

Surrendering to Obedience

Surrendering means admitting you need help because you are powerless to do anything in our own abilities. The act of surrendering; the act of yielding, or resigning one's person, or the possession of something, into the power of another; the surrender of a right.

Obedience is an attitude of the heart towards a higher authority. As believers, that higher authority is **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) Himself.

Surrender is what **יְהוֹשֻׁעַ** (Yahusha) was commanding when he said, "For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it." **Matthew 16:25**

It sounds scary, but surrendering yourself completely to the obedience of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s ways is what's required of us to possess an intimate relationship with **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and **יְהוֹשֻׁעַ** (Yahusha).

To a believer, surrender means to completely surrender our will, subjecting our thoughts, ideas and deeds to the will and teachings of **יְהוֹשֻׁעַ** (Yahusha) and the whole word of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah).

יְהוֹשֻׁעַ (Yahusha) is the head of the believer. The first (1st) main principle of "surrendering" is "Dying to Self" or the "emptying of self" to allow **יְהוֹשֻׁעַ** (Yahusha) to live through the believer, illustrated in the following passages:

As it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Mashiach will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. **21** For to me to live is Mashiach, and to die is gain. **Philippians 1:21**

For you are dead, and your life is hid with **יְהוֹשֻׁעַ** (Yahusha) in **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). **Colossians 3:3**

Surrender, Surrendered, Surrendering, Surrenders

1. To relinquish possession or control of to another because of demand or compulsion.
2. To give up in favor of another.
3. To give up or give back (something that has been granted): surrender a contractual right.
4. To give up or abandon: surrender all hope.
5. To give over or resign (oneself) to something, as to an emotion: surrendered himself to grief.

Surrender (noun)

- 1.the act of submitting; usually surrendering power to another
- 2.the act of surrendering (usually under agreed conditions)
- 3.the delivery of a principal into lawful custody
- 4.a verbal act of admitting defeat
- 5.acceptance of despair

Surrender (verb.)

- 1.give up or agree to forgo to the power or possession of another
- 2.relinquish to the power of another; yield to the control of another
- 3.relinquish possession or control over

Hebrew words for surrender" according to Strongs:

2778 charaph. (khaw-raf') a primitive root; to pull off, i.e. (by implication) to expose (as by stripping); specifically, to betroth (as if a surrender); figuratively, to carp at, i.e. defame; denominative (from 2779) to spend the winter:--betroth, blaspheme, defy, jeopard, rail, reproach, upbraid.

4042 magan (maw-gan') a denominative from 4043; properly, to shield; encompass with; figuratively, to rescue, to hand safely over (i.e. surrender):--deliver.

4376 makar (maw-kar') a primitive root; to sell, literally (as merchandise, a daughter in marriage, into slavery), or figuratively (to surrender):--X at all, sell (away, -er, self).

5462 cagar (saw-gar') a primitive root; to shut up; figuratively, to surrender:--close up, deliver (up), give over (up), inclose, X pure, repair, shut (in, self, out, up, up together), stop, X straitly.

5534 caker (saw-kar') a primitive root; to shut up; by implication, to surrender:--stop, give over. See also 5462,7936.

Surrender to אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s Will.

Surrendering to אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s will entail both the "surrender of our will to His, in which His plan prevails over ours and to the surrender of our will for individual life to "His will for our personal lives."

This is done through the emptying or dying of self, the "putting self aside" in favor of divine influence. This includes the idea of surrendering to a call (the word "vocation" is rooted in the Latin vocare, referring to אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s voice).

The result of this personal surrender is obedience and obedience to אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) indicates bringing about His will thus having lasting earthly and divine barakah (blessings).

The ultimate act of Surrender which the believer is called to emulate is the surrender of **וַיָּשָׁאֵל** (Yahusha) coming into the world and surrendering to the Stake in the act of sacrificial atonement, breaking the Curse of Sin and Death for all that will believe. He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the tree. **Philippians 2:7-8**

Saying, Father, if you be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but yours, be done. **Luke 22:42**

The greatest Commandment is to love אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) by keeping His Commandments. **Matthew 22:36-38** says, "'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Turah (Law)?' **וַיָּשָׁאֵל** (Yahusha) replied: 'Love אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first (1st) and Greatest commandment."

We must believe in **וַיָּשָׁאֵל** (Yahusha), we must have Amunah (faith) in Him, and we must trust Him! Calling ourselves a believer on its own won't do. Reading Scripture diligently won't

do. We have to take the Word into our hearts and become doers of the word by living and doing what the word says. When we make the transition from calling ourselves a good believer to being someone who is Set Apart by having a deep personal and intimate relationship with the word of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), then we can have the greatest joy, the deepest of Shalum (Peace), and receive the fullest measure of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s love and power each and every day of our lives.

What is Obedience?

In Scripture there are several different words used for obedience. In order to establish the principal meaning of these words in our minds let's review them.

Shama (shaw-mah') 8085; is the primary word used throughout the Tanakh (OT). The word has as its primary root the meaning, "to hear intelligently." Note the word hear, It is central to the meaning. a primitive root; to hear intelligently (often with implication of attention, obedience, etc.; causatively, to tell, etc.): attentively, call (gather) together, carefully, certainly, consent, consider, be content, declare, diligently, discern, give ear, (cause to, let, make to) hear (tell), indeed, listen, make (a) noise, (be) obedient, obey, perceive, (make a) proclaim(-ation), publish, regard, report, shew (forth), (make a) sound, surely, tell, understand, whosoever (hears), witness.

The Hebrew meaning of "obedience" from Strong's Hebrew: 851 'Eshtmoa` (esh-tem-o'-ah) or Eshtmoam {esh-tem-o'-am}; or Eshtmoh {esh-tem-o'}; from 8085 have the sense of obedience, being obedient, to obey;

Yâqah (yaw-kah') 3348; From an unused root probably meaning to obey; obedient;

Yiqqahah (yik-kaw-haw') 3349; from the same as 3348; obedience: -gathering, to obey.

Yaquthiy'el (yak-ooth-ee'-ale) 3354; from the same as 3348 and 410; obedience of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah).

Toqahath (to-kah'-ath) 8445, from the same as 3349; obedience; Tokahath, an Yasharalite (Israelite).

Hupakouo (hoop-ak-oo'-o) 5219: This Greek word is used widely throughout the Brit HaDashah (NT). The word is really made up of two (2) words: hupo meaning under or beneath, and akouo meaning to hear. Thus the meaning of the word could be stated as, "to hear under." It carried with it the thought of subordination, or the recognition of authority and wisdom. It is an attitude of hearing.

Obedience is an attitude of heart towards a higher authority. As believers, that higher authority is אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) Himself.

"For as by one man's (Adam) disobedience many were made Sinners, so by the obedience of One **OWYָּהּ (Yahusha)** shall many be made Righteous" **Romans 5:19**.

OWYָּהּ (Yahusha) lived in total obedience to his Father and calls everyone to do the same. When we make that decision to obey, we follow **OWYָּהּ (Yahusha)** in the purest way possible.

A believer's obedience comes from his Amunah (faith) in **OWYָּהּ (Yahusha)**. Through him and for his name's sake, we received unmerited favor (grace) and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from Amunah (Faith). **Romans 1:5**.

Redemption, which is necessary because of the disobedience of man, is possible because of the obedience of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha). Obedience is at the center of man's problem and **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s solution. As we study the true meaning of obedience we see the necessity of obedience for salvation, Barakah (blessing) and living a life that honors **AYAZL** (Yahuah).

You ask, "How important is obedience to **AYAZL** (Yahuah)?" In the gospel of John, obedience to **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) is underscored time and time again. **John 14:15** says, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

Obedience to **AYAZL** (Yahuah) is very important in your growth. We can honor and maintain obedience to **AYAZL** (Yahuah) by pondering, or meditating on the words of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha). The term "to ponder" means to weigh in the mind, to think or reflect, especially quietly and deeply. To ponder on something is like meditation which implies a definite focusing of one's thoughts on something in order to understand it deeply.

The author of **Proverbs 14:15** makes a good point: "A simple man believes anything, but a prudent man gives thought to his steps." **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) is very concerned about us and He wants us to do more than participate in good works, He wants us to believe in Him. He wants us to come up higher and be "like" Him. When we are being obedient to **AYAZL** (Yahuah), we are doing just that: knowing Him, loving Him, and having a personal, intimate relationship with Him. To do this, we must be attentive to **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s commandments. This is not an option, because you can't have an intimate relationship with **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) and not live by the words He taught. Obedience to **AYAZL** (Yahuah) is living **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s Word because you want to and enjoy being filled with the love of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha).

When we generally think of obedience, we think of doing what one is instructed to do. In speaking to our children we may say, "Will you please obey me and do what you are told?" What we mean is, "Please carry out my instructions." Such uses are not far removed from the intended meaning of Scripture, but far enough that the true essence of the word is lost.

OWYAZL (Yahusha) said in **John 14:15**, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." Obedience also deals with the individual's own attitude toward **AYAZL** (Yahuah). Legalism, on the other hand, places the commandment above the commander. It places the emphasis on the law itself, and the keeping of it for law's sake, rather than to the glory of its Giver. Those who are legalistic also tend to look at the activities of others rather than their own heart (attitude).

Biblical references to "Obedience" from Tanakh (Old Testament):

Hebrew word Shama - "to hear, listen, obey". "If you obey My voice ..., you shall be My possession" **Exodus 19:5**

"All that **AYAZL** (Yahuah) has spoken we will do; we will be obedient" **Exodus 24:7**

"Hear, O Yasharal (Israel), **AYAZL** (Yahuah) is Echad (One)" **Deuteronomy 6:4**

"If you listen obediently to My commandments" **Deuteronomy 11:13**

"And Samuel said, "Has **AYAZL** (Yahuah) as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of **AYAZL** (Yahuah)? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. **1 Samuel 15:22**"

"My people did not listen to My voice; Yasharal (Israel) did not obey Me". **Psalms 81:11**

Brit HaDashah (New Testament)

Greek word hupakouo; - "to listen under, to obey, obedience;" used 21 times, here are some of the uses:

"Obedience of Amunah (faith) among the Gentiles" **Romans 1:5**

"Obedience of Amunah (faith)" **Romans 16:26**

"Taking every thought captive to the obedience of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)" **II Corinthians 10:5**

"Those who do not obey the gospel of " **II Thessalonians 1:8**

"He became to all who obey Him the source of salvation" **Hebrews 5:9**

"That you may obey **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach" **1 Peter 1:2**

"As obedient children...be Set apart" **1 Peter 1:14**

"You have in obedience to the truth purified your Souls" **1 Peter 1:22**

Greek words peitho (pi'-tho) and peitharcho (pi-tharkh-eh'-o) - "to persuade, convince;"
Opposite is apeitheo - "unconvinced, disobedient" **Ephesians. 2:2; 5:6**

"We must obey **AYAZL** (Yahuah) rather than men" **Acts 5:29**

"The Ruch (Spirit) whom **AYAZL** (Yahuah) has given to those who obey Him" **Acts 5:32**

"Do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness" **Romans 2:8**

"Who hindered you from obeying the truth?" **Galatians 5:7**

From all of these Scriptures, we have a clear picture that true believers can and do obey **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s Commandments and are not living immorally.

This Book of Turah (the Law) shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to obey (do according) to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. **Joshua 1:8**

Being obedient to **AYAZL (Yahuah)**

Webster's dictionary defines obedient as being submissive to the restraint or command of authority: willing to obey. So to be obedient to someone is to be submissive and willing to obey him or her. Willing means to obey with joy. To be willing to obey means that you should have already realized what needs to be done and do it without being asked.

Matthew 7:21 "Not every one who says to me, 'Master, Master,' will enter the Kingdom of the Shamyim (Heavens), but only those who are obedient to my Father who is in Shamyim (Heavens).

Mark 3:35 "Here are my mother and my brothers. For wherever there is one who has been obedient to **AYAZL** (Yahuah), there is my brother--my sister--and my mother."

Luke 7:8 For I too am a man obedient to authority, and have soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my slave, 'Do this or that,' and he does it."

John 4:34 "My food," said **OWYAZL** (Yahusha), "is to be obedient to Him who sent me, and

fully to accomplish His work.

Acts 6:7 The word of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) increased and the number of the disciples multiplied in Yarusalyim (Jerusalem) exceedingly. A great company of the priests were obedient to the Amunah (faith).

Acts 7:39 To whom our fathers wouldn't be obedient, but rejected him, and turned back in their hearts to Mitsryim (Egypt),

Romans 6:17 But thanks be to **יְהוָה** (Yahuah), that, whereas you were bond servants of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching where unto you were delivered.

Romans 15:18 For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Mashiach has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed,

2 Corinthians 2:9 For to this end I also wrote, that I might know the proof of you, whether you are obedient in all things.

2 Corinthians 10:5 We tear down arguments, and every presumption set up against the knowledge of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah); and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Mashiach.

Philippians 2:8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, yes, the Death of the Stake.

Philippians 2:12 Therefore, my dearly-loved friends, as I have always found you obedient, labour earnestly with fear and trembling--not merely as though I were present with you, but much more now since I am absent from you--labour earnestly, I say, to make sure of your own salvation.

Hebrews 13:17 Be obedient to those leading you, and be subject, for these do watch for your souls, as about to give account, that with joy they may do this, and not sighing, for this 'is' unprofitable to you.

James 1:22 But prove yourselves obedient to the Message, and do not be mere hearers of it, imposing a delusion upon yourselves.

James 1:25 But he who looks closely into the perfect Turah (Law), the Turah (Law) of freedom and continues looking, he, being not a hearer who forgets, but an obedient doer, will as the result of his obedience be Baruk (blessed).

1 Peter 1:14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

Exodus 24:7 He took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people, and they said, "All that **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) has spoken will we do, and be obedient."

Deuteronomy 4:29-30 But if from there you will seek **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) your Aluhym, you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. When you are in tribulation, and all these things are come upon you, even in the latter days, if you turn to **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) your Aluhym, and shall be obedient unto his voice;

Deuteronomy 8:20 As the nations which **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) destroys before your face, so shall you perish; because you would not be obedient unto the voice of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) your

Aluhym.

Isaiah 1:19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

Isaiah 42:24 Who gave Yaaqob (Jacob) for a spoil, and Yasharal (Israel) to the robbers? did not **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah), he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his Turah (law).

Obedience to **אֱלֹהֵינוּ (Yahuah)'s Commands**

Grace without obedience to **וְיֵשׁוּעָא** (Yahusha) is a counterfeit grace, living as though **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) ignores or condones our sins. Forgiveness means that Sin is real, and must be dealt with. We cannot ignore it, because **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) does not ignore it. The denial of Sin is not grace: it is a lie.

Counterfeit grace is unmerited favor (grace) without obedience, it is not the unmerited favor (grace) given to us through **וְיֵשׁוּעָא** (Yahusha). Counterfeit grace is living without the demand of obedience upon us.

And where there is no call for obedience, then all things are tolerated. "Do your own thing" becomes the norm and nothing can be labeled as "Sinful." No act is clearly right or wrong. Thus, there is no need of forgiveness. But John insists that **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) calls us to obey the commands that have been given, he also reminds us that when we fall short of keeping them, there is forgiveness in **וְיֵשׁוּעָא** (Yahusha). Whether thoughts, words or deeds, they can be dealt with only when one confesses, repents and is forgiven. In short, the call to confession and repentance and the offer of forgiveness go hand in hand with the call to obedience.

Obedience is the basis of having assurance of knowing **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah). Those who know **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) are obedient to the Commands of **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah). Obedience is the manifestation or evidence of our knowledge of **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah).

The idea that knowledge of **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) expresses itself in obedience has its roots in the Tanakh (OT). The prophets especially spoke of knowing **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah), though more often they rebuked the people for not knowing **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) **Job 36:12; Jeremiah 9:6; Isaiah 1:3; 5:13; 1 Samuel 2:12.**

The lack of knowledge of **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) does not imply intellectual inadequacy in comprehending **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah). Rather it points to a moral failure, to a lack of faithfulness and obedience. Those who know **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah), live according to the way that **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) prescribes. "Knowing **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah)" is understood in personal, intimate relationship terms.

To claim to love and know **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) without acknowledging **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah)'s claim upon us signifies a lack of relationship with **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah), a lack of abiding or living in him. The concept of "abiding" points to steadfast faithfulness. This is what **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) wants of us, Obedience and Love for our Aluhym.

It is simply impossible to claim to love or to know **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) without also living in obedience to **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah). In obedience to the commands, our love for **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) is truly made complete, not made morally perfect or without flaw, but lived out as our perfect expression of love for **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) like found in **וְיֵשׁוּעָא** (Yahusha)'s own example.

Those who are "in אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)" are those whose character and behavior are shaped by אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)'s Truth, Righteousness and Love. In fact, אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)'s truth is viewed as something that is active, indwelling and powerful, something that shapes the person in whom it dwells. Obviously, then, those who have אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)'s truth within them, and who know אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah), will manifest אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)'s character.

Obedience to אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) is simple. Do as the Word of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) tell you or as the Ruch (Spirit) of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) directs you! Even though your flesh will tell you that it cannot be done.

Matthew 19:26 tells us that with אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) ALL things are possible, ALL not some. Now אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) cannot lie and He is no respecter of persons, so what He does for one, He will do for you. So when **OWYָּהוָה (Yahusha)** told His disciples that all things are possible through אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah), then He is telling that to you also.

The sinful nature of man is such that we hate correction, but **Proverbs 15:10** tells us that he who hates correction will die. So we had better learn to like it. Just keep in mind that אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) only corrects those that He loves.

My son, do not regard lightly אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)'s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) disciplines those he loves and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son. **Hebrews 12:5-11**

If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; **Isaiah 1:19**

אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. Moreover we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live!

אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and shalom (peace) for those who have been trained by it. So rejoice in אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)'s discipline because it means that He loves you. If He does not discipline you then it means you are illegitimate.

We are corrected so that we can share in אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)'s barakah (blessings) so we might know the righteousness and shalom (peace) of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah). But the most important thing is to learn from discipline and do not repeat your mistakes.

In your obedience you will be baruk (blessed), but as with all of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)'s promises there is a prerequisite. YOU MUST OBEY!! It is not as hard as you think. Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy my burden is light **Matthew 11:28-30**.

Disobedience is Sin. It disregards the standards set by אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah). Not even the best example of 'serving אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) can take the place of simple surrender to אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) in full obedience to His Commands. Disobedience can bring forth spiritual death to a person who was once saved, ponder the following Scriptures that clarify this and do not let yourself be deceived:

Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of Sin resulting in Death, or of obedience resulting in Righteousness? **Romans 6:16**

For if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Ruach (Spirit) you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **Romans 8:13**

Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. **Hebrews 5:8**

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a Stake. **Philippians 2:8**

For אַחַדְיָהוּא (Yahuah) did not call us to be impure, but to live a Set Apart life. Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but אַחַדְיָהוּא (Yahuah), who gives you his Ruch Ah Qudesh. **1 Thessalonians 4:7, 8**

For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of **וַיְהוּשָׁא** (Yahusha) and אַחַדְיָהוּא (Yahuah). 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of אַחַדְיָהוּא (Yahuah) comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them. **Ephesians. 5:5-7**

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of אַחַדְיָהוּא (Yahuah)? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of אַחַדְיָהוּא (Yahuah). **1 Corinthians 6:9, 10**

But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars, their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second (2nd) death. **Revelations 21:8**

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of אַחַדְיָהוּא (Yahuah). **Galatians 5:19-21**

The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Ruch (Spirit), from the Ruch (Spirit) will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. **Galatians 6:8, 9**

My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, 20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his Soul from Death and will cover a multitude of sins **James 5:19, 20**

Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” **John 14:21**

Remember this, **וַיְהוּשָׁא** (Yahusha) described his true spiritual family as those who put into practice אַחַדְיָהוּא (Yahuah)'s word and do his will. He replied, "My mother and brothers are those who hear אַחַדְיָהוּא (Yahuah)'s word and put it into practice.” **Luke 8:21**

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise

man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." **Matthew 7:24-27**

The importance of your obedience to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and the seriousness of disobedience (sin) is partly shown by these Scripture verses and were used to give you a picture of how serious obedience is to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and how it can effect your walk with **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) and also how it can effect your eternal destiny, as we are called to walk the narrow path and are called to live different then the world does.

Without complete surrender and obedience to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s will and to his word we will never reach a true relationship with **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) and we will never have victory in our lives. Obedience is what releases **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s promises into our lives and it also is what releases his power and authority into our lives over the attacks of the enemy and breaks the strong holds of the enemy in our lives.

Through complete surrender and obedience to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s word and his will, we can live in victory and the fullness of what **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) has designed for his chosen people to live here on earth. Obedience activates the gifts of the Ruch (Spirit) and Amunah (Faith) within us to believe **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s word and is required to live a powerful, rewarding life in **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha)!

And this is love, that we walk according to his Commandments; this is the Commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it. **2 John 1:6**

Obedience unlocks the keys to Kingdom living. It is the essential means by which we worship our Aluhym. For this is why I wrote, that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything. **2 Corinthians 2:9**