

~OBLIGATION (480)

[English, compulsion, duty, responsibility, requirement]

- Abraham told his servant that he would be cleared of **obligation** to him, if the woman he selected to marry his son refused to return with him.
- At that time you will be cleared of **obligation** to me by oath when you get to my family, and if they will not give her to you, then you shall become free of **obligation** to me by oath. ([Genesis 24:41](#))
- Abimelech performed an oath of **obligation** with Isaac.
- To this they said; We have unmistakably seen that Yehowah has proved to be with you. Hence we said; Let, please, an oath of **obligation** occur between us, between us and you, and let us conclude a covenant with you. ([Genesis 26:28](#))
- The priesthood was under **obligation** to Yehowah God not to carry on any of the detestable customs that they had seen done before them.
- And you must keep your **obligation** to me not to carry on any of the detestable customs that have been carried on before you, that you may not make yourselves unclean by them. I am Yehowah your God. ([Leviticus 18:30](#))
- And they must keep their **obligation** to me, that they may not carry sin because of it and have to die for it because they were profaning it. I am Yehowah who is sanctifying them. ([Leviticus 22:9](#))
- And they must keep their **obligation** to him and their obligation to all the assembly before the tent of meeting in discharging the service of the tabernacle. ([Numbers 3:7](#))
- And they must take care of all the utensils of the tent of meeting, even the **obligation** of the sons of Israel in discharging the service of the tabernacle. ([Numbers 3:8](#))
- And the **obligation** of the sons of Gershon in the tent of meeting

- was the tabernacle and the tent, its covering and the screen of the entrance of the tent of meeting. (**Numbers 3:25**)
- Among the number of all the males from a month old upward there were eight thousand six hundred, taking care of the **obligation** to the holy place. (**Numbers 3:28**)
 - And their **obligation** was the Ark and the table and the lampstand and the altars and the utensils of the holy place with which they would minister and the screen, and all its service. (**Numbers 3:31**)
 - And the chieftain of the chieftains of the Levites was Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, who had the oversight of those taking care of the **obligation** to the holy place. (**Numbers 3:32**)
 - And those camping before the tabernacle toward the east, before the tent of meeting toward the sunrising, were Moses and Aaron and his sons, those taking care of the **obligation** to the sanctuary, as the obligation for the sons of Israel. And any stranger coming near would be put to death. (**Numbers 3:38**)
 - At the order of Aaron and his sons all the service of the sons of the Gershonites should take place as regards all their loads and all their service, and you must assign all their loads to them by **obligation**. (**Numbers 4:27**)
 - And this is their **obligation**, their load, according to all their service in the tent of meeting, the panel frames of the tabernacle and its bars and its pillars and its socket pedestals. (**Numbers 4:31**)
 - And he must minister to his brothers in the tent of meeting in taking care of the **obligation**, but he must render no service. In accord with this you will do to the Levites in their obligations. (**Numbers 8:26**)
 - When the cloud remained over the tabernacle then the Israelites kept their **obligation** to Yehowah God not to pull away from that location.
 - And when the cloud prolonged its stay over the tabernacle many days, the sons of Israel also kept their **obligation** to Yehowah that they should not pull away. (**Numbers 9:19**)

- At the order of Yehowah they would encamp, and at the order of Yehowah they would pull away. They kept their **obligation** to Yehowah at the order of Yehowah by means of Moses. (**Numbers 9:23**)
- The Levites had an **obligation** to the tent and all of its utensils.
- And they must keep their **obligation** to you and their obligation to the entire tent. Only to the utensils of the holy place and to the altar they must not come near that they may not die, neither they nor you men. (**Numbers 18:3**)
- And they must be joined to you and must keep their **obligation** to the tent of meeting as respects all the service of the tent, and no stranger may come near to you men. (**Numbers 18:4**)
- And you must keep your **obligation** to the holy place and your obligation to the altar, that no further indignation may occur against the sons of Israel. (**Numbers 18:5**)
- And from the half of the sons of Israel you should take one out of fifty, of humankind, of the herd, of the asses and of the flock, of every sort of domestic animal, and you must give them to the Levites, the keepers of the **obligation** of Yehowah's tabernacle. (**Numbers 31:30**)
- Then Moses took from the half belonging to the sons of Israel the one to be taken out of fifty, of humankind and of domestic animals, and gave them to the Levites, the keepers of the **obligation** of Yehowah's tabernacle, just as Yehowah had commanded Moses. (**Numbers 31:47**)
- Moses told the Israelites that they must keep their **obligation** to Yehowah God to love him and keep his commandments and statutes always.
- And you must love Yehowah your God and keep your **obligation** to him and his statutes and his judicial decisions and his commandments always. (**Deuteronomy 11:1**)
- Joshua told the two and one-half tribes east of the Jordan River, that they had kept their **obligation** to Yehowah God right up to that time.

- You have not left your brothers these many days down to this day, and you have kept the **obligation** of the commandment of Yehowah your God. (**Joshua 22:3**)
- Joab told the man, that if he had done as instructed, then it would be his **obligation** to give him the silver monies.
- At this Joab said to the man who was telling him; And here you saw it, and why did you not strike him down to the earth there? Then it would have been my **obligation** to give you ten pieces of silver and a belt. (**2 Samuel 18:11**)
- Keeping the **obligation** of service to Yehowah God includes walking in his ways, keeping his statutes, commandments and judicial decisions.
- And you must keep the **obligation** to Yehowah your God by walking in his ways, by keeping his statutes, his commandments and his judicial decisions and his testimonies, according to what is written in the Law of Moses, in order, that you may act prudently in everything that you do and everywhere that you turn. (**1 Kings 2:3**)
- The priesthood had certain **obligations** of service to Yehowah daily within the holy of the tabernacle and later within the temple.
- And they are making burnt offerings smoke to Yehowah morning by morning and evening by evening and also perfumed incense, and the layers of bread are upon the table of pure gold, and there are the golden lampstand and its lamps to light up evening by evening, because we are keeping the **obligation** to Yehowah our God, but you yourselves have left him. (**2 Chronicles 13:11**)
- Only the priests and the Levites could enter into sacred service, because they were a holy group, and that was their **obligation** before Yehowah God.
- And do not let anyone enter the house of Yehowah but the priests and those of the Levites ministering. These are the ones that will enter, because they are a holy group, and all the people themselves will keep the **obligation** to Yehowah. (**2 Chronicles 23:6**)

- And they began taking care of the **obligation** of their God and the obligation of the purification, also the singers and the gatekeepers, according to the commandment of David and Solomon his son. (**Nehemiah 12:45**)
- The Jews imposed upon themselves as a people the **obligation** to celebrate their victory over their enemies on the 14-15th of Adar each year.
- To impose upon them the **obligation** to be regularly holding the fourteenth day of the month Adar and the fifteenth day of it in each and every year. (**Esther 9:21**)
- The Jews imposed and accepted upon themselves and upon their offspring and upon all those joining themselves to them, that it should not pass away, the **obligation** to be regularly holding these two days according to what was written concerning them and according to their appointed time in each and every year. (**Esther 9:27**)
- The whole **obligation** of man toward Yehowah God is to fear the true God and to keep his commandments.
- The conclusion of the matter, everything having been heard, is, fear the true God and keep his commandments. For this is the whole **obligation** of man. (**Ecclesiastes 12:13**)
- The priests who ministered were taken care of by Yehowah, for a portion of many of the sacrifices was reserved for them. The dining room to the south was for the priests who were taking care of the **obligation** of the house itself.
- And he proceeded to speak to me; This one, the dining room the front of which is toward the south, is for the priests who are taking care of the **obligation** of the house. (**Ezekiel 40:45**)
- Yehowah prizes loyalty among his priestly sons. And as for the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok, who took care of the **obligation** of my sanctuary when the sons of Israel wandered away from me, they themselves will come near to me to minister to me, and they must stand before me to present to me fat and the blood, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah.
- And the dining room the front of which is toward the north is for

the priests who are taking care of the **obligation** of the altar. They are the sons of Zadok, who, from the sons of Levi, are approaching Yehowah to minister to him. ([Ezekiel 40:46](#))

- There were required daily offerings to be made at the temple. The priests not only let these **obligations** go unfulfilled but didn't even appoint others to maintain this sacred **obligation** of the temple. Yehowah always takes into account all those who serve him for the right reasons and otherwise.
- Neither have you taken care of the **obligation** of my holy things, nor would you post others as caretakers of my obligation in my sanctuary for yourselves. ([Ezekiel 44:8](#))
- They thus lost the special privilege of ministering close to Yehowah and to the most holy things because they worshipped dungy idols and treated holy things like truths from the Bible as profane.
- And I shall certainly make them caretakers of the **obligation** of the House, as regards all its service and as regards all that should be done in it. ([Ezekiel 44:14](#))
- The priests received a portion from their brothers, which allowed them to spend their days ministering in the temple rather than having to work at jobs or on their farms. Thus when the nation fell away from proper support, would the priests still keep their **obligation** to Yehowah.
- And as for the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok, who took care of the **obligation** of my sanctuary when the sons of Israel wandered away from me, they themselves will come near to me to minister to me, and they must stand before me to present to me fat and the blood, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. ([Ezekiel 44:15](#))
- What an honor to be called upon to minister directly at Yehowah's table! There were a thousand thousands that kept ministering to him, and ten thousand times ten thousand that kept standing right before him. The Court took its seat, and there were books that were opened.
- They are the ones that will come into my sanctuary, and they themselves will come near to my table to minister to me, and they must take care of the **obligation** to me. ([Ezekiel 44:16](#))

- However the sons of Zadok acted loyally when others wandered away from their **obligations** to Yehowah. Therefore they obtain a special closeness and trust from Yehowah.
- It will be for the priests, those who are sanctified from the sons of Zadok, who took care of the **obligation** toward me, who did not wander away when the sons of Israel wandered away, just as the Levites wandered away. ([Ezekiel 48:11](#))
- Then the angel prophesied and told Zechariah, and the High Priest, that it is in the ways of Yehowah their God, that they must walk, and that it is his **obligation** that they must keep. Joshua was then to judge Yehowah God's house, and also would keep his courtyards, referring to his oversight of the temple and its services. Then Yehowah God told Joshua, that if he would do thus, that he would give him free access to those who were standing around him. Thus his priesthood would have access to the prophets and his angelic messengers, like the angels, and also to Yehowah God. He and his people were then restored to favor with Yehowah God.
- This is what Yehowah of armies has said; If it is in my ways that you will walk, and if it is my **obligation** that you will keep, then also it will be you that will judge my house and also keep my courtyards, and I shall certainly give you free access among these who are standing by. ([Zechariah 3:7](#))
- So he tells his priesthood, that they have taken the attitude, that it is of no value to serve Yehowah God. And they say, what profit is there, that we have kept the **obligation** to him, and walked dejectedly on account of our God? This bad attitude rubs off on all his people, for the role of the priests is to set an example, and to draw people to true worship, through fine examples, and clear spiritual thinking, and a joy in doing his will.
- You have said; It is of no value to serve God. And what profit is there in that we have kept the **obligation** to him, and that we have walked dejectedly on account of Yehowah of armies? ([Malachi 3:14](#))
- Jesus then calls them blind guides. They claim to be God appointed shepherds of his flock, but they do not understand the things that they are teaching. Then Jesus makes light of their errors in teaching these things. They teach, that if anyone swears by the

temple, it is meaningless, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, then he is under **obligation** to perform what he swore to do. What foolishness!

- Woe to you, blind guides, who say; If anyone swears by the temple, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is under **obligation**. (**Matthew 23:16**)
- They also taught, that if anyone swore by the altar of God it was not binding upon them to keep his word, however they also taught, that if anyone swore by the gift upon the altar, then he was under full **obligation**. What foolish reasonings they had accepted.
- Also, If anyone swears by the altar, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gift on it, he is under **obligation**. (**Matthew 23:18**)
- Then he said, that only woe would come to the Pharisees, who gave the tenth of the tiny little spices like the mint and the rue and of every other sort of vegetable, which things were really tiny requirements of the Law Covenant. Yet the very principles of justice and love, they readily passed by, and did not give back to God. They were under **obligation** to give love and justice always, but not to forget the other more minor things of lesser importance.
- But woe to you Pharisees, because you give the tenth of the mint and the rue and of every other vegetable, but you pass by the justice and the love of God! These things you were under **obligation** to do, but those other things not to omit. (**Luke 11:42**)
- Therefore Christians have no continuing **obligation** to the flesh through the Law Covenant, it has ended for us. But we do have a continuing **obligation** to our espoused one, to continue walking after the spirit, and seeking it daily in our lives.
- So, then, brothers, we are under **obligation**, not to the flesh to live in accord with the flesh. (**Romans 8:12**)
- Here again, Paul by using the argument, that the circumcision was a pattern of the Law Covenant, tries to bring us under **obligation** to perform the whole Law Covenant, if we get circumcised. This is simply not the case.
- Circumcision is part of a different covenant, that of (**Genesis 17:1-14**), a covenant, that prefigured the New Covenant with the seed

of the Greater Abraham, the Greater Isaac, Jesus and his spiritual seed after him.

- They are to be circumcised at birth by fathers who love God and want their sons to stay in the covenant of freedom, and during their lives they circumcise their hearts spiritually by their love of the spirit of Yehowah God.
- Moreover, I bear witness again to every man getting circumcised that he is under **obligation** to perform the whole Law. (**Galatians 5:3**)
- Paul then puts them under solemn **obligation** to have this letter read before all the congregation, so that everyone will know what it teaches.
- I am putting you under the solemn **obligation** by the Lord for this letter to be read to all the brothers. (**1 Thessalonians 5:27**)
- Therefore the one that remains in union with Christ is under **obligation** to go on walking just as Jesus Christ walked upon the earth.
- He that says he remains in union with him is under **obligation** himself also to go on walking just as that one walked. (**1 John 2:6**)
- Anointed Christians have come to know the love of the Christ through his giving freely of his very life for their salvation. Since that is the kind of love Christ has expressed to all his disciples, then they themselves are under **obligation** to love one another, and even to give their very lives in behalf of their brothers if needed.
- By this we have come to know love, because that one surrendered his soul for us, and we are under **obligation** to surrender our souls for our brothers. (**1 John 3:16**)
- Now John brings home his point, that if this is how God loves his anointed sons, then we are also under **obligation** to love one another in the same manner. All anointed Christians should understand this great love, because they are all anointed through the Holy Spirit, and they all are experiencing the love of God through it.
- Beloved ones, if this is how God loved us, then we are ourselves under **obligation** to love one another. (**1 John 4:11**)

- John shows then, that anointed Christians are under **obligation** to receive such people hospitably. The purpose of this, is that they too may become sharers and fellow workers in the truth.
- We, therefore, are under **obligation** to receive such persons hospitably, that we may become fellow workers in the truth. (3 John 1:8)