

Obedience: Key to God's Favor

"Samuel said [to King Saul] 'Hath 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 the observance of His word than the fat of rams.'" 1 Samuel 15:22

We all want more divine favor for our lives. Is it possible that some of our sacrifices, such as prayer, fasting, offerings and even our worship, are not taken into account in heaven?

Indeed, this is what can happen if we neglect what is essential: our obedience to God. God is above us, His thoughts are perfect and excellent, His intelligence is unlimited, and His ways are far beyond our understandings.

It is when we realize His immeasurable greatness and the perfection of His love for us, that we can bend the knee of our will and intelligence and decide, through trust, to honor Him by our obedience. This obedience will be the channel of all the unmerited grace and favor of God over our lives.

God's heart for you, your family, and your church is to do "exceeding abundantly above." This means "MORE"... More of His favor, more open doors, more healings, more revelation, more power of the Holy Spirit and victories. And above all, more of Jesus in us!

It is through obedience that you will prove your faith and love to God. This obedience is a generator of peace; peace with God, peace with yourself and peace with others. Do you need more peace in your heart? Put into practice the commandments of God in your daily life, the peace of God will flood over you, even during times of trial.

Are you thirsty for more? Obey more with a happy and confident heart, for your God is the rewarder of those who trust and obey.

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