



Obedience with a Promise

Ephesians 6:1-4

Obedience, Promises, Provoking and Training

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **“Honor your father and mother,”** which is the **first commandment with promise:** **“that it may be well with you** and you may live long on the earth.” And you, fathers, **do not provoke your children** to wrath, but **bring them up in the training and admonition** of the Lord.”

Ephesians 6:1-4 NKJV

Where it all began

““Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.” Exodus 20:12 NKJV

““Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, **that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you** in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.”

Deuteronomy 5:16 NKJV

- ☑ Honor you parents and you will have long life
- ☑ And that life will go very well!

Obedience is Priority One

“And Saul said to Samuel, “**But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD**, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; **I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites**. But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.” So Samuel said: “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, **As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice**, And to heed than the fat of rams. **For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry**. Because you have **rejected the word of the LORD**, He also has rejected you from being king.”” 1 Samuel 15:20-23 NKJV

Ready for this:

- ☑ I did obey—when he absolutely DID NOT
- ☑ Utterly means completely and without prejudice
- ☑ Obedience is better than....

- ☑ Disobedience is rebellion, witchcraft, stubbornness, inquiry, idolatry

Love and Obedience

“**If you love Me**, keep My commandments.” John 14:15 NKJV

“He who **has My commandments** and **keeps them**, it is he who **loves Me**. And he who **loves Me will be loved by My Father**, and I **will love him** and **manifest Myself to him**.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, **how is it that You will manifest Yourself** to us, and not to the world?” Jesus answered and said to him, “**If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him**.” John 14:21-23 NKJV

- ☑ Love equals obedience
- ☑ Receive the command, obey the command, love Y’shua
- ☑ Love Y’shua equals loved by Yahweh equals loved by Y’shua
- ☑ AND... the lover will RECEIVE MANIFESTATION
- ☑ HOW WILL HE MANIFEST?
 - ☑ He will manifest in your obedience
 - ☑ And God will make His home inside of you!

Obedience—a firm foundation

““Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, **but he who does the will of My Father** in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; **depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!**’
“Therefore whoever **hears these sayings of Mine, and does them**, I will liken him to a **wise man** who built his house on the **rock**: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.
“But everyone who **hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them**, will be like a **foolish man** who built his house on the **sand**: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”” Matthew 7:21-27 NKJV

- ☑ Lawless (disobedient) people—be gone!
- ☑ Hear—do—wisdom—Rock
- ☑ Hear—don’t do—foolishness—sand

Follow Instruction—Accept Correction

“He who **keeps instruction** is in the way of **life**, But he who **refuses correction** goes astray.” Proverbs 10:17 NKJV

“A wise **son heeds his father’s instruction**, But a **scoffer does not listen to rebuke**.” Proverbs 13:1 NKJV

“The **law of the wise is a fountain of life**, To turn one away from the snares of death.” Proverbs 13:14 NKJV

“**Poverty and shame** will come to him who **disdains correction**, But he who **regards a rebuke** will be **honored**.” Proverbs 13:18 NKJV

“He who walks with **wise men will be wise**, But the **companion of fools will be destroyed**.” Proverbs 13:20 NKJV

- ☑ Keep instruction, don’t refuse correction
- ☑ Son’s heed the voice of the father, those who would rather mock or ridicule refuse rebuke (correction)
- ☑ That leads to poverty and shame (the opposite of the promise of long life and prosperity)
- ☑ However, if you receive the correction and adapt you will be honored (and also eventually as parents yourself)

- ☑ Stick with advice from the wise as hanging with fools leads to destruction

By the way: Obedience equals Faith

“Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: **“Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,** In the day of trial in the wilderness, Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years. Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, **‘They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.’** So I swore in My wrath, **‘They shall not enter My rest.’ ” Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily,** while it is called **“Today,”** lest any of you be **hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.** For we have become partakers of Christ **if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,** while it is said: **“Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”** For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? **And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.”** Hebrews 3:7-19 NKJV

Strap in!

- ☑ Hard hearts lead to disobedience and rebellion (rebellion is witchcraft)
- ☑ A straying heart cannot know God's ways
- ☑ Evil heart of belief leads to not "knowing His ways"
- ☑ So encourage and correct one another to avoid this pitfall
- ☑ Or the deceitfulness of sin will pervert your mind
- ☑ You partake in Messiah ONLY if you stay the course of obedience
- ☑ You will not experience His promises if you do not obey
- ☑ Not obeying is unbelief (no faith)
- ☑ **"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.** For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. **By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God,** so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased

God. **But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**" Hebrews 11:1-6 NKJV

Well With You

"You shall therefore **keep His statutes and His commandments** which I command you today, **that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time.**"

Deuteronomy 4:40 NKJV

***""Honor your father and your mother,** as the LORD your God has commanded you, **that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you** in the land which the LORD your God is giving you." Deuteronomy 5:16 NKJV

"You shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live and **that it may be well with you,** and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess." Deuteronomy 5:33 NKJV

“Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess, that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you— ‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’” Deuteronomy 6:1-3 NKJV [Then: Hear, O Israel!]

“And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land of which the LORD swore to your fathers, to cast out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has spoken.” Deuteronomy 6:18-19 NKJV

“Observe and obey all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you and your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right in the sight of the LORD your God.” Deuteronomy 12:28 NKJV

Okay—can you see the unrelenting pattern!

- ☑ Obey Yahweh
- ☑ You days will be long and prosperous
- ☑ It will go well with you AND your children!
- ☑ This is connected to the 5th commandment!
- ☑ **“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long** upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.” Exodus 20:12 NKJV
- ☑ **“Honor your father and your mother,** as the LORD your God has commanded you, **that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you** in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.” Deuteronomy 5:16 NKJV

Now for all you Parents and Future Parents—Do not provoke but rather train, exhort and edify!

“Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.” Colossians 3:21 NKJV

“He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.” Proverbs 13:24 NKJV

“Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6 NKJV

“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, **provoking one another**, envying one another.” Galatians 5:25-26 NKJV

“Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary **edification**, that it may **impart grace** to the hearers.” Ephesians 4:29 NKJV

“There is one who **speaks like the piercings of a sword**, But the **tongue of the wise promotes health.**” Proverbs 12:18 NKJV

“A **wholesome tongue** is a tree of life, But **perverseness in it breaks the spirit.**” Proverbs 15:4 NKJV

“A **soft answer** turns away wrath, But a **harsh word** stirs up anger. The **tongue of the wise** uses knowledge rightly, But the **mouth of fools** pours forth foolishness.” Proverbs 15:1-2 NKJV

““But whoever **causes one of these little ones** who believe in Me **to stumble**, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea.” Mark 9:42 NKJV

“My brethren, **do not** hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, **with partiality**...but **if you show partiality, you commit sin**, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.” James 2:1, 9 NKJV

“Therefore comfort each other and **edify one another**, just as you also are doing.” I Thessalonians 5:11 NKJV

“And let us **consider one another** in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but **exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25 NKJV

- ☑ Provoking leads to discouragement
- ☑ Don't discourage with insults and harsh words
- ☑ Love corrects correctly!
- ☑ Walk in the Spirit prevents provocation
- ☑ No correct words—instead edification and grace
- ☑ Piercing, perverse, harsh words leads to death

- ☑ Wise, wholesome and soft WORDS lead to life and health
- ☑ Don't give cause for your child's bad behavior!
- ☑ Never show favoritism or compare
- ☑ Encourage them and build them up.
- ☑ Don't discourage and always complain every second of the day.

Training and admonition of the Lord and the great command

"Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, **"Which is the first commandment of all?"** Jesus answered him, **"The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'** This is the first commandment." Mark 12:28-30 NKJV

Where did Y'shua get this from?

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you, that you may **observe them in the land** which you are crossing over to possess, **that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments** which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days **may be prolonged**. Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, **that it may be well with you**, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you— ‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’” Deuteronomy 6:1-3 NKJV **[Then: Hear, O Israel!]**

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! **You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength**. “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. **You shall teach them diligently to your children**, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” Deuteronomy 6:4-9 NKJV

Be doers not just hearers

“Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save

your souls. **But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.** For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, **and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.**" James 1:21-25 NKJV

- ☑ The Greatest Command of All Fear Yahweh, Keep all His Commandment, your days will be prolonged and it will go well with you in every way (prosperity and your own children's children.)
- ☑ How is this accomplished: **You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.**
- ☑ You see the pattern! Same as Y'shua's Words.
- ☑ Love and Obedience: **"If you love Me, keep My commandments."** John 14:15 NKJV
- ☑ **"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."**
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- ☑ Then: **You shall teach them diligently to your children**
- ☑ Why?
- ☑ So they too will obey and honor and teach their children to obey and honor! And so on and so on and so on!