In Whom I Delight

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God delights in our obedience (Ps. 4). Half-hearted obedience is not obedience. True obedience is doing what He says until it is accomplished. It means submitting to His will and authority (1Sam. 15). Let us glorify Him through our obedience.

1. Who showed obedience in spite of their reservations?

- 1.1. Abraham had to put aside his fear (Heb. 11:8-9). He obeyed even without knowing where he was going.
 - 1.1.1. Many times, the Lord will ask us something beyond our understanding. Let us not be anxious even with trials.
 - 1.1.2. We must simply trust God. We should be assured that when He closes a window, He opens a door. Inner peace and joy makes us youthful looking.
- 1.2. John the Baptist was told that He will baptize Jesus. He protested strenuously; he thought that he needed to be baptized by Jesus. But, as soon as Jesus was baptized, the Spirit of God alighted on Jesus and He was obedient until death.
 - 1.2.1. Sometimes, we look for what we do not have, instead of what we do have. What do we do with the gifts we receive?
 - 1.2.2. We need to repent for the forgiveness of our sins and be baptized (Acts 2:38).

2. Why is it hard to obey?

- 2.1. We are lacking in faith (Phil.4:13). When we protest, we are not helping the kingdom of God. When we rely on God's words and His wisdom, nothing is impossible.
- 2.2. The thief, satan, will never warn us at all. He will destroy us through disobedience because sin separates us from God.
- 3. God-centered obedience strengthens our faith and brings blessings.

- 3.1. Let us listen to the genuine voice of God (Jn. 10). He wants us to have a relationship with Him.
- 3.2. Our love for Him and obedience are closely related (Jas. 1:2-3). When our love is real, our focus is steadfast.
- 3.3. He knows what's best for us (Jn. 15). Let us listen to Him and act now. Obedience is often glossed over because we have become slaves to sin. When we hear the Word of God, let us act immediately, and experience blessings.
- 3.4. It is not easy to be humbled by the Lord, but Abraham and his descendants were blessed (Gen. 22:18).
 - 3.4.1. Parents experience tremendous honor when children are obedient (Prov. 23:15). Our children will also be blessed in return.
- 3.5. Mother Mary is a perfect example of obedience. Those who are obedient and faithful have joy and inner peace (Jn. 14:26-27).
- 3.6. Peter's obedience in casting his net brought abundant blessings.

Conclusion:

A life of obedience is the only way to live. Those who are obedient and faithful in small things will have eternal life (Mt. 19:26-27).

Reflection:

- 1. What is the Lord asking from you? Is there an area in your life where you struggle with God's work?
- 2. Does He continually bring a specific scene in the Bible repeatedly?

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