

## THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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Romans 2:13 It is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous.

## **OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WILL**

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Heavenly Father, we again thank You, praise You and bless You for another opportunity to share Your inspired word, with this ministry. Abba Father, may we all take this time to read and reflect on Your monthly message of love, hope and joy in Your Son Jesus Christ. Lord, may this message touch the hearts and souls of the lost and confused. Father, may this message, soften the hardened hearts of those who are rebellious to Your Will. May we all have a greater appreciation and respect for Your unending wisdom. Lord please forgive our doubting nature and lead us to Your guiding light, through our Savior Christ Jesus. Father I ask this in Jesus name.....Amen.

What does it mean to be obedient to the will of God? One of the hardest things that Christians are confronted with today in this post modern world, is to be obedient to the will of God. There is one word that sums up the entire problem, and that word is sin. Why sin? Because sin is the root of all evil throughout the entire world. Sin is and has always been, ramped throughout the world dating back to when man first fell prey to sin.

What is sin? Sin is a rebellion against God; falling short of or deviation from standards established by God. The New Testament particularly portrays sin as a corruption of human nature making man hostile to God, captive to baser passions and desires, and unwilling to submit to God's known will.

By understanding the biblical doctrine of sin, we can better appreciate the salvation that God offers us in Jesus Christ. Sin has shattered human beings' relationship with God and lies at the root of the distortions in human society and in people's relationship with others. The Old Testament's view of sin, can be rooted in the conviction that God has established certain standards for humankind. The Divine standard may be directly revealed , as in Mosaic Law, but a consciousness of standards is also woven into human nature itself, as demonstrated by man where God is not known. In Romans 2:12-15 the context of this scripture explains clearly that people are condemned not for what they don't know, but for what they do with what they know. Those who know God's written Word and His law, will be judged by them. Those who have never seen a Bible still know right from wrong, and they will be judged because they did not keep even those standards that their own consciences dictated.

Our modern sense of fair play and the rights of the individual often balks at God's judgment. But keep in mind that people violate the very standards that they create for themselves. We all fall so short of God's Divine standards; we also twist and deviate from His expressed will in order to satisfy our fleshly ways. Romans 1-18 says: **The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness.**

Why is God so angry toward sinful people? Answer, because they have substituted the truth about Him with a lie. Also, they have stifled the truth God naturally reveals to all people in order to believe anything that supports their own self-centered lifestyles. God cannot tolerate sin because His nature is morally perfect. He cannot condone such willful rebellion. God wants to remove the sin and restore the sinner- and He is able to as long as the sinner does not stubbornly ignore, distort, or reject the truth. God's anger will always continue to erupt against anyone who persist in sinning. Check and really see if you are pursuing a lie rather than the true God. We must not suppress the truth about Him, merely to protect our own sinful lifestyle.

Knowing that God exists is not enough. One of the most foolish and incomplete statements a person could ever say is, I know that there is a God and that he really exist. Or, there is no God. We all must learn and understand, what our loving God did to demonstrate His unconditional love for us, through His Son and our Savior Christ Jesus. Furthermore, we all must be shown how to accept God's forgiveness for our sins.

Some other question to ask ourselves would be, do we have an excuse for not believing in God? The Bible answers an emphatic no. Why do we really have no excuse for not believing in God? Because God has revealed to all of us what He is like, through His creation. Every person, therefore, either accepts or rejects God, because there is no in between with the Lord.

My brothers and sisters, try not to be fooled by the way the world tries to discredit God. They will go out of their way to rain on our hopeful parade in Christ with their hopelessness, foolishness, and distorted nonsense.

Always try and keep this front and center about the Lord, when the day comes for God to judge our response to Him, **no excuses will be accepted!** We must all begin today as God has called us, to give our devotion and worship strictly to Him and Him alone.

Let us pray: Father we pray at this time for Your help with our foolish and sinful ways. Lord, please touch our hearts with Your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. Lord, may we all follow Your Divine Light of Righteousness, and not the ways of this unrighteous and sinful world. Father, may we all become more righteous to Your will and stop falling prey to our flesh. Lord, help us to proclaim Your glory in everything we say and do. Father, may we all learn what it means to be a real Christian in our daily thoughts, words, and deeds. Lord, may Christians throughout the world stand up and take a stand against the evil ones who try and discredit and disrespect Your name. Father, please help us find Your way through this dark and sinful world. Lord, I ask this prayer in Jesus name.....Amen.

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**JESUS CALLING**  
*By Sarah Young*

Make me the focal point of your search for security In your private thoughts, you are still trying to order your world so that it is predictable and feels safe. Not only is this an impossible goal, but it is also counter-productive to spiritual growth when your private world feels unsteady and you grip my hand for support, you are living in conscience dependence on Me. Instead of yearning for a problem free life, rejoice that trouble can highlight your awareness of My Presence. In the darkness of adversity, you are able to see more clearly the radiance of My Face. Accept the value of problems in this life, considering them pure joy. Remember that you have an eternity of trouble-free living awaiting you in heaven. Be willing to go out on a limb with Me. If that is where I am leading you, it is the safest place to be. Your desire to live a risk-free life is a form of unbelief. Your longing to live close to Me is at odds with your attempts to minimize risk. You are approaching a crossroad in your journey. In order to follow Me wholeheartedly, you must relinquish your tendency to play it safe. Let me lead you step by step through this day. If your primary focus is on Me, you can walk along perilous paths without being afraid. Eventually, you will learn to relax and enjoy the adventure of our journey together. As long as you stay close to Me, My sovereign Presence protects you wherever you go.....Amen.

## PROVERBIAL SCRIPTURES FOR LIVING

Proverbs 23:20-21: **Do not join those who drink too much wine or gorge themselves on meat, for drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them in rags.**

Proverbs 23:4-5: **Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint. Cast but a glance at riches and they are gone, for they surely will spout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.**

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### THE MINISTRY DAILY PRAYER LIST

**Please pray daily with this ministry for,** Justin Chambers and family, George Deustch, Jennie D'Ippolito, Adolph D'Ippolito, Rose Robinson, Alexandra Barone, Cindy Hogman and family, Donna DeAngelous and family, Jimmy Palma and Family, Joe Longo and family, Michael Monforto, Karen Fulginetti and family, Janet Neil, Jonathan Baker, Michael Baker and family, Helen McKean, Jerry Palma and family, Theresa Wade, George Slawter and family, Scott Eckenoff, Rose Robinson, Barbra Teto, Patrick Zinck, Mike Buetner, Keith Reggerio, Anthony and Joe Collings.

**Also a daily prayer for all,** the sick, the poor, the homeless, the weak, the weary, the broken hearted, the poor in spirit, the lost the lonesome, the lame, the hopeless, the helpless, the restless, the persecuted etc.

**Furthermore a daily prayer for all,** the hatred, the violence, the wars, the corruption, the unrest, the unemployed, the ailing economy, etc.

And, a special prayer for all our troops that are in harms way that they will be home safely soon. I ask these prayer petitions in Jesus name.....Amen.

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