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SUBMISSION AND OBEDIENCE

Walking in God's Order and Authority

MONTHLY SERMON SERIES | FOUR-WEEK TEACHING GUIDE

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SERMON SERIES CONTENT

A complete four-week CFC teaching resource for preaching, Bible study, discipleship and ministry development.

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Order and Authority"*

Key Scripture:

"If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." - Isaiah 1:19 (KJV)

SERIES INTRODUCTION

Submission and obedience are foundational principles in the Kingdom of God. Many believers desire God's blessings, favor, promotion, and spiritual power, yet struggle with yielding to God's authority and instructions.

Submission is not weakness; it is strength under God's control. Obedience is not bondage; it is proof of love and trust in God.

Jesus Himself demonstrated perfect submission and obedience to the Father.

"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." - Philippians 2:8

This monthly sermon series will teach believers:

- Submission to God
- Submission to spiritual authority
- Obedience to God's Word
- The blessings of obedience
- The dangers of rebellion
- How obedience produces spiritual maturity and breakthrough

WEEK 1 - SUBMISSION TO GOD Main Scripture

James 4:7 "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

1. WHAT IS SUBMISSION?

Submission means:

- Yielding to God's will
- Surrendering our desires

- Accepting God's authority over our lives
- Allowing God to lead us

Submission says:

"Lord, not my will, but Yours be done."

Jesus demonstrated this in Gethsemane.

Luke 22:42 "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done."

2. TRUE SUBMISSION BEGINS IN THE HEART

Many people obey outwardly but rebel inwardly.

God desires willing submission.

Psalm 51:17 "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart..."

Example: Jonah

God told Jonah to go to Nineveh, but Jonah ran away. Lessons:

- Delayed obedience is disobedience
- You cannot run from God
- God disciplines those He loves

Jonah 1:3 "But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD..."

After repentance, Jonah obeyed and revival came.

3. BENEFITS OF SUBMISSION TO GOD A. Protection

Psalm 91:1 "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." B. Direction

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart... and he shall direct thy paths." C. Victory Over Satan

James 4:7 "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

APPLICATION

Ask yourself:

- Am I resisting God in any area?
- Have I fully surrendered my life?
- Is God first in my decisions?

WEEK 2 - OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD Main Scripture

Deuteronomy 28:1 "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God..."

1. OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE Example: King Saul

God instructed Saul to destroy Amalek completely, but Saul partially obeyed.

1 Samuel 15:22 "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice..." Lesson:

Partial obedience is still disobedience.

Many believers obey only when convenient.

God desires complete obedience.

2. OBEDIENCE PROVES OUR LOVE FOR GOD

John 14:15 "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

Love is not merely words or emotions. Love for God is demonstrated through obedience.

3. BLESSINGS OF OBEDIENCE A. Open Heavens

Isaiah 1:19 "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." B. Divine Favor

Deuteronomy 28:2 "And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee..." C. Long Life and Peace

Ephesians 6:1-3 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord..."

EXAMPLE: ABRAHAM

God instructed Abraham to sacrifice Isaac.

Genesis 22:2 "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac..."

Abraham obeyed without fully understanding.

Because of obedience:

- God provided
- God established covenant blessings
- Abraham became father of nations

APPLICATION

Areas where believers must obey:

Prayer

- Forgiveness
- Tithing and giving
- Holiness
- Evangelism
- Love

- Service

WEEK 3 - SUBMISSION TO GODLY AUTHORITY Main Scripture

Romans 13:1 "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers..."

1. GOD WORKS THROUGH AUTHORITY

God establishes authority for:

- Order
- Protection
- Growth
- Accountability

Examples:

- Parents
- Church leadership
- Government
- Employers

2. REBELLION IS DANGEROUS Example: Korah's Rebellion

Korah rebelled against Moses.

Numbers 16:3 "Ye take too much upon you..."

The earth opened and swallowed the rebels. Lessons:

- Rebellion invites judgment
- Pride destroys destiny
- God honors spiritual order

3. HONORING SPIRITUAL LEADERS

Hebrews 13:17 "Obey them that have the rule over you..."

Submission does not mean blind following into sin. If authority contradicts God's Word, God must come first.

Acts 5:29 "We ought to obey God rather than men."

EXAMPLE: DAVID AND SAUL

Though Saul persecuted David, David refused to dishonor God's anointed.

1 Samuel 24:6 "I will not put forth mine hand against my lord..."

David understood divine order.

SIGNS OF A REBELLIOUS SPIRIT

- Constant criticism
- Pride
- Refusal to be corrected
- Isolation
- Bitterness toward authority

APPLICATION

Teach believers:

- Humility
- Teachability
- Accountability
- Honor

WEEK 4 - THE POWER AND REWARD OF OBEDIENCE Main Scripture

Luke 5:5 "Nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net."

1. OBEDIENCE RELEASES MIRACLES

Peter obeyed Jesus after an unsuccessful night of fishing.

The result:

- Supernatural breakthrough
- Overflow
- Abundance

Sometimes the miracle is connected to one instruction.

2. GREAT MEN IN SCRIPTURE WERE OBEDIENT Noah

Genesis 6:22 "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him..."

Noah obeyed despite mockery. Joshua

Joshua 6:20 The walls of Jericho fell after obedient marching. Mary

Luke 1:38 "Be it unto me according to thy word."

Her obedience carried the Savior of the world.

3. JESUS - THE PERFECT EXAMPLE

Jesus obeyed completely.

Philippians 2:8 "He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death..."

Because of His obedience:

- Humanity received salvation
- Satan was defeated
- The Church was born

RESULTS OF OBEDIENCE A. Spiritual Growth B. Divine Promotion C. Intimacy With God D. Breakthrough E. Eternal Reward

Revelation 22:14 "Blessed are they that do his commandments..."

PRACTICAL AREAS OF DAILY OBEDIENCE 1. Obedience in Speech

Ephesians 4:29 2. Obedience in Relationships

Colossians 3:13 3. Obedience in Holiness

1 Peter 1:15-16 4. Obedience in Giving

Malachi 3:10 5. Obedience in Prayer

1 Thessalonians 5:17 6. Obedience in Forgiveness

Matthew 6:14-15

SIGNS OF A SUBMITTED AND OBEDIENT BELIEVER

- Humility
- Teachability
- Faithfulness
- Repentance
- Consistency
- Reverence for God
- Love for truth

DANGERS OF DISOBEDIENCE Adam and Eve

Disobedience brought sin into the world.

Romans 5:19 Samson

Disobedience destroyed his strength. Saul

Disobedience cost him the kingdom.

CONCLUSION

Submission and obedience are pathways to:

- Spiritual maturity

- God's favor
- Power
- Blessings
- Destiny fulfillment

God does not bless rebellion. He blesses surrendered hearts.

Deuteronomy 5:33 "Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you..."

ALTAR CALL / MINISTRY TIME Prayer Points 1. Prayer of Surrender

"Lord, I surrender every area of my life to You." 2. Prayer for Obedience

"Give me grace to obey even when it is difficult." 3. Prayer Against Rebellion

"Remove pride, stubbornness, and rebellion from my heart." 4. Prayer for Spiritual Growth

"Teach me to walk humbly under Your authority."

MEMORY VERSES FOR THE MONTH

- James 4:7
- Isaiah 1:19
- John 14:15
- 1 Samuel 15:22
- Philippians 2:8

FINAL CHARGE TO THE CHURCH

- Submission is not slavery; it is alignment with God.
- Obedience is not punishment; it is covenant relationship.
- Every great move of God begins with yielded people.

"Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."