

ACTS CHURCH @ WAY OF THE MASTER YAHSHUA

THE DOCTRINE OF OBEDIENCE – SUBMITTING TO YHWH IN OUR HEART

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READ: “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.* [If we truly Love God, we Obey Him!]

Quick Introduction:

Exploring the Doctrine of Obedience

Throughout the entire biblical narrative, from the Torah to Revelation, the faithful are beautifully depicted as those who “Keep His Commandments and Remember His Covenant Forever” (Psalm 105:8). This enduring truth underscores the profound relationship between God and His people.

Empowered by the Renewed Covenant

Within the framework of the Renewed Covenant, obedience transforms into a powerful expression of faith, fueled by the indwelling Spirit (Ezekiel 36:27; Romans 8:4; Hebrews 8:10). This remarkable empowerment makes obedience a divine response, harmoniously aligning our hearts with both Commandments and Covenants.

The Eschatological Significance

The Book of Revelation illuminates the destiny of those who steadfastly uphold God’s Commandments and cling to the testimony of Yahshua; they are heralded as the True Saints (Revelation 14:12; 12:17). This revelation captures the essence of our calling as Believers, highlighting the vital importance of obeying both the Commandments and Covenants in our spiritual journey!

The Doctrine of Obedience:

Continuity Review Across Testaments...

From Genesis to Revelation, obedience is portrayed not as legalism but as covenantal faithfulness.

- Psalm 105:8–10: “He remembers His covenant forever... the word He commanded, for a thousand generations.”
- Deuteronomy 11:26–28: Blessings and curses hinge on obedience.
- 1 Samuel 15:22: “To obey is better than sacrifice.”
- Matthew 5:17–19: Yahshua affirms the enduring relevance of the Law.
- John 14:21, 23: Love for Messiah is expressed through obedience.
- Revelation 14:12: “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Yahshua.”

These verses show that obedience is not abolished in the New Covenant—it's empowered so that people through His Spirit can walk in the “Righteousness” within the Law.

Spiritual Empowerment Under the Renewed Covenant

Obedience is no longer merely by the efforts of themselves; it becomes internalized through the heart and obeyed through the indwelling Spirit.

- **Ezekiel 36:27: “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes.”**
- **Romans 8:4: “That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”**
- **Hebrews 8:10: “I will put My laws in their minds and write them on their hearts.”**

This is the divine upgrade: obedience as a Spirit-led response, not a burdensome duty.

Eschatological Significance

Obedience is not just personal—it's prophetic.

- **Revelation 12:17: The dragon wages war against those “who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Yahshua.”**
- **Revelation 22:14: “Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life.”**

Obedience marks the remnant in the last days. It's the seal of the saints.

Restoration Through The Roots Movements

Modern Roots Movement congregations often teach obedience as covenantal faithfulness:

- **Observing Torah not for salvation, but as a response to the empowering grace which has been given through the divine nature indwelling.**
- **Emphasizing the continuity of commandments through Yahshua's teachings.**

Reflection Upon The Doctrine Of Obedience

Obedience is not a relic of the Old Testament—it's the heartbeat of covenant life. It's relational, Spirit-empowered, and eschatologically vital.

It's how we walk in love, how we reflect His divine nature within us, and how we prepare for the Kingdom Reign!!!