

To Him Shall Be the Obedience of the Peoples

Jacob is prophesying the future to his sons, and to Judah he says

Gen 49:10 ESV The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute [*Shiloh*] comes to him; and ***to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.***

- Judah is a line of KINGS - it was the tribe David came from - as well as Jesus
- This is a prophecy about the kingly reign of Jesus as Messiah
- **To him shall be the obedience of the peoples [*gathering to obey*]**

To Bring About the Obedience of Faith - beginning and ending thought of Romans

The apostolic calling (at the behest of the king) is focused on a faith the brings about obedience

- Rom 1:1-7 ESV Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3 concerning his Son, ***who was descended from David*** according to the flesh 4 and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, 5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship ***to bring about the obedience of faith*** for the sake of his name ***among all the nations, 6 including you*** who are called to belong to ***Jesus Christ***, 7 To all those in Rome who are **loved by God** and called to be saints: **Grace** to you and **peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - **JESUS IS KING** - descended from David
 - **HE IS THE SON OF GOD** - proof of the resurrection
 - **Obedience** is the only fitting response

He [the LORD] strengthens us --- to bring about obedience of the faith

- Rom 16:25-27 ESV Now **to him who is able to strengthen you** according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages 26 but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, ***to bring about the obedience of faith--*** 27 to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

To bring about obedience of the faith:

- Is the basis of the apostolic calling
- And God **strengthens** us to do it -- to set fast, to turn resolutely in a certain direction, to confirm:

Paul - proud of his work for God - to bring Gentiles to obedience - this is how he describes the fact that he fulfilled the gospel of Christ

- Rom 15:17-20 ESV In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. 18 For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me **to bring the Gentiles to obedience--**by word and deed, 19 by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God--so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum **I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ;**

We must not forget this is our task - we still carry the apostolic calling, and need to help people see they are strengthened by God to actually do it

- Mat 28:19-20 NIV Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 **and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.** And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Obedience of Faith - Abraham going to a land the LORD would show him

Heb 11:8 ESV By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

- **Obedience is the natural outflow of true faith - faith is the engine of OBEDIENCE**

God said GO - and Abraham WENT - no reference point, history or scripture, (family of idol worship)

- Gen 12:1-4 ESV Now the LORD said to Abram, "**Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.** 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." 4 **So Abram went, as the LORD had told him**, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.
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Obedience of Faith - The offering of Isaac

Gen 15:2-7 ESV But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, **for I continue childless**, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "Behold, **you have given me no offspring**, and a member of my household will be my heir." 4 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; **your very own son shall be your heir.**" 5 And he brought him outside and said, "**Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.**" Then he said to him, "**So shall your offspring be.**" 6 And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness

- **Your son will be your heir ---- He will have children --- ABRAHAM BELIEVED**

Gen 22:1-5 ESV After these things **God tested Abraham** and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 He said, "**Take your son, your only son Isaac**, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a **burnt offering** on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." 3 **So Abraham rose early in the morning**, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

- **The obedience of FAITH - what he believed enabled extreme obedience**

Faith and obedience are inseparable --- when you hear works (think OBEDIENCE)

Jas 2:17-24 ESV So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. 18 But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. 19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe--and shudder! 20 Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? **21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar?** 22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "**Abraham believed God**, and it was counted to him as righteousness"--**and he was called a friend of God.** 24 You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

- He Believed God - proven by his obedience (when you hear the word "works" here - think obedience)
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Another example of the obedience of faith - Circumcision

- Gen 17:9-10 ESV **And God said** to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. 10 This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: **Every male among you shall be circumcised.**
- Gen 17:23-27 ESV Then Abraham [99 yrs old] took Ishmael his son [13 yrs old] and all those born in his house or bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins **that very day, as God had said to him.**

He intends that Obedience become a joy and not a drudgery

Joh 15:9-11 ESV As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 **If you keep my commandments**, you will **abide in my love**, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, **that my joy may be in you**, and that **your joy may be full**.

Psa 119:44-47 ESV I will keep your law continually, forever and ever, 45 and I shall walk in a wide place, for I have sought your precepts. 46 I will also speak of your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame, 47 for **I find my delight in your commandments, which I love**.