

2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3

LESSON 11

HEEDING BIBLE COMMANDMENTS

Text: verse 4

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The Bible commands Christians as to how they ought to conduct their lives. Obedience to those commands will result in benefits and blessings. Disobedience to those commands will result in various troubles and difficulties in your life.

When a preacher declares God's commands from God's Word, it is still God's command, no matter how you may feel about that preacher. If you choose to disregard and disobey that preacher, you are disobeying God.

When the preacher says, "The Bible says..." he is giving you the final authority on the subject. Your individual situation does not overrule God's Word as the final authority. God has every situation covered. The Bible can help you if you heed the commands therein.

Philippians 2:12 Paul expected believers to obey his commands whether he was present or absent. Christians ought to obey Paul's commands because the Holy Ghost gave him those words.

Hebrews 13:17 Disobeying the pastor will be unprofitable for you at the Judgment Seat of Christ. The pastor must give account to God as to whether or not he faithfully watched out for your soul. If he was faithful, but you ignored the preaching, then you will give account to God for the life you lived.

Ezekiel 33:30-32 The people spoke against Ezekiel even though they knew he was preaching the "**word that cometh forth from the LORD.**"

They enjoyed hearing the preaching of God's word, they put on a good act; showing themselves to be God's people, but they refused to do what he said.

There is no benefit from hearing God's word if you refuse to obey it. We must receive His word as commandment, not as an optional choice.

Matthew 11:16-19 Jesus proved that people will reject the word of God no matter how it is presented. John the Baptist had a different approach at ministering than Jesus did, but both of them were rejected. If you love the Lord, you can get a blessing out of any style of biblical preaching.

If you're not happy in your current church, there are 3 biblical options:

1. Join the best available church in your area and be a blessing.
2. Relocate to an area where there is a good church and be a blessing.
3. Start a church and let everybody criticize you the way you criticize your pastor.
 - a. Note: abandoning church is not an option.

Ephesians 6:1-2 Children are **COMMANDED** to obey their parents. It doesn't specify that they must be "GOOD" parents or "GODLY" parents. There is a promise of blessing included with this commandment: long life. Having a "long view" will help you to obey.

Titus 3:1-2 We are commanded to obey the rules of the government. If you don't obey the rules, why would God choose to make you a ruler? (Matt. 25:20-30, Luke 12:42-48, Rev. 3:21)

1 Peter 3:1-6 Wives are commanded to obey their husbands. (Hence, the wedding vows: love, honor, obey). Your husband is not perfect, but if you'll obey this commandment, God will bless you in the long run.

2 Thessalonians 3:4 Paul's confidence was in the fact that the Thessalonian believers were in submission to the Lord. Peter often called Jesus "Lord" while he protested the Lord's commands (Acts 10:14, Matt. 16:22, Jn 13:6-8). Let us learn from his mistakes.

"And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46)

Remember that Jesus is the Lord, and as such, we will face Him at the Judgment Seat and give account of our life. Take the long view. It will help you to obey in all circumstances.

Paul had confidence that the believers would continue to obey ("**will do**") the Lord's commands into the future. (Prov. 22:6, "**Train up a child in the way he should go...**"). The objective in Bible preaching is to get believers to the point where they will WANT to do right all the time.

2 Thessalonians 1:1 God chooses ordinary, faulty men to tell people what the Word of God says.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 You must hear God's Word out of the mouth of men, without forgetting that it is God's Word. When you take the preaching as direct commands from God, it will have the proper effect on your life. (Marriage, parenting, prayer life, personal life, choices, etc.)