



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.