

SELAH-GRAM

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Greetings!

Thanks for clicking this week. Karyn and I pray this SelahGram compels a response of obedience.

Selah--please pause and ponder.

Obedience = Worship?



I was greatly blessed a couple days ago by the telecast of one of my all-time favorite ministry voices discussing simple obedience as opposed to grand efforts of sacrifice and duty. **1Sa**

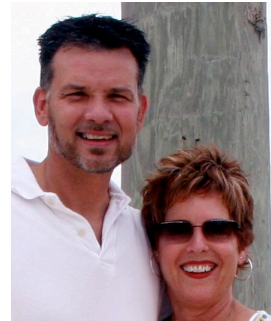
15:22 NLT *But Samuel replied, "What is more pleasing to the LORD: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to His voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams. Exo 19:5 NLT* Now if you will obey Me and keep My covenant, you will be My own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth.

However, amid his wonderful presentation, he challenged me with these thoughts. "The highest form of true worship is obedience." While I know his conclusions are doubtlessly drawn from heartfelt convictions, here's why my perspective is a bit different and I respectfully disagree.

This conclusion takes no account of a genuine secret place encounter with the Living God. Some of the highlight experiences of my life have been the secret place encounters that have dotted my life. I live for the "face to face" with Father. Truly, the times of genuine refreshing come only from the presence of the Lord.

While I fully agree that *genuine worship will always produce a response of obedience*, I also believe both topics represent different arenas of relationship. While true worship is a vertical embrace, the resulting obedience is the horizontal reflection. The empowering of that horizontal

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Supporting Thoughts

Deu 5:29 AMP Oh, that they had such a [mind and] heart in them always [reverently] to fear Me and keep all My commandments, that it might go well with them and with their children forever! (*Inner court connection and outer court result*)

Ecc 12:13 AMP All has been heard; the end of the matter is: Fear God [revere and worship Him, knowing that He is] and keep His commandments, for this is the whole of man... (*Worship and obey!*)

Deu 10:12 NLT "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? He requires only that you fear

expression requires a vertical connection. **It takes the anointing (evidence of the inner court) to break the yoke of bondage (outer court result).**

Amen.

Pursuing HIS Presence,

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the LORD your God, and live
in a way that pleases Him,
and love Him and serve Him
with all your heart and soul.
13 And you must always
obey the LORD's commands
and decrees that I am giving
you today for your own
good. *[Worship and obey!]*

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