



## Kingdom Attitudes III

### Attitude of Obedience

#### **Definition(s):**

**Attitude:** Hebrew: eynp - faces, facial expressions; Greek: Phroneo - to direct one's mind to a thing, to seek, to strive for; to seek one's interest or advantage.

**Obedience:** hupakoé: subjection, submission.

Quote: "One word stands out from all others as the key to knowing God, to having His peace and assurance in your life--it is obedience." Eric Liddell

#### **Attitude of Obedience**

When God created earthly creatures particularly humans, they only knew obedience. Since man was created a little lower angels (Hebrews 2:7) yet in the likeness and image of our Triune God (Genesis 1:26) he worshiped in the highest form through obedience.

Disobedience (defiance toward God) was introduced by the demonic (Isaiah 14:12-14; Luke 10:18; Revelation 12:4, 9).

#### **I We inherited a disobedient nature**

Romans 5:12 Therefore just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.

Justification through Christ

Romans 5:19 Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God many will be made righteous.

Romans 11:32 For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

#### **II Our new Nature imputes an Attitude of Obedience**

2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

Ezekiel 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Ephesians 4:24 ...and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Obedience/Disobedience Starts with a thought

2 Corinthians 10:5-6 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 6 And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.



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#### III. Jesus Demonstrates an Attitude of Obedience

Temptations of Jesus Luke 4:1-2

Philippians 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death--even death on a cross.

Matthew 26:39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

Hebrews 2:18 NAS For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

Hebrews 5:7-9 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

#### IV. Benefits of an Attitude of Obedience

Deuteronomy 28:1 If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.

Deuteronomy 30:15-16 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. 16. For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

\* Obedience leads to life and prosperity

\* Disobedience leads to death and destruction

Romans 6:16 don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.

Isaiah 1:19 If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land.

James 4:7-10 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

#### Conclusion

Are you living according to how God intends or according to how you intend.