

## ~OBEYING (179)

[English, minding, doing as you are told, following, complying with, acting upon, observing, abiding by, conforming, Opposite of, disobeying]

- Jacob was **obeying** his father and mother and went to Paddanaram to live away from the hatred of Esau his brother.
- And that Jacob was **obeying** his father and his mother and was on his way to Paddanaram. ([Genesis 28:7](#))
- Yehowah God promised through Moses to put Israel at the head in all that they did, if they kept on **obeying** his commandments.
- And Yehowah will indeed put you at the head and not at the tail, and you must come to be only on top, and you will not come to be on the bottom, because you keep **obeying** the commandments of Yehowah your God, which I am commanding you today to observe and to do. ([Deuteronomy 28:13](#))
- Israel quickly turned away from the path of their forefathers and they stopped **obeying** the commandments of Yehowah God.
- And even to their judges they did not listen, but they had immoral intercourse with other gods and went bowing down to them. They quickly turned aside from the way in which their forefathers had walked by **obeying** the commandments of Yehowah. They did not do like that. ([Judges 2:17](#))
- Samuel asked Israel, if Yehowah God had as much delight in sacrificial offerings as he did in them **obeying** him. Then he showed that to **obey** is far better than a sacrifice.
- In turn Samuel said; Does Yehowah have as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in **obeying** the voice of Yehowah? Look! To obey is better than a sacrifice, to pay attention than the fat of rams. ([1 Samuel 15:22](#))
- The letter stated to the men that if they were **obeying** his words that they should take the heads of the people and meet with him in Jezeel.

- At that he wrote them a second letter, saying; If you belong to me, and it is my voice that you are **obeying**, take the heads of the men that are sons of your lord and come to me tomorrow at this time at Jezreel. Now the sons of the king, seventy men, were with the distinguished men of the city that were bringing them up. (**2 Kings 10:6**)
- Jehovah's Witnesses have likewise done worse than their forefathers, in that they have abused anointed ones, and they have stumbled over the Christ. They are stubborn and hardheaded, and they reject truth, good counsel by not **obeying** Yehowah God, and they work against God's unfolding purpose.
- And you yourselves have acted worse in your doing than your fathers, and here you are walking each one after the stubbornness of his bad heart in not **obeying** me. (**Jeremiah 16:12**)
- Jehovah's Witnesses have had God's favor for many years due to their doing his will in the past. But now they choose to abuse his anointed sons, reject clear scriptural truths, and disfellowshipped his Messiah, while all the while refusing to take any counsel from him.
- And it actually does what is bad in my eyes by not **obeying** my voice, I will also feel regret over the good that I said to myself to do for its good. (**Jeremiah 18:10**)
- They reasoned, that since this command was laid upon them, that they were duty bound to their father to **obey** it, throughout their generations. Thus they did not plant vineyards or have houses or till the soil, and they and their families never drank wine.
- So we keep **obeying** the voice of Jehonadab the son of Rechab our forefather in everything that he commanded us by drinking no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons and our daughters. (**Jeremiah 35:8**)
- So then since their father had commanded thus, they were still living in harmony with his stated commands, **obeying** them. They honored their forefather, even though he was not still living. However Yehowah is the living God and our eternal father, should they not honor his commands?
- And we keep dwelling in tents and **obeying** and doing according

to all that Jonadab our forefather commanded us. (**Jeremiah 35:10**)

- Back then, Yehowah's people had made their hearts like an emery stone, by not **obeying** him so as to keep from **obeying** the Law Covenant, and the words of Yehowah God send through his spirit to his approved prophets. The net result of all of this was indignation from Yehowah God against his people, and his sending them forth into exile off of the Promised Land.

- And their heart they set as an emery stone to keep from **obeying** the Law and the words that Yehowah of armies sent by his spirit, by means of the former prophets, so that there occurred great indignation on the part of Yehowah of armies. (**Zechariah 7:12**)

- So they told those assembled there, that they were witnesses of all these matters, and so was the Holy Spirit, something that God himself gave freely to all those who **obeyed** him as ruler. So, because they loved that wonderful spirit, they would **keep on bearing witness to the truth**, of which they were eyewitnesses.

- And we are witnesses of these matters, and so is the Holy Spirit, which God has given to those **obeying** him as ruler. (**Acts of Apostles 5:32**)

- Then he gave them a concrete example of a certain man named Theudas, who had arisen earlier, and tried to convince others, that he was the Messiah, and about four hundred people had joined his group. Yet Gamaliel counseled, that this man had come to nothing, and all those once **obeying** him, had all been dispersed.

- For instance, before these days Theudas rose, saying he himself was somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined his party. But he was done away with, and all those who were **obeying** him were dispersed and came to nothing. (**Acts of Apostles 5:36**)

- Then he counseled that another man, named Judas, a Galilean, had risen up in the days of the registration, and he had also drawn off people to himself. Yet that man also perished, and all those who **obeyed** him were scattered.

- After him Judas the Galilean rose in the days of the registration, and he drew off people after him. And yet that man perished,

and all those who were **obeying** him were scattered abroad. (**Acts of Apostles 5:37**)

- Paul now asks the Galatians; You were running well, who made you stop **obeying** the truth? Why have they readily accepted other thinking, than what they were taught?

- Today we can readily see, that there may have been good reasons for accepting the counsel of others, for Paul was clearly wrong in this matter of circumcision, and perhaps others at the time saw the issue more clearly than he did, for he always equates circumcision as part of the Law Covenant, which it is not. However Paul's argument about not returning to the practice of things under the Law Covenant, is entirely valid, just not respecting circumcision.

- You were running well. Who hindered you from keeping on **obeying** the truth? (**Galatians 5:7**)

- Paul then shows, that once he had been made perfect or once he has completed this discipline in love, he became responsible for everlasting salvation, to all those who willingly **obey** him. There is no salvation, in anyone else, either in heaven or on earth!

- And after he had been made perfect he became responsible for everlasting salvation to all those **obeying** him. (**Hebrews 5:9**)