

~OBEY (681)

[English, mind, do as you are told, follow, comply with, act upon, observe, abide by, conform, Opposite of, **disobey**]

- Joseph was told by Pharaoh that he would be over Pharaoh's house, and all his people would **obey** Joseph implicitly.
- You will personally be over my house, and all my people will **obey** you implicitly. Only as to the throne shall I be greater than you. (**Genesis 41:40**)
- Pharaoh of Egypt mockingly asked Moses and Aaron just why he should **obey** Yehowah God's commands to free his people, and they defiantly resisted doing so.
- But Pharaoh said; Who is Yehowah, so that I should **obey** his voice to send Israel away? I do not know Yehowah at all and, what is more, I am not going to send Israel away. (**Exodus 5:2**)
- Yehowah God promised through Moses that if Israel would **obey** his voice and keep his covenant, then they would become a special property out of all other peoples.
- And now if you will strictly **obey** my voice and will indeed keep my covenant, then you will certainly become my special property out of all other peoples, because the whole earth belongs to me. (**Exodus 19:5**)
- Moses warned Israel to watch themselves and **obey** the voice of Yehowah God for he would not pardon their transgression if they did not.
- Watch yourself because of him and **obey** his voice. Do not behave rebelliously against him, for he will not pardon your transgression, because my name is within him. (**Exodus 23:21**)
- Yehowah God promised Israel, that if they would **obey** his voice, then he would act in a hostile way toward their enemies and toward anyone harassing them.
- However, if you strictly **obey** his voice and really do all that I shall speak, then I shall certainly be hostile to your enemies and

harass those who harass you. ([Exodus 23:22](#))

- **Obedience** for Israel, was to love Yehowah their God and to serve him with all their heart and soul.

- And it must occur that if you will without fail **obey** my commandments that I am commanding you today so as to love Yehowah your God and to serve him with all your heart and all your soul. ([Deuteronomy 11:13](#))

- There were many blessings promised to Israel, if they would **obey** the voice of their God.

- The blessing, provided you will **obey** the commandments of Yehowah your God that I am commanding you today. ([Deuteronomy 11:27](#))

- There were also many maledictions, if they failed to **obey** his commandments.

- And the malediction, if you will not **obey** the commandments of Yehowah your God and you do turn aside from the way about which I am commanding you today, so as to walk after other gods whom you have not known. ([Deuteronomy 11:28](#))

- Israel was warned to **obey** throughout their generations so that it would go well with them and their descendants.

- Watch, and you must **obey** all these words that I am commanding you, in order, that it may go well with you and your sons after you to time indefinite, because you will do what is good and right in the eyes of Yehowah your God. ([Deuteronomy 12:28](#))

- The Philistines kept serving as agents to test Israel so as to know whether Israel would **obey** Yehowah God's commandments.

- And they kept serving as agents to test Israel so as to know whether they would **obey** Yehowah's commandments that he had commanded their fathers by means of Moses. ([Judges 3:4](#))

- Both the God appointed king and all his people must **obey** the voice of Yehowah God and serve him.

- If you will fear Yehowah and actually serve him and **obey** his voice, and you will not rebel against the order of Yehowah, both you and the king who must reign over you will certainly prove to be followers of Yehowah your God. (1 Samuel 12:14)
- Yehowah promised to be against them and their father's if they chose not to **obey** his voice.
- But if you will not **obey** the voice of Yehowah and you will actually rebel against the order of Yehowah, the hand of Yehowah will certainly prove to be against you and your fathers. (1 Samuel 12:15)
- Saul was reprovved for not **obeying** the order of Yehowah God to destroy the spoils of war, and instead let the people go ddarting greedily after it.
- So why is it you did not **obey** the voice of Yehowah but went darting greedily at the spoil and doing what was bad in the eyes of Yehowah? (1 Samuel 15:19)
- Samuel asked Israel if Yehowah God had as much delight in sacrifices, as he does in simply **obeying** his voice, and he showed that to **obey** is far better than making a sacrifice after **disobeying**.
- 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)
- Saul was also reprovved by Samuel for not **obeying** Yehowah God, and destroying Amalek according to the order of Yehowah God.
- As you did not **obey** the voice of Yehowah, and you did not execute his burning anger against Amalek, that is why this is the thing that Yehowah will certainly do to you this day. (1 Samuel 28:18)
- The maidservant of Saul asked him to **obey** her request and take some of her food and regain strength.
- And now, please, you, in turn, **obey** the voice of your maidservant, and let me set before you a piece of bread, and you eat, that power may come to be in you, because you will go on

your way. (1 Samuel 28:22)

- Yehowah God promised to remain with Solomon if he continued to **obey** his voice as David had done before him.
- And it must occur that, if you **obey** all that I shall command you, and you do walk in my ways and actually do what is right in my eyes by keeping my statutes and my commandments, just as David my servant did, I will also prove to be with you, and I will build you a lasting house, just as I have built for David, and I will give you Israel. (1 Kings 11:38)
- When Ben-hadad threatened the king of Israel the older men of Israel counseled the king not to **obey** him.
- Then all the older men and all the people said to him; Do not **obey**, and you should not consent. (1 Kings 20:8)
- The nation became fearers of Yehowah God, but worshiped their own gods of former times, and they did not **obey** Yehowah God.
- And they did not **obey**, but it was according to their former religion that they were doing. (2 Kings 17:40)
- Job showed, that if men **obey** Yehowah God, then they will finish their years in what is good.
- If they **obey** and serve, they will finish their days in what is good and their years in pleasantness. (Job 36:11)
- But if men do not **obey** they will pass away as if in war, and they will expire without knowledge.
- But if they do not **obey**, they will pass away even by a missile, and they will expire without knowledge. (Job 36:12)
- **Obedience**, this is what really matters to our heavenly father, **for by obedience, righteousness will follow.**
- But this word I did express in command upon them, saying; **Obey** my voice, and I will become your God, and you yourselves will become my people, and you must walk in all the way that I shall command you, in order, that it may go well with you. (Jeremiah 7:23)

- Yehowah God had commanded Moses for the people of Israel to **obey** his voice when he brought them forth from Egypt, and he would then become their God.
- Which I commanded your forefathers in the day of my bringing them out of the land of Egypt, out of the furnace of iron, saying; **Obey** my voice, and you must do things according to all that I command you, and you will certainly become my people and I myself shall become your God. (**Jeremiah 11:4**)
- For I solemnly admonished your forefathers in the day of my bringing them up out of the land of Egypt and down to this day, rising up early and admonishing, saying; **Obey** my voice. (**Jeremiah 11:7**)
- The Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses and really all of Christendom, has returned to the **way** of their forefathers in not **obeying** Yehowah God. It is a **way, of love of prominence and titles and of lording it over others**. They are over confident in their reasonings and hold their knowledge above all others.
- They have returned to the errors of their forefathers, the first ones, who refused to **obey** my words, but who themselves have walked after other gods in order to serve them. The house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant that I concluded with their forefathers. (**Jeremiah 11:10**)
- For any nation and any kingdom that will not serve and **obey** you will perish, and the nations themselves will without fail come to devastation. (**Isaiah 60:12**) This counsel still stands for all of the nations of today!
- But if they will not **obey**, I will also uproot that nation, uprooting and destroying it, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 12:17**)
- Jehovah's Witnesses have refused to **obey** Yehowah's words as presented to them by his servant, the Son Of Man. Books have been repeatedly presented to them revealing his grand purpose, but they refuse to even open them. They keep worshipping their prominent ones and their ideas, their own organization and the Baal of growth.
- They have shown, by repeatedly ignoring Yehowah's fine counsel, that they are unfit to participate in it, and further fulfilling of

God's will and purpose. Like Jeremiah's belt, they have become good for nothing!

- This bad people who are refusing to **obey** my words, who are walking in the stubbornness of their heart and who keep walking after other gods in order to serve them and to bow down to them, will also become just like this belt that is fit for nothing. **(Jeremiah 13:10)**
- By working along with Yehowah in the accomplishing of his purposes, Jehovah's Witnesses had the opportunity to become his people, a praise in all the earth and something beautiful to him. Yet when they began abusing his anointed sons, rejecting all new understanding, and finally ended up by rejecting the Christ, they made themselves unclean, they were now ruined, unsuitable as ones through whom Yehowah could bring his purpose to fulfillment.
- For just as a belt clings to the hips of a man, so I caused the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to cling even to me, is the utterance of Yehowah, in order to become to me a people and a name and a praise and something beautiful, but they did not **obey**. **(Jeremiah 13:11)**
- Jeremiah showed that **obeying** the Sabbath Laws was an important part of godly **obedience**.
- And it must occur that, if you strictly **obey** me, is the utterance of Yehowah, to bring in no load through the gates of this city on the Sabbath day and to sanctify the Sabbath day by not doing on it any work. **(Jeremiah 17:24)**
- Yehowah God promised to destroy Jerusalem for not **obeying** his Sabbath Laws.
- But if you will not **obey** me by sanctifying the Sabbath day and not carrying a load, but there is a coming in with it through the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day, I will also set a fire ablaze in her gates, and it will certainly devour the dwelling towers of Jerusalem and will not be extinguished. **(Jeremiah 17:27)**
- This is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; Here I am bringing upon this city and upon all its cities all the calamity that I have spoken against it, because they have

hardened their neck in order not to **obey** my words. (**Jeremiah 19:15**)

- For not obeying his words to Judah, the men of Jerusalem were told that their house of worship would become a mere devastated place.
- But if you will not **obey** these words, by myself I do swear, is the utterance of Yehowah, that this house will become a mere devastated place. (**Jeremiah 22:5**)
- It should be such a little thing, to **obey** a generous and good God. The people here mentioned, are already in a covenant relationship with him, and so they should appreciate his superior wisdom, and incline their hearts and ears to do his will, always listening to his voice.
- I spoke to you during your freedom from care. You said; I shall not **obey**. This has been your way since your youth, for you did not obey my voice. (**Jeremiah 22:21**)
- There were consequences for not **obeying** the voice of Yehowah God to his people Israel.
- Therefore this is what Yehowah of armies has said; For the reason that you did not **obey** my words. (**Jeremiah 25:8**)
- Likewise today, the Yehowah God has not come to destroy his people or his organization, but rather to turn back the wrongs that are occurring within it. So far they have refused to listen, and so Yehowah will not turn it back, for they do not **obey** his voice.
- And now make your ways and your dealings good, and **obey** the voice of Yehowah your God, and Yehowah will feel regret for the calamity that he has spoken against you. (**Jeremiah 26:13**)
- Then as soon as the people became filled with the goodness of the land, they became corrupt and wicked, and filled his beautiful land with bloodshed and violence. They then refused to **obey** and do the good things their God commanded them, and they turned their backs, and not their faces to their God.
- And they proceeded to come in and take possession of it, but they did not **obey** your voice, and in your Law they did not walk. All the things that you commanded them to do they did not do, so

- that you caused all this calamity to befall them. ([Jeremiah 32:23](#))
- So the people of the land then agreed to let their menservants and maidservants go free, so as to **obey** Yehowah's Law. But their **obedience**, clearly was not from the heart.
 - So all the princes **obeyed**, and all the people who had entered into the covenant to let each one his manservant and each one his maidservant go free, in order to use them no more as servants, and they proceeded to **obey** and to let them go. ([Jeremiah 34:10](#))
 - Now Jeremiah is commanded to go to the men of Judah and ask them why they, although they have been continually reminded of Yehowah's words by his prophets, have not **obeyed** them.
 - This is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; Go, and you must say to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; Did you not continually receive exhortation to **obey** my words, is the utterance of Yehowah? ([Jeremiah 35:13](#))
 - Jeremiah assured the king, that this would not happen, but Zedekiah did not trust God. Jeremiah told him to **obey** the voice of Yehowah, and that if he did so, then his soul would continue to live.
 - But Jeremiah said; They will do no such giving. **Obey**, please, the voice of Yehowah in what I am speaking to you, and it will go well with you, and your soul will continue to live. ([Jeremiah 38:20](#))
 - They seemingly had learned a lesson about listening to the counsel of Yehowah. After all Jeremiah had told the people, that it was Yehowah's will for them to go out to the Chaldeans, and that their city was going to fall to them, and all who did so were spared and their city was destroyed. They therefore, had every reason to listen to his words as coming from Yehowah and **obey** them. They took an oath and brought Yehowah in as a witness against them, if they did not listen to his words and did not **obey** his counsel.
 - Whether good or bad, it is the voice of Yehowah our God to whom we are sending you that we shall **obey**, to the intent that it may go well with us because we obey the voice of Yehowah our God. ([Jeremiah 42:6](#))

- **Jeremiah then told the people that they would not listen or **obey** their God for he knew their hearts and that they were a self-seeking rebellious people who had never showed true dependence upon their God and that was why they were in this situation.**
- **And I tell you today, but you will certainly not **obey** the voice of Yehowah your God or anything with which he has sent me to you. (Jeremiah 42:21)**
- **They had already made up their own minds, about what the safe course would be, and they were determined to do it. Their request for Yehowah's favor and guidance was only a pretense at **obedience**, probably to satisfy a small contingent of the people who were not in agreement. As we examine what these people did step by step it, becomes abundantly clear why Yehowah destroyed them.**
- **And Johanan the son of Kareah and all the chiefs of the military forces and all the people did not **obey** the voice of Yehowah, to keep on dwelling in the land of Judah. (Jeremiah 43:4)**
- **The remnant of Israel then came as a group down into Egypt; because they refused to **obey** the voice of their God, and they came as far as Tahpanhes.**
- **And they finally came into the land of Egypt, for they did not **obey** the voice of Yehowah, and they came gradually as far as Tahpanhes. (Jeremiah 43:7)**
- **It was for the very reason, that they had made sacrificial smoke to the Queen of the Heavens, that they had enraged Yehowah. They had rejected the counsel of his approved prophets, and they refused to carry out his Law or **obey** his voice. Then when they saw all of his warnings come true they went right back to their false worship, giving their false god credit for the events taking place. What would you do to such a hard hearted rebellious people?**
- **Because of the fact that you made sacrificial smoke and that you sinned against Yehowah and did not **obey** the voice of Yehowah and in his Law and in his statutes and in his reminders you did not walk, that is why there has befallen you this calamity as at this day. (Jeremiah 44:23)**
- **Now the Kingdom of God will be brought in, and it will be treated with respect and dignity by men, because they will clearly see God's**

hand in the matter, and they will acquiesce to his will and **obey** him. The world we live in today is a mess, the earth itself is being ruined, and men have no insight, as to how effectively to proceed.

- Man's way has failed, and a better solution should be welcome good News, to all of the human family. God will thus raise up true worship above every other rulership, to a high place of respect and honor, now that the harlot is gone, and false religion is no more.
- And the kingdom and the rulership and the grandeur of the kingdoms under all the heavens were given to the people who are the holy ones of the Supreme One. Their kingdom is an indefinitely lasting kingdom, and all the rulerships will serve and **obey** even them. ([Daniel 7:27](#))
- Then Yehowah God shows them, that they should **obey** the words of Yehowah God, that he called out by means of his former prophets, back when their holy city of Jerusalem was still inhabited, and lying at ease, with all of her dependent towns lying all around her, and while the Negeb and the Shephelah were still inhabited.
- Should you not **obey** the words that Yehowah called out by means of the former prophets, while Jerusalem happened to be inhabited, and at ease, with her cities all around her, and while the Negeb and the Shephelah were inhabited? ([Zechariah 7:7](#))
- His disciples had already seen many miracles, but this one impressed upon them his glorious power, for even the winds and the sea **obeyed** his voice. This of course was Yehowah God working to accomplish these things through him.
- So the men became amazed and said; What sort of person is this, that even the winds and the sea **obey** him? ([Matthew 8:27](#))
- Well the people were astonished and they began talking among themselves and wondering, if this was some kind of a new teaching, for Jesus authoritatively ordered even unclean spirits, and they **obeyed** him.
- Well, the people were all so astonished that they began a discussion among themselves, saying; What is this? A new teaching! He authoritatively orders even the unclean spirits, and they **obey** him. ([Mark 1:27](#))

- Yet his disciples experienced an unusual fear, for they had never seen anything like the things he did. They asked within themselves; Who really is this, since the winds and the sea **obey** him, things no man has ever had any control over before.

- But they felt an unusual fear, and they would say to one another; Who really is this, because even the wind and the sea **obey** him? (**Mark 4:41**)

- So he said to them; Where is your faith? For they were doing God's will and were accompanying his son, and there was nothing really to fear because of this. Yet they were struck with fear over what they had seen and heard asking one another; Who really is this person? For they saw that even the winds and the sea **obeyed** him.

- Then he said to them; Where is your faith? But struck with fear, they marveled, saying to one another; Who really is this, for he orders even the winds and the water, and they **obey** him? (**Luke 8:25**)

- Now the mustard grain or seed is the smallest of the vegetable seeds, and so Jesus showed, that if one had just a tiny amount of faith, then he would say to a tree to be lifted up and planted in the sea, and it would **obey** him.

- Then the Lord said; If you had faith the size of a mustard grain, you would say to this black mulberry tree, Be uprooted and planted in the sea! And it would **obey** you. (**Luke 17:6**)

- Then as a group Peter and the other apostles stated, that they must **obey** God as ruler, rather than mere men, like the religious leaders. They must **keep on bearing witness to the truth**, regardless of how other men viewed their efforts!

- In answer Peter and the other apostles said; We must **obey** God as ruler rather than men. (**Acts of Apostles 5:29**)

- What can those ones expect who refuse to come to repentance before their God, and who have squandered his time of patience and forbearance by him? Life is the exercise of truth, and people who choose to live a lie, will all perish. They will find, that only wrath and anger await them.

- However, for those who are contentious and who **disobey** the

truth but obey unrighteousness there will be wrath and anger.
(Romans 2:8)

- We as Christians must not be led around by **obeying** our fleshly desires, but we must bring them under control through our love of God's Holy Spirit. This is magnified within us through prayer. If you are having a struggle with fleshly desires, then pray to God and ask for his help, and it will be forthcoming. Do not give up!
- Do not give up! As often as you experience a problem, go to him in prayer and ask for help. You will obtain it, for God wants all his children to gain everlasting life, for he is the giver of life, but you must earn it, and you must treat it with respect always.
- Therefore do not let sin continue to rule as king in your mortal bodies that you should **obey** their desires. (Romans 6:12)
- Paul now shows, that when we submit to anything to **obey** it, 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)
- Do all therefore who take up the torture stake of the Christ, by **obeying** God and sharing in the preaching of the Good News about God's Kingdom? They all should, but as prophesied the vast majority do not do any public preaching. Else, why would Isaiah ask prophetically: **Yehowah, who put faith in the thing heard from us?**
- Nevertheless, they did not all **obey** the Good News. For Isaiah says; Yehowah, who put faith in the thing heard from us? (Romans 10:16)
- Christ will then come in a flaming fire, as he brings vengeance upon those who do not know God, and also upon all those who have not been **obedient** to the preaching of the Good News of God's Kingdom.
- In a flaming fire, as he brings vengeance upon those who do not

know God and those who do not **obey** the Good News about our Lord Jesus. (**2 Thessalonians 1:8**)

- James now shows how a man takes a bridle and makes even a powerful beast like a horse, which is much larger than a man, **obey** him, by placing the bridle into a sensitive area of the horse's mouth. The allusion here is that we can control a horse's entire body through his mouth, and therefore we must also gain control of our own mouths.

- If we put bridles in the mouths of horses for them to **obey** us, we manage also their whole body. (**James 3:3**)

- James now shows by contrast what the Holy Spirit is like. First of all it is chaste, clean, pure and holy. Then it is peaceable, seeking to build peace within the congregation of anointed sons of God. It is always reasonable, being willing to take the time to reason out matters and come to mutual agreement.

- It is ready to **obey** Yehowah God and those whom he places in charge of his people. It is full of mercy for others in need, and also full of good fruits in the way of fine works, for, and in behalf of others. It is not partial or making fine distinctions between brothers, and acts as it believes.

- But the wisdom from above is first of all chaste, then peaceable, reasonable, ready to **obey**, full of mercy and good fruits, not making partial distinctions, not hypocritical. (**James 3:17**)

- Peter now calls to mind the example of Sarah who called her husband Abraham her lord, showing the degree of respect that she held him in. As such Sarah represents the Christ who is the primary one of the Greater Sarah, God's heavenly angelic organization.

- They consider the Greater Abraham, Lord and Master of them all, and they show the greatest respect for Yehowah God. Anointed Christians become the spiritual children of this Greater Sarah provided that they work along with the Greater Abraham and show him the utmost respect, remaining in subjection to him by **obeying** him always, like Christ and the heavenly angels do toward Yehowah God, always working along with him to accomplish his purpose.

- As Sarah used to **obey** Abraham, calling him **lord**. And you have become her children, provided you keep on doing good and not fearing any cause for terror. (**1 Peter 3:6**)

