



“Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;”

Hebrews 5:8

Obedience to God was short lived after Israel's Exodus of Egypt. Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years because of their disobedience. I kept hearing, “they did not hearken to my voice.” Psalms 81:11 states the same, plus it exclaims, “that Israel would have none of me.” Can you imagine what it is like to be ignored? To refuse and acknowledge God. They did not hear and obey God. Just imagine how God felt, yet He still stretches out His hand and will not forget His people. God's handiwork in our creation is amazing. David exclaims, “I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvelous are thy works. My substance was not hidden from thee, when I was made in secret,” [see Psalms 139]. God had raised up David to be a king over Israel. Just read what Luke said in Acts about David.

“And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.”

Acts 13:22



God had found David, a man after His own heart who fulfilled His will. David learned obedience even though He had fallen into sin, yet he repented. Do you have any skeletons in your closet? Something you are hiding and shameful about. As an illegitimate child born in this world, I have often thought about the father that I did not know. The ridicule I received as I grew up was that I was a constant reminder to my mother of my biological father's physical characteristics. I learned later that my biological father did not forget me since he told his current wife about me. Yet, God provided a stepfather who had wisdom and kindness to step in. I am very grateful that I had a father who cared and loved me enough to instruct me even though he was not my biological father. I also learned that God did not forget me in my youth but saved me by his hand and directed me to go home when I ran away from home. I heard his voice and obeyed.

It is through suffering that we are able to understand the meaning of love. We read that all have sinned because of Adam's transgression, and even those who have not sinned [see Romans 5:14]. What saved humanity is God's love for all of us. Jew and Gentiles, all races and nations.

“For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.”

Romans 5:19

Through Adam's disobedience all were made sinners. Through the obedience of God's son Jesus Christ, all are made righteous. This is the gift of righteousness that came from the love of God. We are justified through the grace and truth of Jesus Christ.

“For the law was given by Moses, but grace and



truth came by Jesus Christ.”

John 1:17

Let's back up and consider the meaning of obedience. The Hebrew word for obedience is "*shama*," and it is usually translated to mean "to hear." This is a physical action to listen, then obey what you have heard. Had I not heard God's voice and obeyed, I would not be here today writing this devotional. We do not know what He has instore for those who obey his voice. Obedience gives one the blessings of God. The blessings are fellowship with God, answered prayer, fruits of the Holy Spirit, and the revelations of God's will. The apostle Paul states that we have been planted together with Christ that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we would not serve sin, [see Romans 6:6]. We are to yield ourselves to the new life we have through Jesus unto God.

“Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.”

Romans 6:13

Read on to verse 14 of Romans chapter six where it states that "sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under the law but under grace." We are not to yield ourselves as



servants of uncleanness and iniquity, but unto servants to righteousness unto holiness, [see Romans 6:19]. Through Christ is the power of sin destroyed and we yield ourselves to God in faith and He will manifest the results. We must allow God to cultivate our heart by His Spirit. We must be molded into the image of Christ. If we have been baptized into Christ, we have put on Christ. Christ has freed us from the bondage of sin and the law. We hear His voice and obey His word. Christ is the victor, and He has put "all things under his feet." He must reign till he hath put all His enemies under his feet, [see 1 Corinthians 15:27]. The final victory is over death itself. The resurrection of our bodies at the coming of our Lord. The dead in Christ will rise first before those who are alive at His coming, [see 1st Thessalonians 4:16-17]. This is marvelous and we are to comfort one another with these words.

Let us comfort one another with words of encouragement that there is an everlasting future with our God. Nothing can separate you from the love of God.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38-39

Praise God! There is nothing that can separate us from the love of God in this present time or in the future. We have the assurance of the promise of His word and His word can never be voided. It will accomplish what it was sent out to do.



“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”

Isaiah 55:11

Christ suffered through obedience and went to the cross, died and arose to save us all.

Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus.

Acts 13:23

Let us hear and obey His word. Draw near unto God and He will draw near unto you. Let us pray for the harvest of souls into the Kingdom of God and wait patiently for His coming.

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