikson—"Doers of the Word"
(First in a series on James)

Closing Hymn—"Fight The Good Fight, With All Thy Might".....313

Benediction—Closing Moments—"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

Postlude

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, 6:00 p.m.—Membership Class—Session Two

TUESDAY, 10:00 a.m.—Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Service

SATURDAY, 3:00 p.m.—Faith at Work Tea in Parlor

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers:

Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson.....Pastor
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Mrs. Vera Fredrikson

Sextons:

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