

“Obey to Be Blessed Now—Part 2”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued a series that I began two weeks earlier. The title was “Obey to Be Blessed Now—Part 2.” This series is related to a presentation that I gave on Saturday, Oct. 18. In that presentation, I presented three reasons why we obey God.

- To be Blessed Now
- To be Blessed at the Resurrection
- To Glorify and to Honor the Father and the Son

The scriptures selected for Part 1 were chosen from the Pentateuch. The scriptures for Part 2 were chosen from scriptures in both the Old and New Testaments.

Old Testament

- Psalm 1:1—Blessed is the person who avoids the counsel of the ungodly, the path of sinners and the seat of the scornful.
- Psalm 1:2—Blessed is the person who delights in the law of the Lord and who meditates on His law day and night.
- Psalm 18:1-2—Here are reasons why we obey the Lord now.
 - He is our rock.
 - He is our fortress.
 - He is our deliverer.
 - He is our strength in whom we trust.
 - He is our shield.
 - He is the horn of our salvation.
 - He is our stronghold.
- Psalm 18:3—When we call upon the Lord, He saves us from our enemies.

- Psalm 18:4-6—When trouble surrounds us, we cry out to the Lord.
- Psalm 18:46-48—The Lord lives. He avenges, subdues and delivers.
- Psalm 37:1-7—Instead of fretting over evildoers, we should trust in the Lord for deliverance.
- Malachi 3:10—The Lord reminded the people to prove God's promise about blessing those who tithe to Him.

New Testament

It is amazing how many verses in the New Testament discuss how obedience leads to future blessings—in the resurrection and in the Kingdom of God.

But now was the time to mention New Testament verses showing how obedience leads to blessings in this life.

- Mark 10:29-30—The Son of God mentioned receiving a hundredfold now in this time—more fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, children and lands.
- Matthew 6:25-33—The Son of God reminded His disciples how our Heavenly Father provides for our needs.
- Matthew 7:7-11—The Son of God reminded His disciples to ask, seek and find the gifts that God offers to His children.
- Matthew 10:34-39—In this section of verses, the Son of God did remind His disciples that there would be times when they faced a serious lack of peace—but it is during those difficult times when our Father helps us through those experiences.
- Matthew 11:27-30—The Son of God reminded His disciples that He and the Father would give rest and peace to disciples.
- Luke 22:31-32—The Son of God warned Peter that Satan would seek to sift him, but He would pray for him (Peter).
- Romans 5:1—Paul reminded his friends that they can have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Romans 5:2—Paul reminded his friends that they could have faith and hope.
- Romans 5:3-5—Paul reminded his friends how God will help them in times of tribulation.
- 2 Corinthians 4:16-18—Paul reminded his friends how God will help them through the challenges that they face.
- Philippians 4:11-13—Paul reminded his friends how they will have good and bad experiences. And we should follow Paul's example: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."