3 REASONS TO OBEY
1/23/10

On 1/9/10, we discussed the subject titled, "Obedience Is A Blessing." (Much of the material in that sermon applies to the 1st reason mentioned in this sermon.) Today, I would like to continue discussing the subject of obedience.

Why do you obey?
What is your motivation to obey?

1. TO BE BLESSED NOW

Luke 4:40 many sick people followed Christ to be healed
John 6:26 many sought Jesus because they were fed
John 5:14 sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto you
John 13:17 if you know these things, happy are you if you do them

2. TO BE BLESSED AT THE RESURRECTION

Rom. 8:17 we suffer with Him -- glorified with Him
18 suffering of present -- future glory
Luke 14:12-14 repaid at the resurrection

3. TO WILLINGLY HONOR GOD -- NOW

2 Cor. 9:7 do not give grudgingly or out of necessity (by guilt or manipulation) -- God loves a cheerful giver
1 Pet. 2:19-23 suffering wrongfully -- example of Christ
John 10:17 Jesus willingly laid down His life
John 12:27-28 His purpose -- to glorify the Father's name
John 17:4 Jesus said -- I have glorified You on the earth

Jesus Christ clearly knew His purpose.
We do not have the same specific clarity as Christ. However, we do have a book (the Bible) filled with many instructions.

Matt. 23:4 should not bind heavy burdens upon others
5 should not do things for show
6-11 should not seek prestige
12 should not exalt ourselves
Rom. 12:1-2 a living sacrifice
1 Peter 2:11-12 good works -- to glorify God -- in the day of visitation
Mark 12:28-31 Christ mentioned 2 great commandments
32-33 the scribe's response
34 Christ -- you are close to the Kingdom of God