

A REMINDER ABOUT 3 REASONS TO OBEY GOD

4/24/21

- * Today -- I have the opportunity to give a sermon
- * Title -- A Reminder About 3 Reasons to Obey God
- * Question -- Why do I call this sermon a reminder?
 1. I often make passing comments about these ideas
 2. I have periodically given entire presentations about these ideas
 - 1/23/10 -- 2 sermons
 - March 2010 -- 3 Bible studies
 - 2011 Feast of Tabernacles -- 2 sermons
 - 11/1/14 -- Sermon -- "3 Reasons to Obey God"
 - 7/9/16 -- 2 sermons
- * Why do I periodically refer to this subject?
 1. This material can help people who are facing a wide variety of situations
 2. This material can help people to deal with life experiences
- * My present plan -- In the near future, I intend to spend 3 Wednesday-night Bible studies looking at the 3 ideas in greater detail

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- * WHY DO YOU OBEY?
 - * WHAT IS YOUR MOTIVATION TO OBEY?
 - * REMINDER -- 3 REASONS
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1. TO BE BLESSED NOW

- * In an upcoming Bible study, I intend to read verses to show that obeying God is smart

- Deut. 5:29
- Deut. 6:24
- Deut. 28:1-14
- Deut. 30:15-20
- Psalm 119:1-176
- Ezek. 18:1-32
- Ezek. 33:11

- * Citizens often focused on present blessings

John 6:22	the people were standing on the shore
23	near the place where they ate bread
24	when the people saw that Jesus was not there,
	they got into their boats -- seeking Him
25	when they found Him, they asked -- "when did You
	get here?"
26	Jesus -- you seek Me because I fed you

27 Jesus -- labor for the food that endures
* Even disciples focused on present blessings
Matt. 19:27 Peter said -- we have forsaken all and followed
You -- what shall we have?
28 first, Christ described future blessings
29 then, He mentioned blessings in this life

2. TO BE BLESSED AT THE RESURRECTION

*In an upcoming Bible study, I intend to read verses
that describe some future blessings awaiting the
saints

Rev. 2:7
Rev. 2:11
Rev. 2:17
Rev. 2:26-27
Rev. 3:5
Rev. 3:12
Rev. 3:21

Luke 14:12-13 many can not repay you in this life
14 shall be blessed -- you shall be repaid at the
resurrection of the just
Matt. 27:46 "My God, My God; why have You forsaken Me?"

3. TO WILLINGLY HONOR GOD -- NOW

*In an upcoming Bible study, I intend to read verses
that show how the Son of God willingly honored
His Father

John 5:19-30
John 8:28-29
John 10:17-18
John 12:27-28
John 17:1-26

* God wants believers to willingly honor Him

2 Cor. 9:7 do not give grudgingly or out of necessity (not by
guilt or manipulation) -- God loves a
cheerful giver
1 Pet. 5:1 leaders
2 not by compulsion -- but willingly
not for dishonest gain -- but eagerly
3 not overlords -- but examples
2 Tim. 2:19 solid foundation of God stands -- this seal

21 * The Lord knows those who are His
 * Let everyone who names the name of
 Christ depart from iniquity
 vessel of honor