

Doing Things Exactly Right

Introduction

Matthew 7:21-27

1. **We are living in an age of disrespect for authority:**
 - A. **This is seen in loose morals, loose politics, etc.**
 - B. **This is also seen in religion:**
 - 1) **Some contend that God has no law.**

1 John 3:4 Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and **sin is lawlessness**.

Romans 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, **who do not walk according to the flesh**, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

- 2) **Some recognize that God has a law but contend that it does not have to be obeyed **fully**.**

2. **Respect for authority demands obedience:**
 - A. **A child shows disrespect for parent's authority when the child disobeys.**
 - B. **A student shows disrespect for school's authority when the student disobeys the rules.**
 - C. **A citizen manifests disrespect for civil authority when they disobey the law.**
 - D. **It is an indication of disrespect for the Lord's authority when we disobey Him.**

- 3. While God's laws have been different, he has always demanded obedience. Hence, let us consider:**

God Has Always Required Obedience

- 1. Moses' failure to obey.**
Numbers 20:8-12
 - A. God said speak to the rock. (v 8)**
 - B. Moses added to what God said and struck it. (vs 10-11)**
 - C. This amounted to unbelief. (v 12)**
 - 1) He was presumptuous – excluded the Lord.**
 - 2) Earlier in Exodus 17:6 at Horeb – God commanded Moses to strike the rock.**
 - 3) In Deuteronomy 32:50-52 God explains to Moses that he broke faith with Him.**
 - D. Moses was not permitted to enter the promised land.**
Deuteronomy 34:1-5

2. Noah's obedience shows that God is exacting:

A. He did as God commanded.

Genesis 6:22 Thus Noah did; **according to all that God commanded him**, so he did.

B. In his obedience, he condemned the world.

Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

C. Therefore God condemns those who are disobedient. Romans 2:5-11

3. Uzzah's death shows that God is exacting.

A. The Philistines had the ark of the covenant in the house of Dagon. 1 Samuel 5:1-5

- 1) Dagon - A god; symbol of water and agriculture; father of the great god Baal; national god of the Philistines**

B. 50,070 men were killed for looking into it.

1 Samuel 6:19 Then He struck the men of Beth Shemesh, **because they had looked into the ark of the LORD**. He struck fifty thousand and seventy men of the people, and the people lamented because the LORD had struck the people with a great slaughter.

C. God had told how to carry the Ark:**1) Staves and rings to be on the ark for carrying it.****Exodus 25:10-15****Exodus 27:1-7****2) The Sons of Kohath were to bear it.**

Numbers 4:15 And when Aaron and his sons have finished covering the sanctuary and all the furnishings of the sanctuary, when the camp is set to go, then the sons of Kohath shall come to carry them; but they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die. "These are the things in the tabernacle of meeting which the sons of Kohath are to carry.

3) They were to bear it on their shoulders.

Numbers 7:9 But to the sons of Kohath he gave none, because theirs was the service of the holy things, which they carried on their shoulders.

4) Uzzah touched the ark and died.**2 Samuel 6:1-7****4. Naaman's cleansing depended on obedience:****A. He went to the prophet of God.****2 Kings 5:9****B. He got mad and was reproved.****2 Kings 5:13****C. Only when he dipped seven times in the Jordan river was cleansed.****2 Kings 5:14**

God Requires Things Done Exactly Right Today:

1. **Declared to be a sin to go beyond that which is written.**

2 John 9-11

2. **God has given us a pattern to go by.**

Hebrews 8:5 who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "**SEE THAT YOU MAKE ALL THINGS ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN.**"

3. **Areas in which we must be exact:**

- A. **In our obedience to the form of doctrine.**

Romans 6:17-18 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet **you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine** to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

- B. **In that which must be done to bring about the remission of sins.**

Acts 2:38

- C. **In the practice and promotion of unity.**

Ephesians 4:1-4

- D. **In our worship.**

John 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Matthew 15:8-9 'THESE PEOPLE DRAW NEAR TO ME WITH THEIR MOUTH, AND HONOR ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME. AND IN VAIN THEY WORSHIP ME, **TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.**'"

E. In our life as a Christian.

James 1:21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Galatians 5:16-23

F. In correction of that which is sinful.

1 Corinthians 5:2 And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you.

2 Thessalonians 3:6 But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us.

4. God will not accept substitutes for anything that He has spoken.

Conclusion

- 1. Are you doing things exactly like God has required?**
- 2. We must keep in mind that we have no margin to play with.**

1 Peter 4:17-18 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? Now "IF THE RIGHTEOUS ONE IS SCARCELY SAVED, WHERE WILL THE UNGODLY AND THE SINNER APPEAR?"

