

OBEDIENCE IS A BLESSING

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1. DOES GOD REALLY PUNISH SOME PEOPLE WHO DON'T OBEY HIM?

2 Thes. 1:3-10

5 the righteous judgment of God
6 it is a righteous thing with God to recompense
tribulation to them that trouble you
7-8 in flaming fire -- taking vengeance
9 punished

2 Peter 2:12-17 consequences

Jude 5-13 consequences

2. WHAT IS RIGHTEOUSNESS?

* Hebrew -- Righteous and Righteousness
acting according to a proper standard
doing what is right
being in the right
implying innocence

* Righteous
"saddiq" (6662)
righteous -- 163 times
just -- 42 times
lawful -- 1 time

* Righteousness
"sedeq" (6664)
righteousness -- 78 times
justice -- 10 times
"daqa" (6666)
righteousness -- 124 times
justice -- 15 times

* Greek -- Righteous and Righteousness
right, upright
what is right
acting according to proper standard

* Righteous
"dikaios" (1342) -- proper standards
righteous -- 41 times
just -- 31 times

* Righteousness
"dikaiosyne" (1343)
righteousness -- 90 times

Gen. 6:9 Noah was a just man and perfect ("tamim") in

18 his generations -- Noah walked with God
 God established a covenant with Noah and his
 family
 "tamim" (8549)
 without blemish -- 44 times
 perfect -- 18 times
 upright -- 8 times
 without spot -- 6 times
 whole -- 4 times
 Job 1:1 Job was perfect ("tam") and upright ("yasar")
 "tam" (8535)
 perfect -- 9 times
 undefiled -- 2 times
 "yasar" (3477)
 right -- 53 times
 upright -- 41 times
 righteous -- 9 times

3.WHEN YOU OBEY GOD, ARE YOU MORE RIGHTEOUS THAN OTHER PEOPLE?

2 Cor. 10:12 not measuring themselves by themselves -- not
 comparing themselves among themselves
 Isaiah 64:6 all our righteousness -- as filthy rags
 Rom. 14:12 every one shall give account
 1 Cor. 10:12 thinks he stands, take heed -- lest he fall

4.DO YOU REALIZE THAT OBEDIENCE IS A BLESSING TO YOU?

Deut. 5:29 that it might be well with them
 Deut. 6:24 for our good always
 Psalm 119:1-2 blessed
 97-104 some benefits of obedience
 137-144 God's righteousness
 Matt. 5:3-12 blessing
 Mark 10:30 now -- hundredfold houses, brethren, sisters,
 mothers, children, lands -- along with
 persecution
 in the world to come -- eternal life
 Acts 2:39 promise to hearers -- and their children
 2 Cor. 4:7-10 power
 Gal. 5:19-23 works of the flesh -- fruit of the Spirit
 Eph. 6:1-3 5th commandment -- "commandment with promise"
 2 Tim. 1:7 power -- love -- sound mind