

## OBEY GOD -- TO BE BLESSED NOW

4/28/21

- \* Today -- I have the opportunity to give a Bible study
  - \*FYI -- Periodically gave 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
    - 4/24/21 -- "A Reminder About 3 Reasons to Obey God"
    - April & May 2021 -- 3 Bible studies
  - \* On Saturday, 4/24 -- Announced 3-part Bible study series
    - 4/28/21 -- To Be Blessed Now
    - Upcoming -- To Be Blessed at the Resurrection
    - Upcoming -- To Willingly Honor God -- Now
  - \* Title -- "Obey God -- To Be Blessed Now"
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- \* To Be Blessed Now
- \* Obeying God is Smart -- Old Testament

Gen. 3:2-3      many positive options -- but one restriction  
Exod. 20:1-17      because He delivered -- He gave expectations  
Deut. 5:29      such a heart -- well with them and children Deut. 6:24  
                 for our good

Deut. 28:1-14      obedience -- blessings  
Deut. 30:15-20      set before you life & good -- death & evil  
                 19      choose life -- both you & descendants may live

Psalms 1:1      blessed -- avoids ungodly, sinners & scornful  
                 2      blessed -- delights in the law of the Lord

Psalms 119:1-176      blessings of obedience -- (8 famous verses)  
                 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

97      Oh, how I love Your law -- it is my meditation  
                 all the day

98      You, through Your commandments, make me wiser  
                 than my enemies

99      I have more understanding than all my teachers  
                 -- for your testimonies are my mediation

100      I understand more than the ancients -- because  
                 I keep Your precepts

103      How sweet are Your words to my taste -- sweeter  
                 than honey to my mouth

105      Your word is a lamp to my feet -- and a light  
                 to my path

Prov. 1:8      instruction of father -- law of your mother  
                 10      my son -- if sinners entice you, do not consent

Prov. 14:12      there is a way that seems right to a man -- but

its end is the way of death  
 Ezek. 18:1-32 repentance is smart  
     1-4 the person who sins -- shall die  
     5-9 an obedient person -- shall surely live  
     10-13 a disobedient son -- shall die  
     14-17 an obedient son -- shall surely live  
     18 the disobedient father -- shall die  
     19 the obedient son -- no guilt of father  
     20 the person who sins shall die  
     21-23 wicked person turns from his sins -- shall live  
     24 righteous person does abominations -- shall die  
     25 some say -- "the way of the Lord is not fair"  
     26 if a righteous person commits sin -- shall die  
     27 wicked person turns -- shall live  
     28 turning from transgression -- he shall live  
     29 some say -- "the way of the Lord is not fair"  
     30 "repent and turn from all your transgressions, so that  
         iniquity will not be your ruin"  
     31 "cast away from you all the transgressions, which you  
 have committed" -- a new heart & a new spirit" -- "why should you  
 die?"  
     32 "I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies" --  
 "therefore, turn and live"  
 Ezek. 33:11 Lord -- "I have no pleasure in the death of the  
     wicked, but that the wicked turn from his  
     way and live" -- "turn, turn from your evil  
     ways" -- "for why should you die?"

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\* To Be Blessed Now  
 \* Obeying God is Smart -- New Testament  
 \* Recognizing the Blessings  
 John 10:10 the Son of God came that people may have live -- that  
     they may have it more abundantly  
 Matt. 22:37-38 relationship with God  
     39 relationships with people  
 Eph. 4:26-27 dealing with anger  
     31-32 dealing with bitterness  
 Eph. 5:22-33 blessing of marriage  
 Eph. 6:1-4 blessing of family  
 Phil. 4:8 focus upon the positive  
 \* Dealing with Suffering and Adversity  
 Phil. 4:11-12 dealing with life  
 Heb. 5:7-8 "learned" obedience -- through suffering  
 1 Peter 4:15 avoiding sin -- avoiding consequences of sin  
     16 sometimes -- suffer as a Christian  
 Matt. 11:28-30 the Son of God -- will give you rest  
 John 16:31-33 words of peace

2 Cor. 1:9      trust in God  
10      has delivered -- does deliver -- will deliver