

Obedience is better than sacrifice

1. Obedience is better than sacrifice:

1 Sam 15:22, AMP:22 *Samuel said, Has the Lord as great a delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.*

Mark 12:33, AMP: 33 *And to love Him out of and with all the heart and with all the understanding [with the faculty of quick apprehension and intelligence and keenness of discernment] and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. [1 Sam 15:22; Hos 6:6; Mic 6:6-8; Heb 10:8.]*

Hos 6:6, AMP:6 *For I desire and delight in dutiful steadfast love and goodness, not sacrifice, and the knowledge of and acquaintance with God more than burnt offerings. [Matt 9:13; 12:7.]*

Jer 26:13: AMP:13 *Therefore now amend your ways and your doings and obey the voice of the Lord your God; then the Lord will relent and reverse the decision concerning the evil which He has pronounced against you.*

2. Royal Priests

1 Peter 2:9 AMP: 9 *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God's] own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. [Ex 19:5,6.]*

We are both Priests and Kings: all of us are the servants of God.

3. The volume of the book that has been written by God of You

God created and formed for a purpose: plan and purpose of God so that we may be vessels in His hands for His purpose and kingdom. When we don't know the plans of God for our lives, we are out of line with His plans. How then does God use us for His plans? When we refuse to obey God, how do we fit into His plans and purposes? Are we still His vessels when he can't use us, when we reject Him? In that period of rejecting God, disobedience and refusal to do His plans and purposes, whose plans and purposes am I furthering if not that of the enemy? Think about it.

Ps 139:13-17 NIV:13 *For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, 16 your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for*

me were written in your book before one of them came to be. 17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

Matt 12:30 AMP: 30 He who is not with Me [definitely on My side] is against Me, and he who does not [definitely] gather with Me and for My side scatters.

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If I am refusing to implement the will of God, I am not serving His kingdom. I am not benefitting the kingdom of God. There are only two Kingdoms: God and the devil.

4. A Man after My Heart

Acts 13:22 AMP: 22 And when He had deposed him, He raised up David to be their king; of him He bore witness and said, I have found David son of Jesse a man after My own heart, who will do all My will and carry out My program fully. [1 Sam 13:14; Ps 89:20; Isa 44:28.]

Two very important reasons given by God:

- a) who will do all My will and
- b) carry out My program fully.

Are we doing AL GOD'S WILL? Are we carrying out GOD'S PROGRAM FULLY? If not it means we are empowering the devil. Can God trust us: can He say, this is Ndivhuho, I trust her heart, she will do all My will and carry out My program fully? If not, then there is a problem somewhere, the heart.

5. Who loves God?

John 14:15 AMP: 15 If you [really] love Me, you will keep (obey) My commands.

Mark 3:31-35 AMP31 Then His mother and His brothers came and, standing outside, they sent word to Him, calling [for] Him. 32 And a crowd was sitting around Him, and they said to Him, Your mother and Your brothers and Your sisters are outside asking for You. 33 And He replied, Who are My mother and My brothers? 34 And looking around on those who sat in a circle about Him, He said, See! Here are My mother and My brothers; 35 For whoever does the things God wills is My brother and sister and mother!

Sin means missing the mark. The mark for my life is the will, plans and purposes of God for me. If I miss God's plans for my life: I am living in sin.

I NEED TO GO BACK TO THE Holy Spirit AND ASK FOR DIRECTION SO THAT I CAN BE ALIGNED TO GOD'S PLANS AND PURPOSES. IF NOT, HOW DOES GOD USE ME? We are all servants and ministers of

God as we serve in His kingdom and minister to His people. Let's us do it as His vessels in ALL God's Will and to carry out His program fully.

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