

It Is Just Obedience - That's All

Acts 5:29-32, *"Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him."*

The messenger for this age said one time: 'I caught that this morning when I was reading here - coming down. Something just told me, "Go into your room; pick up The Diaglott." No, **It's just obedience, that's all.** Walked in, and I picked out Revelation 17. I thought, "Why do You want me to read this for?" And I started reading. As soon as I struck it, "There it is." I got a pencil and wrote it down. I said, "There it is." [1]

After obeying God to His Word, when Philip fulfilled his mission, **that quickening power** that he received at Pentecost caught him away, **quicken his body.** Miles and miles away, he was taken in the Spirit, and was found over in another country somewhere: quickening power of God (Acts 8:26-40). And if we be Pentecostal, that same power that raised up Jesus from the dead, if it dwells in your mortal body... (*Rom. 8:11*).

Let's take another man with this quickening power. There was a man way long ago by the name of Enoch. **Enoch walked with God. Whatever God said do, Enoch never missed one word. He walked with God** (*Heb. 11:5-6; Gen. 5:22-24*).

What was he? He was a son of God. He was an eagle that had been called to that day, and when it came time, he was so full of that quickening power... Remember, he'd walked three hundred years before God, and **not one time had he missed His Word.** Not one time did he misbehave himself. Not one time did he do, but kept the testimony. **Everything that God told him to do, he went and done it.** No argument about it, he just went and done it. No matter what anybody else thought, he went and done it. Why? He was full of that quickening power.

And when it come time for the old man to die, God just sent down a ladder and he walked up home. He quickened him and took his mortal body up in a rapture. Amen. That's that quickening power.

And Jesus was born the Son of God to be Emmanuel, God's full expression in a Man... (*John 1:1-3,14; I Tim. 3:16*). And He found Him in **perfect obedience** down at the river of Jordan, being baptized by that prophet (*St. John 1:29-34; Matt. 3:13-17*). And **as soon as He obeyed Him** and walked out of the water, the heavens opened to John, and he saw the Holy Ghost descending from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son." See, **perfect obedience, the Spirit had sought Him out in obedience.**

Now, that quickening power that come upon Jesus **quicken Him to manifest every promise of the Word of that day.** So does the Holy Spirit that come upon us in this day. **The real true Holy Spirit, it'll manifest the promise of this hour.**

When It fell upon Luther, It manifested that promise of that hour. When It fell upon Wesley, It manifested the promise of that hour. **When It falls in this day, It manifests the promise of this hour.** When It fell upon Moses, It manifested the promise of that hour. Fell upon Noah, It manifest the promise of that hour. When It fell upon Jesus, It manifests the promise of that hour. See? **It's the Holy Spirit coming down to quicken, make alive those people that's foreordained of God to be in the rapture.** Oh, that is, if he's a true eagle, he will understand the message of the hour: if he's a true eagle.

Then this earthly body is quickened and brought by the quickening Spirit to the obedience of God's Word.

You're ready to obey every Word that God ever spoke of you, see, for you to do. **You're submissive to His Word.** [2]

And now you are already resurrected. When God raised Him up, He raised you (*Rom. 6:4-6*); the Son is just now on you. And now you're growing into a blossom Life like He was to be resurrected completely in that last day (*I Cor. 15:51-53*). Your potentials you have now (*II Cor. 1:20-22*). Why do you know? Your soul changed, didn't it? **Your body come in obedience to It, didn't it?** Into obedience to what? A church? **The Word, which is the Life. Then you are now resurrected** from the dead (*Eph. 2:1-7*). [3]

God had called Moses. He didn't want to go. Those prophets had such things to do till they... It was a hard thing to do. They didn't want to be going out and be scorned at. They wanted to have fellowship, and go in with the rest of them, and go along with brothers. I forget what prophet it was, said, "I don't want to do this (in other words), but my whole heart will catch afire. God has spoken and I must deliver it." (*Jer. 20:7-11*). Whether they liked it; whether they crucified him; whether they stoned him; whatever they did, God has spoken in his heart, and he must say it, not to be different, **but be obedient. "Obedience is better than sacrifice; hearkening, unto the fats of rams"** (*I Samuel 15:22-23*). See, It was in his heart. He must do it. It was his life. He couldn't hold it. There was something, a pulsation, that pushed them. They couldn't bless it or curse it. **God had so much complete control of them till He was their voice, their action.** Hallelujah.

Give me a Church that's so completely anointed with God till their every action and move is **THUS SAITH THE LORD**, right in that Shekinah Glory, I'll show you a Messiah (anointed one of God) standing upon the earth.

There stood Moses by this burning bush and the Shekinah Glory. Standing there, anointed, he didn't know what he was doing hardly. **He was just obeying what the Voice said do, "Stick your hand in your bosom. Pull it out. Take up that rod. Turn it into a serpent. Throw it back down again."** No matter what anybody else said, he was doing it (*Exodus 4:1-9*). [4]

God called Abraham, and He told him He wanted him to separate himself from all of his unbelieving kindred. And when God calls a man to work for Him, He calls you from total annihilation from all the things of the world, and the sins of the earth: separation (*Genesis 11:27-32; 12:1-8; I John 2:15-16*).

God never did bless Abraham till he fully obeyed Him. He took his father. The old man was always a hair in the soup or... excuse that expression. But he was always wrong, and Abraham... And then he got Lot. And then he finally went down there (Sodom, *Gen. 13:5-13*). And after Lot separated himself, then God said to Abraham, "Rise and walk through the land. I've given it all to you. It's all yours." (*Gen. 13:14-18*). See? **He never fully blessed him till Abraham fully obeyed.**

And you'll never be able to get anything from God, and have favor with God, my brothers and sisters, wherever you are, until we fully obey the Word of God. You make yourself miserable by just half-heartedly approaching it. Yes. [5]

Now, there's another thing that's been on my heart a long time. Church, pray for it. All you people here knows that since I've been a little boy I've never been satisfied in this country. All my heart has always longed for the west. And I remember when I was mowing the grass for my mother-in-law up there in the little place that belonged in to the church here, that the place... I was setting on the steps, and the Holy Spirit spoke to me, **He said, "I cannot further bless you until you fully obey Me, like Abraham."** See? And Abraham, God told him to separate himself and go to himself. And when he did, he took along with him his father and his nephew (Lot). **And until Abraham completely obeyed God, then there was a complete fulfillment of what God promised him.** [6]

Life comes only through obedience to Christ. He is Life. He has the condition that we must meet. And by meeting this condition... As we think of Abraham, he believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness. And after it was imputed unto him for righteousness, God give him **the seal of circumcision as a confirmation that He had received his faith** (*Rom. 4:1-12*). [7]

And now, if Abraham being then about a hundred and fifteen years old... Waited twenty-five years on the boy (Isaac), and here the boy... And he was going to destroy the only evidence he has of seeing this promise of God, to be father of nations, ever taking place, and then he's asked to destroy that. **For when he was just about ready to fall in line with complete obedience to God.** [8] Threw Isaac's little head back like that, reached down in his bosom, took the knife out of its sheath, and raised it up like that, pulled his hair back like that, and in his heart choking, swallowing it back, as if to say, "Farewell, Isaac, my boy." Raised his hand and about that time, **in full obedience,** [9] **the Holy Spirit caught his hand...** (*Genesis 22:1-19*). [8]

Once again: Abraham, after he had took Isaac and bound him, which was his natural son, laid him upon the altar to take his life; and then he started to take his life **in obedience of love to God.** And when he did, something happened. He heard a Voice saying, "Abraham, stay your hand, don't harm that child, **for I know that thou loves Me.**" [10]

What was He doing? Giving a testimony to the Seed of Abraham after him. "Stay your hand; don't harm this child. I know that you love Me."

And about that time, Abraham heard something behind him. And he looked, and there was a ram (That's a male sheep.) caught by his horns in the weeds and bushes.

And Abraham went and got the ram and killed it instead of his son. [11] And he called the name of the place Jehovah-jireh. [10]

Even if you're doing something wrong and walking in obedience, the Holy Ghost is there to stop you. You say, "I'm afraid if I ever receive the Holy Ghost, I might act indecently." Don't you worry, if it's the Holy Ghost, **He will know when to stop you, and when to start you;** He's got the button in His hand. You see? So He knows when to turn on and turn off. Just throw yourself at His mercy. [9]

And Israel found the same thing, as examples, in their journey to the promised land. The tanks were all dry. Yeah, their journey in obedience to His promised Word, their journey, and the tanks they found dry. Now, they found the tanks could not be depended on for the journey.

And if you're going to journey in obedience to the Word of God, and try to join this and join that, you're going to find out there ain't a tank in the world that will support it, not at all. You are an individual. **God leads you just the way He wants to lead you.** Then we have found the same thing today, and all tanks are dried up.

But the promise, are always true to God Who will keep His promise to His people. **He promised to supply all they had need of,** so He did that. In the midst of the empty, dry tanks (Just think of it.), and complaining Israel in the desert in their journey, He called His servant-leader, the prophet Moses out to one side, and opened up a fountain of living water by a smitten Rock, so His believing children would not perish (*Exod. 17:1-7*).

In this day, that speaks of grace to me. We are undeserving. The way that we've done, the way that we've lived, we're undeserving. [12]

Faith led Moses to the path of obedience. There's young Pharaoh; there is young Moses: both of them with the opportunity.

Moses seen the reproach of the people and counted it greater treasures than all Egypt had (*Heb. 11:23-27*). **By faith he followed what his faith said in the Word and it led him to the path of obedience and finally to glory, immortal, never to die in the presence of God.**

Sight and senses led--and glamour led Pharaoh to his death and the destruction of Egypt, his nation, and it's never come back since.

There you are. Look at this, you die. Look at that, you live. Now, make your choice! [13]

Now, we'll kind of get the outline of the message first. Israel was in their journey going to Palestine, coming from Egypt. And the Lord was with them. Every enemy that had raised up before Israel was moved out of the way, **for God said He would send hornets before them and would drive out the enemy as long as they walked in obedience to His command** (*Exodus 23:20-30*). The job was never too big. The Amalekites, the giants of the day, meant nothing to Israel, though they were small men in statue; **but they were walking in THUS SAITH THE LORD.** So no matter what the opposition was, God always seen that His words of promise never failed Israel.

And Israel of the Old Testament is a type of the Bride of the New Testament, coming up out of the world, marching on the road to Canaan--or the Canaan that we go to, **the Millennium.** [14]

But, oh, brother, when that Token (the Holy Ghost) is once placed in your heart, and you know it's the resurrection of Jesus Christ in you, something's happening (*Exodus 12:13*). There isn't nothing going to turn you. You know where you belong.

Full obedience to the whole Word of God entitles you to the Token, and nothing else. "Blessed is he that does all of His Commandments, he might have right to the Tree of Life" (*Rev. 22:14*). [15]

The token is a sign that the purchase has been made and been accepted. Now, you can't get the token from the railroad fare, until you pay the price. And the only way you're going to pay the price... Just pay it. That's right. What? **Believe it; accept it!**

Full obedience to the whole Word of God will entitle you to the Token. Full obedience, not to part of It, as far as your denomination goes, but all of It. **Full obedience to the Word, which is Christ, brings you into Christ.**

Full, complete obedience puts you and the Word one. You believe It every bit, and all of It's in you, and you watch It working through you.

Fully obedience to the whole Word of God entitles us to the Token. Then when we pray, we must have the Token to present with our prayer. If you say, "I pray, Lord, but really I haven't..." Well, there you go. You just might as well stop. See? Go in first and get the Token, 'cause that Token's what He will recognize. See? Yes, sir. **When we pray, then we must present the Token: "Lord, I have obeyed You fully.** I've repented of my sins. I feel that you have forgiven me. I've been baptized into the Name of Jesus Christ (*Acts 2:38*). The Holy Spirit is upon me. Now, I have need of a certain thing for Your glory. Lord, I ask for it. It's mine now."

Then there's something anchors back there. It's yours. So then it's all over; it's all over and settled. "I ask for this. I ask for it. I must have it. I want it for Your glory." See? Now, listen to it. Then He just gives it to you. Then you know it's yours. That is the way it is with our children, and so forth; **we apply the blood. Believe it. That's all.**

All right, what does He do then? **When you can present the Token with your prayer, it shows that you have fully come to obedience to the whole Word of God. When you've got the Token, it shows that you have obeyed every Word; then you and the Word are one. You're only asking for the thing that you are.**

Then, why, you know. If I say to this, "Hand, you obey me. Reach out for that handkerchief." It does it. See? Hand obeyed me. Why? It's part of me. See? **Then when you and the Word becomes one, every promise... Glory to God! Every promise is yours. It obeys you.** See? Then you want to watch what you want to do.

You wouldn't put your hand in fire to say, see you do it. Oh, no, no. See? But if there's something in that fire I got to reach for, it'll obey me. That's right. See? You want to watch what you're doing.

That's the reason the Holy Spirit is sparingly given out and things. You know what I mean. Because some... You don't want to... **But a real servant of God, don't show off with it.** You see? That's making a show.

When we pray, we present the Token; it shows we have fully obeyed. [16]

Satan was much smarter than Eve (*Genesis 3:1-7*). She wasn't even in the picture. **But she wasn't supposed to be smart; she was supposed to be obedient.** We're not

supposed to be smart. Jesus said the children of this world, or, the kingdom of this world is much smarter, the children of darkness than the children of Light (*Luke 16:8*). We are likened to sheep. Sheep can't even lead themselves; they've got to have a shepherd. **God doesn't want us smart, He wants us to lean on His understanding**, just where He leads. Amen. You see the picture? Don't lean upon your own understanding (*Proverbs 3:5-6*). Don't lean upon your own understanding, lean upon His understanding. No matter how contrary it seems, and how big the bright lights look out here, **don't pay attention to it**. Just lean on His understanding, what He said is the Truth. [17]

The Holy Spirit is a treasure of God's love in the heart of men and women to obey. See? [18]

I'm glad that a man can so completely serve God 'till the devil doesn't know what to do with him. Just obey God so completely 'til the devil said, "Oh my. Get away. I don't want to hear it no more." That's right. You can do it - so completely. [13]

And God gives those the Holy Ghost who obey Him. So who obeyed Him? **The one that believed Him and accepted it.** That's the one obeyed Him, see (*Acts 5:32*). [19]

The evidence of a Spirit-filled Christian believer is not to produce the truth (Word), but to receive the truth (Word), and to believe **and obey it** (*I Cor. 14:36-37*). [20]

Now, bless us, Lord, as we speak of Thy Word. **And the promises that's given to us, may we nurture them in our heart, cherish them with reverence, and obey them with real godly discipline.** For we ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen. [21]

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[Bro. Branham in "Conduct-Order-Doctrine", pg. 724]