~OBEDIENCE (153)

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- When the one designated as Shiloh comes then the obedience of the people will belong to him.
- The scepter will not turn aside from Judah, neither the commander's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to him the obedience of the peoples will belong. (Genesis 49:10)
- The eye that holds a father in derision and that despises obedience to a mother, will have his eyes torn out by ravens and the eagles will eat it up.
- The eye that holds a father in derision and that despises obedience to a mother, the ravens of the torrent valley will pick it out and the sons of the eagle will eat it up. (Proverbs 30:17)
- Paul certainly understood what undeserved kindness was, for he was one of the foremost recipients of it from Yehowah God. By undeserved kindness, Paul had been rescued from a life of persecuting Christians unduly, to a life of Christian service, even suffering persecution at the hands of others. The purpose of God's choosing of him, was to bring the nations he preached to, into a state of obedience, through faith.
- Through whom we received undeserved kindness and an apostleship in order, that there might be obedience of faith among all the nations respecting his name. (Romans 1:5)
- Just as Adam's disobedience brought sin to all mankind, so the obedience of one man, Jesus Christ, brought righteousness to many through faith. Therefore there is a direct correspondency to what was lost, and what was gained, and also what produced the loss, and what was needed to effect the release from the effects of sin. Our God has a wonderful spiritual balance in all things.
- For just as through the disobedience of the one man many were constituted sinners, likewise also through the obedience of the one person many will be constituted righteous. (Romans 5:19)

- Paul now shows, that when we submit to anything, that we become slaves to it. We all have a choice in our lives through our gift of free will. Either we can slave for sin and die, or we can slave for God through obedience to his way, gaining a righteousness before him, that lasts to time indefinite.
- Do you not know that if you keep presenting yourselves to anyone as slaves to obey him, you are slaves of him because you obey him, either of sin with death in view or of obedience with righteousness in view? (Romans 6:16)
- The faith and obedience of those men and women there in Rome has come to the notice of all the congregations of anointed Christians worldwide. For this reason Paul had reason to rejoice with them over their successful application of the spirit, to the war against the desires of the flesh they were undergoing.
- Yet Paul did not want them to become somehow entrapped by those mentioned above, who would easily deceive less experienced ones away from the faith. He wanted them to be wise as to the doing of God's will, meaning that they would know how to apply their knowledge to the doing of fine works. Yet he wanted them to be aware of dangers, yet innocent to the exercise of sin.
- For your obedience has come to the notice of all. I therefore rejoice over you. But I want you to be wise as to what is good, but innocent as to what is evil. (Romans 16:19)
- This sacred secret of times past, is referenced hundreds of times in the Hebrew Scriptures, and was it made manifest through his written word among all the nations, through Christ himself, and Paul, and many other faithful Christians, who took up the fine work of making the hearts of many others rejoice, in the hope of Christ resurrected, and declared righteous by God.
- But has now been made manifest and has been made known through the prophetic scriptures among all the nations in accord with the command of the everlasting God to promote obedience by faith. (Romans 16:26)
- Also Titus now had developed tender affections toward the ones there during his visit. He told Paul of his visit there, and the obedience they demonstrated before him. He also recalled how they had received him with great respect, with fear and trembling.

- Also, his tender affections are more abundant toward you, while he calls to mind the obedience of all of you, how you received him with fear and trembling. (2 Corinthians 7:15)
- Christians are holding themselves in readiness to hold men accountable to God, and to inflict punishment upon the sons of disobedience, as soon as the full number of the anointed congregation of God, the 144,000 is reached.
- Then the Christian congregation will oversee the entire world, and hold men accountable for their unrighteous acts before their God, as they rule the world. For this work, they will of course, have to have previously learned God's way, and developed a sense of both mercy and compassion as well as justice, for how hard it can be, to do this perfectly.
- And we are holding ourselves in readiness to inflict punishment for every disobedience, as soon as your own obedience has been fully carried out. (2 Corinthians 10:6)
- Even though Christ was a heavenly Son of God, who had been in direct contact with Yehowah God for eons of time before coming to the earth, and who was supremely submissive to Yehowah God throughout all that time, he learned even further obedience, from the things he suffered through here on earth, which things were beyond anything, he had ever experienced in heaven.
- Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. (Hebrews 5:8)
- Peter now encourages them, that now that they have purified their souls by applying the truth in their lives through their heartfelt obedience to God's Holy Spirit, which has resulted in a true and unhypocritical brotherly affection for one another, that they should now love one another intensely from the heart, for they are going to spend eternity together in their joint service to God in heaven.
- Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth with unhypocritical brotherly affection as the result, love one another intensely from the heart. (1 Peter 1:22)