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LOVE AND OBEDIENCE

If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

John 14:15 (ESV)

And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it.

2 John 6 (ESV)



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² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

1 John 5:2-3 (ESV)

SAMUEL'S INSTRUCTION TO SAUL

⁶ Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man.

⁷ And let it be, when these signs come to you, that you do as the occasion demands; for God is with you.

1 Samuel 10:6-8 (NKJV)

SAMUEL'S INSTRUCTION TO SAUL

⁸ You shall go down before me to Gilgal; and surely I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and make sacrifices of peace offerings. Seven days you shall wait, till I come to you and show you what you should do."

1 Samuel 10:6-8 (NKJV)

⁸ Then he waited seven days, according to the time set by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him.

⁹ So Saul said, "Bring a burnt offering and peace offerings here to me." And he offered the burnt offering.

¹⁰ Now it happened, as soon as he had finished presenting the burnt offering, that Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him.

¹¹ And Samuel said, "What have you done?" Saul said, "When I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you did not come within the

days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered together at Michmash,

12 then I said, 'The Philistines will now come down on me at Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the LORD.' Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a burnt offering."

And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you. For now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.

¹⁴ But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

WHY WAS SAUL DISOBEDIENT?

- 1. ISOLATION: "When I saw that the people were scattered from me" (1 Samuel 13:11b).
- 2. IMPATIENCE: "and that you did not come within the days appointed" (1 Samuel 11:13c).
- 3. FEAR: "and that the Philistines gathered together at Michmash" (1 Samuel 13:11d).

HOW DO WE HEAR GOD'S VOICE?

- 1. Written word of God (logos).
- 2. Spoken word of God (rhema).
- 3. Peace in our hearts.
- 4. Thoughts, feelings, impressions, ideas.
- 5. Circumstances (what we see or experience).
- 6. Close friends and family.
- 7. Other people, books, sermons, etc.

JESUS LEARNED OBEDIENCE

- ⁸ Even though Jesus was God's Son, He learned obedience from the things He suffered.
- ⁹ In this way, God qualified Him as a perfect High Priest, and He became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey Him.

Hebrews 5:8-9 (NLT)