

THREE REASONS WHY WE OBEY GOD

4/23/24

- Today – Is the First Day of Unleavened Bread
 - I hope – you had a meaningful Commemoration of the Suffering and Death of our Lord
 - I hope – you had a wonderful meal (last night) remembering Israel coming out of Egypt
 - Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Title – “Three Reasons Why We Obey God”
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- An important fact of life = we are saved by the Father’s grace
- Here are some important facts of life and the Father’s expectations

1. Our Father has expectations of us
 2. Our Father blesses us – when we follow those expectations
 3. When we don’t follow our Father’s expectations – often – the Father bails us out
 4. When we don’t follow our Father’s expectations – sometimes – the Father does not bail us out – but lets us learn valuable lessons
 5. When the Father does not bail us out – He often teaches us to deal with adversity
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- Let’s Look at 3 Reasons Why We Obey
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1. Blessings Now

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| Exod. 20:1-2 | since God brought them out of Egypt – 10 commandments |
| Deut. 30:15-16 | I have set before you life and good, death and evil – love the Lord your God and walk in His ways – and the Lord will bless you |
| 17-18 | if your hearts turn away – you shall perish |
| 19-20 | choose life, that you may live – that you may love the Lord your God and obey His voice and cling to Him |
| Psalms 34:4 | David – I sought the Lord, and He heard me – and delivered me from all my fears |
| 17 | the righteous cry out, and the Lord hears – and delivers them out of all their troubles |
| 18 | the Lord is near to those who have a broken heart – and saves such as have a contrite spirit |
| Psalms 119:1 | blessed are the undefiled in the way – who walk in the law of the Lord |
| 2 | blessed are those who keep His testimonies – who seek Him with the whole heart |
| Matt. 16:5-12 | leaven of Pharisees and Sadducees – their doctrine |

21 the approach of the elders, chief priests and scribes
John 10:10 the thief comes to steal, to kill and to destroy – I came that they may have
 life, and that they might have it more abundantly

2. Blessings Later

Luke 14:12-14 and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you – for you shall be
 repaid at the resurrection of the just

Here are some excerpts from a book by Max Lucado titled *And the Angels Were Silent* – from
page 159 (about the concept of betrayal).

It's a weapon found only in the hands of one you love. Your enemy has no such tool – for only a
friend can betray. Betrayal is mutiny. It's a violation of trust. An inside job.

Would that it were a stranger. Would that it were a random attack. Would that you were a victim
of circumstances. But you aren't. You are a victim of a friend.

A sandpaper kiss is placed on your cheek. A promise is made with fingers crossed. You look to
you friends and your friends don't look back. You look to the system for justice – the system
looks to you as a scapegoat.

- You are betrayed. Bitten with a snake's kiss.
- It's more than rejection. Rejection opens a wound – betrayal pour the salt.
- It's more than loneliness. Loneliness leaves you in the cold – betrayal closes the door.
- It's more than mockery. Mockery plunges the knife – betrayal twists it.
- It's more than an insult. An insult attacks your pride – betrayal breaks your heart.

3. To Glorify our Father

Matt. 5:14-16 to glorify your Father in heaven
1 Peter 2:11-12 to glorify God in the day of visitation
 19-25 to suffer wrongfully

Phil. 3:10 Paul wanted to know the Son of God

1. The fellowship of His sufferings
2. Being conformed to His death
3. The power of His resurrection