

INTRODUCTION

Today we begin to consider together The Ten Commandments, the Ten Words or Decalogue.

It has been nine years since we had sermons on The Ten Commandments in this congregation.

We have had very rich study together during those nine years, in

Ephesians May 2014-June 2017

Matthew 19 Nov 2017-Jan 2018

Matthew 28 Jan 2018-April 2018

1 John April 2018-March 2019

1 Timothy March 2019-November 2022

The Lord's Prayer

But I am very happy to be able to get back to The Ten Commandments with you.

Of course, for some of you this will be our first time to go through this together.

-There are several of you who weren't yet in this congregation nine years ago.

-There are several of you who were not yet born then, but now are here with us, being made wise unto salvation which is in Christ Jesus.

There are several of you who heard The Ten Commandments preached to you before, but you did not love them. They seemed burdensome to you. But now the Holy Spirit has regenerated you, has granted you the new birth, so that in your inner man you delight in the law of God.

I hope to be able to preach from The Ten Commandments for about six months. We had 17 sermons from The Ten Commandments back then, but God has helped me to learn a lot since then, and I hope to do a better job putting The Ten Commandments to you.

I plan to have the brothers read one stanza of Psalm 119 in each service as we hear The Ten Commandments together. Psalm 119 teaches us to love God's commandments, and to aspire to obey them.

To obey them? Yes, God's Ten Commandments are to be obeyed!

That concept, obedience, is where we begin our study of The Ten Commandments today. I learned to do that from the Puritan-era book on The Ten Commandments by Thomas Watson. Right at the beginning of his introduction, Watson wrote about obedience. That's where I learned that. This sermon is not based on Watson's material, just the main idea of starting a study of The Ten Commandments with contemplation of obedience, of what it is to obey.

TEXT

Deuteronomy 6:1-3a

BODY

What is obedience? What is it to be obedient? What is it to obey?

I. To Obey Is To Hear and To Do

A. Moses - Deuteronomy 6:3

1. Deuteronomy 6:3 Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it...

- a) GEN Heare...take heede to doe it
- b) KJV Hear...observe to do it
- c) NKJV hear...and be careful to observe it
- d) ESV Hear...and be careful to do them

2. the three words

- a) hear
- b) take heede; observe; be careful
 - (1) H8104 *shawmar* to guard; to protect
 - (2) used to mean heed, observe, be careful
- c) do

B. Jesus Christ

1. Luke 6:46-47

- a) verse 46 do the things which I say
- b) verse 46-47
 - (1) I say
 - (2) come to me
 - (3) hear my sayings
 - (4) do them

2. Luke 8:21 But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."

- a) God has spoken His word
- b) you hear
- c) you do it

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II. To Obey Rightly Is To Hear the One In Authority Over You and To Do What He Says

A. The Centurion with Great Faith - Luke 7:2-10

1. verse 7 “But say the word...”
2. verse 8 “under authority”
3. verse 8 “soldiers under me”
4. verse 8 “I say...”
 - a) “Go,” and he goes
 - b) “Come,” and he comes
 - c) “Do,” and he does [G4160 *poieo*]

B. The Greek Words for “Obey”

1. G5219 *hupakouo*

- a) compound of under + to hear
- b) Strong: to hear under (as a subordinate), that is, to listen attentively; by implication to heed or conform to a command or authority: hearken, be obedient to, obey
 - (1) G5255 *hupekoos* Strong: attentively listening...submissive, obedient
- c) examples
 - (1) Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham **obeyed** when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.
 - (2) Ephesians 6:1 Children, **obey** your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
 - (3) Colossians 3:22 ~~Bond~~servants, **obey** in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.
 - (4) 1 Peter 3:5-6 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah **obeyed** Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

2. G3980 *peitharcho*

- a) compound of: to assent + to rule
- b) Strong: ...to submit to authority...hearken, obey
- c) examples
 - (1) Acts 5:29 But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to **obey** God rather than men.
 - (2) Titus 3:1 Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to **obey**, to be ready for every good work,

- C. APPLICATION I will digress slightly from the main idea here, to offer a practical application of this biblical concept, for the raising of children.
1. You as the parent have been placed by God over the child; you are in authority over him.
 - a) you are right to command the child
 - b) you are in the wrong if you do not command the child
 - c) you have the authority to bear the rod to enforce your commands
 - d) if, when you speak, your child does not obey, it is your solemn responsibility to correct him until when you speak, he obeys
 2. The child has been placed by God under you; he is subordinate to you; he is under your authority.
 - a) the child has no right to command you, but he will command you
 - b) you are wrong if you let your child command you
 - c) you are in the wrong if you obey the child
 3. For a child, a very important part of learning to obey God is learning to obey his parents.

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III. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Is the Best Example of What It Is to Obey

- A. Philippians 2:5,8 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.
 1. our Lord Jesus Christ obeyed
 2. we are now to have that same mind in us
- B. Hebrews 5:8-9 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,
 1. our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, obeyed the will of God
 2. now we are to obey Him
- C. Remember that He had to pray for help to obey.
 1. if even He, with no sin in His flesh, had to pray to God the Father for help from the Holy Spirit, to keep His human will obedient to the divine will
 2. then how much more must we watch and pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"

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IV. Today We Are Having Baptism To Obey

- A. Our Lord commanded the church to baptize His disciples - Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.
 1. note that He mentioned His authority
- B. Our Lord's apostles commanded new disciples to be baptized - Acts 2:38a Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ..."
- C. The One in authority has spoken; we hear His word and we do it
- D. As a pastor, one of the things I have heard many times from our Lord's disciples is that they want to be baptized because the Lord Jesus commanded it.

CONCLUSION

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So, let us hear The Ten Commandments with determination to obey the word of God as our Lord Jesus has obeyed, praying for the help of the Holy Spirit, both to hear and to do.

Roel - Call to Worship and Opening Prayer - Romans 6:17-18

Willie - Scripture Reading - Psalm 119:1-8

~~Dillon~~ Jeff - Congregational Prayer

~~Allison~~ Rita - Prelude

~~Allison~~ Rita - Trinity 700 "Trust and Obey"

Rita - Trinity 447 "Blest Are the Undefined In Heart"

Rita - Trinity 439 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

V. From the Words Used

A. Hebrew

1. H8085 *shawmah* Strong: to hear intelligently (often with implication of attention, obedience, etc.)
 - a) translated in NT as G191 *akouo* as Mark 12:29
2. in a very few other places two other words are used

B. Greek

1. G191 *akouo* to hear and
 - a) G4160 *poieo* to do Luke 6:46-47
 - b) G5083 *tereo* to keep; to guard; to hold Rev 1:3; 3:3
 - c) G5442 *phulasso* to keep; to watch; to preserve
 - d) G4043 *peripateo* to walk 2 John 1:6
2. G5219 *hupakouo* Strong: to hear under (as a subordinate), that is, to listen attentively; by implication to heed or conform to a command or authority: hearken, be obedient to, obey
 - a) G5255 *hupekoos* Strong: attentively listening...submissive, obedient
3. G3982 *peitho* to convince; reflexively or passively to assent, to rely; agree, believe, have confidence, obey, trust
 - a) G544 *apeitheo* Strong: to disbelieve (willfully and perversely)
 - b) G3980 *peitharcho* Strong: ...to submit to authority...hearken, obey
 - c) Acts 5:29 But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men.

C. English from Latin, lit. "listen to"

D. Taken together

1. to recognize when someone speaking is over you, and acknowledge that you are under
2. to hearken, to listen, to hear
3. to believe or trust

VI. From the Closely-Related Concepts

A. Love: if you love me, keep my commandments

- B. Fear
- C. Service
- VII. From the Example of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 - A. He cared more about the word of God than about food
 - B. He resisted temptation by reference to God's law
 - C. Philippians 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.
 - D. Hebrews 5:8-9 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,
- VIII. Regarding Baptism
 - A. As a pastor, one of the things I have heard many times from our Lord's disciples is that they want to be baptized because the Lord Jesus commanded it.
 - B.

Luke 6:46-48 "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? 47 Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: 48 He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.

What it is to obey.

-centurion

-children

-Jesus Christ

see Watson

obey God's voice

Exodus 19:5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

obey God's commandments

Deuteronomy 11:26-28 "Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: 27 the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you today; 28 and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.

obey God's voice and God's commandments

Deuteronomy 13:4 You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him.

Deuteronomy 27:10 Therefore you shall obey the voice of the LORD your God, and observe His commandments and His statutes which I command you today."

Deuteronomy 30:8 And you will again obey the voice of the LORD and do all His commandments which I command you today.

Jeremiah 7:23-24 But this is what I commanded them, saying, 'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.' 24 Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but followed the counsels and the dictates of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward.

Jeremiah 11:1-8 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, 2 "Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; 3 and say to them, 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel: "Cursed is the man who does not obey the words of this covenant 4 which I commanded your fathers in the day I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, 'Obey My voice, and do according to all that I command you; so shall you be My people, and I will be your God,' 5 that I may establish the oath which I have sworn to your fathers, to give them 'a land flowing with milk and honey,' as it is this day." ' ' " And I answered and said, "So be it, LORD." 6 Then the LORD said to me, "Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying: 'Hear the words of this covenant and do them. 7 For I earnestly exhorted your fathers in the day I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, until this day, rising early and exhorting, saying, "Obey My voice." 8 Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but everyone followed the dictates of his evil heart; therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but which they have not done.' "

obey God and love Him

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; 20 that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

obey God and serve Him

Joshua 24:24 And the people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!"

Daniel 7:27 Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'

fear the LORD, serve Him, obey His voice, to not rebel against the commandment

1 Samuel 12:14 If you fear the LORD and serve Him and obey His voice, and do not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then both you and the king who reigns over you will continue following the LORD your God.

to obey better than sacrifice; rebellion as witchcraft

1 Samuel 15:22-23 So Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."

obey parents' voice

Deuteronomy 21:18 "If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and who, when they have chastened him, will not heed them,

obey parents

Proverbs 30:17 The eye that mocks his father, And scorns obedience to his mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.

obey the gospel

Acts 5:32 And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

Galatians 3:1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?

Galatians 5:7 You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?

2 Thessalonians 1:8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 5:9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

1 Peter 3:1 Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,

1 Peter 4:17 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?

We have learned to pray, "Thy will be done." But what is the will of God? He helps us do His will partly by helping us know what it is, as expressed in The Ten Commandments.

We are studying The Ten Commandments that we may obey the Lord.