



# SESSION 3

## OBEDIENCE

**obe·di·ence** [ō- bē-dē-ən(t)s] *noun* - "Act or fact of doing what one is told, submission to authority or law."

### **Matthew 7:21-23**

**21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 3 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**

It is terribly possible for a person to make a great profession, "Lord, Lord . . ." and to be involved in a spiritual ministry like prophecy - without knowing the Lord.

### **A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF OBEDIENCE.**

- Jesus spelled it out for all to hear when he said, (John 6:38). Why did Jesus leave heaven's Glory for the grimness of earth? \_\_\_\_\_.
- The first significance of our savior's obedience was this: It was his \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_. Secondly, obedience was his motivation for \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 26:39; Hebrews 5:8)
- Obedience was also his motivation for \_\_\_\_\_: (Philippians 2:5-8)
- We also see the significance of obedience in our own \_\_\_\_\_ experience. (Acts 26:19; 26:20)
- Repentance is more than a momentary \_\_\_\_\_ reaction to a powerful gospel message. It is a conscious \_\_\_\_\_ of direction, a totally new life style that shows repentance.
- Obedience is also an end product of \_\_\_\_\_. (Ephesians 2:1-2; 1 Peter 1:13-15)
- Obedience is also an expression of \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 6:46) (Ephesians 2:8-10)

**B. SOME \_\_\_\_\_ FOR OBEDIENCE.**

- One of the first substitutes that comes to mind is this: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- It is an empty form without \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_.
- Another substitute is \_\_\_\_\_ . (*Matthew 7:23*)
- The world around us is full of those who \_\_\_\_\_ to be followers of Christ - but he does not know them.
- Then there is the substitute of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Always remember that a craving for spectacular events is not necessary evidence of a life of discipleship.

**C. SOME \_\_\_\_\_ TO OBEDIENCE.**

- A \_\_\_\_\_ to do God's will.
- If my basic desire is to obey God and desire his will, then I am no longer constantly demanding my own way.
- To \_\_\_\_\_ God's will, there is no substitute for the Word of God in this process.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ filling or empowering of the Holy Spirit to \_\_\_\_\_ the will of God. (*John 13:17; Matthew 7:21*)
- The \_\_\_\_\_ disciple must demonstrate his love by \_\_\_\_\_, by truly acknowledging the lordship of Christ in every area of his life.