

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## DO YOU LISTEN AND OBEY?

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### COMMON THEME IN THE BIBLE

The act of listening and obeying the voice of the Lord is a common theme found throughout the Bible. Most people simply ignored what God had to say while others listened but did not follow through with obedience. Only a small minority were successful at listening and obeying God.

What makes a person great in the eyes of God? What set the saints, mentioned in chapter 11 of Hebrews, apart from all the others? The answer is that God spoke and they obeyed. This was not a one-time event but something that repeatedly happened in their lives.

### GOD EXPECTS US TO LISTEN AND OBEY

How can we be expected to listen and obey if we don't know what God expects of us? **Deuteronomy 6:1-9**

Jesus said that we would keep His commandments if we loved Him. **John 14:15**

Many people listen to what God has to say but they don't follow through with obedience. God has given us instructions on how to have an abundant life on the earth because our actions will dictate what happens now and the rewards, if any, we will receive in heaven.

- ❖ Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden tree. **Genesis 2:16-17**
- ❖ Terah was chosen by God but he stagnated in Haran and the responsibility went to Abraham. **Genesis 11:27-32; 12:1**
- ❖ King Saul was chosen by God but he didn't follow the instructions and lost the lineage to David. **1 Samuel 10:8; 13:8-14; 15:22-23**
- ❖ There is a lot of pain and suffering in the world because people refuse to listen and obey God. **Joshua 24:14-31**
- ❖ Israel was under a theocracy but they didn't obey God's commandments and every man did what he "felt" was right. **Judges 21:25**

God has a plan for your life; He will extend grace but that doesn't mean He won't hold you accountable for your actions.

### STRENGTH IN OBEDIENCE

When Jesus was tempted by the Devil, it would have been easy to be distracted and respond back with an opinion rather than scripture. **Matthew 4:1-11**



Even though Jesus agonized in prayer just hours before the crucifixion and was tempted to walk away, it was because of His obedience that we can be born again. **Luke 22:42-46**

Walking with God and obeying His voice has its benefits. When you have been given a task, see that it reaches completion. Don't let your legacy be of someone who started but never finished. **Galatians 6:7-9**

## **CONCLUSION**

You will be blessed because you listen and obey God but there will always be rebellious people in your life. Just take a stand and don't compromise on what the Bible says is true.

2 Timothy 3:16-4:4

***16) All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:***

***17) That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.***

*1) I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;*

***2) Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.***

*3) For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;*

*4) And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*