

Obedience

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Genesis 1:26-27.

B. We were created and fashioned in the moral and spiritual image of God. We have wired in us the ability to choose.

C. God's first word to man is a command—He always had in mind the Creator-creature relationship.

1. God expresses His nature through creation, and we have the ability to submit to Him.

2. Our obedience to God is of supreme importance.

II. Kinds of obedience.

A. Outward obedience. (II Chronicles 25)

1. This is playing a game. (Philippians 2:3-4)

2. There is inward turmoil in this.

B. Heart obedience. (Romans 6:17)

III. Areas of obedience.

A. In word. (Romans 15:18)

B. In deed. (Romans 15:18)

C. In thought. (II Corinthians 10:5, I John 1:9)

IV. Results of obedience.

A. Salvation. (Romans 1:5; 10:16; 16:26; Acts 26; Hebrews 5)

B. Blessing. (Isaiah 1:19)

C. Cleansing. (I Peter 1:22)

D. Fellowship with Christ. (John 14)

V. How obedience is brought about. (Romans 6)

A. Suffering. (Hebrews 5)

B. Tests and trials.

VI. Conclusion. (I Samuel 15)

Application questions:

1. Why is it important to know every dimension of obedience?

2. How are the results of obedience related to each other?

3. What areas of your life reflect rebellion against God? What will you do to submit these areas to God? Explain.
