



“The Law of Submission” part 3 July 14, 2024

Foundation Scripture: **James 4:6-10**

I. **Recap from Last Week**

A. Your Response is Necessary...

1. **Benefits: Power, Protection, Peace**
2. My submission to God is My Response to His Goodness! When you are in the right place with God, you have power over the enemy, protection from trouble, and a supernatural peace that cannot be explained.

B. How Do I Submit to God?

1. **Meditate In His Word (Psalm 1:2)**
2. **Keep His Commandments**
 - The 10 commandments can be summed up in **Matthew 22:35-40**
 - There are a lot of people who say, “I don’t believe in God...” or, “I don’t want to submit to Him because of the rules!” (*Only a fool says in his heart, there is no god, and the answer to the second is this: everyone is submitted, it’s just a question of to whom....God, yourself, or the devil! Rules are a part of our lives...every day...we live by them/ speed limits, time to arrive and leave from work, rules of politics, banking...etc. If there were no rules, there would be no order...but when you submit yourself to the laws of God/His rules...you will obtain something that the world will never be able to give: purpose!*)

II. **How do I submit? (Continued)**

A. **Give Him Praise**

1. I enter His courts with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise...
(Psalm 100:4)
2. I will give Him the sacrifice of praise continually, giving thanks to His name.
(Hebrews 13:15)
3. One of the greatest ways to show my adoration and submission is kneeling before His presence and/or raising my hands in surrender. **(1 Timothy 2:8)**
(Every knee is going to bow one day...make it a willing submission instead of a made submission!)
4. Praise not only “stills” the enemy, but it brings peace to your heart and rest to your mind. **(Habakkuk 3:17-19)** – Praise causes the enemy to submit!)

B. **Help Others**

1. Remember the lawyer that asked “What must I do to inherit eternal life?”
2. Do unto others...(**Matthew 7:12** – “This is God’s law...” and it is not difficult).
3. **Galatians 6:10** “As you have opportunity, do good...”
4. This is how God sees your submission – He sees your actions of faith ...showing love, forgiveness, and help to those around you! / You may never

know what a difference it makes concerning the seeds that you plant today...
."Be kind one to another... submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." Do you want to make a difference? Then be different... Do good, bless those that offend you, pray for those who say words against you.....If the only one that sees my heart is God, then that's enough for me! If He sees me, then I am a chosen child of the King!

C. **Stay With What You Know (Put Your Feelings Aside)**

1. If you are in the right position...if you are in the right place to "see" what God is saying to you...then you will never miss God. Too many people are moved by their emotions, or they allow what they see in the "natural" to dictate the voice of God in their lives; Submission is about 2 things: **Hearing and Obeying**. (King Saul did not obey God because of fearing the people – **I Samuel 15:24** / Naaman almost missed God because He THOUGHT Elisha the prophet should have come out of the house and done something different than sending his servant out to tell him to wash in Jordan 7 times / Martha lost focus on her promise because she was more worried about her sister Mary than sitting at the feet of Jesus / Peter almost missed God's best when he didn't like what Jesus prophesied over him and focused his attention on his fellow servant, John).
2. **Isaiah 1:19** "If you be willing and obedient, you will eat the good of the land."
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3. Don't miss God's best in your life because something hasn't lined up with the way you want it (Be PATIENT and learn to submit to God's gentle voice and counsel of those who God has placed in authority to speak into your life).
 - ** John the Baptist lost sight of who Jesus was through lack of focus on his own purpose and identity.
 - ** Paul and Barnabas – **Acts 15:36-41 / Acts 13:2-3**
 - ** STAY WITH THE WORD...STAY WITH WHAT YOU KNOW TO BE TRUE!