

Obedience

TEXT: Mark 5:18-20; Ephesians 6:1-9

KEY VERSE: Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. — Matthew 7:21

If we comprehend the fact that all those who are disobedient to God will go to a lost eternity, we will realize how necessary it is for us to obey the Word of the Lord. It is important to be obedient to our parents and to those who have the rule over us. In so doing we are obeying the instructions given in Scripture.

See Ephesians 6:1 and Hebrews 13:17.

1. Our text states that to honor our father and mother is the first commandment with promise. To which of the Ten Commandments is this referring? What is the promise?

2. Define *obedience*.

3. Colossians 3:20 says that children should obey their parents. Why is the thought in this verse such an important first step in a child's life?

4. Our lesson says that fathers should not provoke their children to wrath. What do you think this means?

5. Explain the meaning of bringing up children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

6. How does Ephesians 6:5,6 apply to us today?

7. If we realize that the Lord is watching us while we work, and we are trying to do a job that is pleasing to Him, what are we promised?

8. In the part of the lesson text taken from Mark, Jesus had just performed a miracle by healing a man possessed with a devil. As Jesus left the country of the Gadarenes, this man wished to accompany Him. Why do you think Jesus told this man to go back to his home and friends? What was the result of his obedience?

9. What might the consequences be if there were no obedience . . .

- in the home?
- in the school?
- in the church?
- on the job?
- in our country?

10. In order to obtain the ultimate goal—Heaven—we must obey. What is the key that will help us obey His commandments? See John 14:15.