

Who Is The Lord That I Should Obey Him?

Exodus 5:1-2

Introduction

- First encounter Moses has with Pharaoh
 - Moses asks that Israel go into wilderness and hold a feast. (Ex. 5:1)
 - Pharaoh responds, “Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice?”
- The Egyptians had a plethora of “gods” and the Pharaoh does not see why this one should mean anything to him.
- Through a series of devastating judgments (plagues) God powerfully demonstrated to him that his “gods” were nothing, and that He was the One, True, Living God. (Ex. 10:6; 12:12)
- It was God’s purpose to show Pharaoh that there is none like unto Him.
 - Ex. 8:10 → “There is none like unto the Lord our God.”
 - Ex. 8:19 → “This is the finger of God...”
- There are many gods that people serve today that supplant and lead them away from acknowledging, respecting and serving the Living God.
- When we consider the careless, half-hearted, unfocused with which many approach the worship of God.
 - The profane way the world speaks of God and lives its life.
 - The casual way in which God’s word is dismissed, disregarded and disobeyed, it is clear that we need to be reminded of just who the Lord is and why we should obey his voice.

Lesson: Who is the Lord that I should obey his voice?

• **He Is God. (Deut. 4:35; Ps. 100:3)**

- He is...
 - Eternal.
 - Isa. 40:28 → Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is an eternal God, the creator of the whole earth. He does not get tired or weary;
 - All-Powerful.
 - Gen. 17:1 → When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless,
 - All-wise.
 - Ps. 147:5 → Our Lord is great and has awesome power; there is no limit to his wisdom.
 - Creator.
 - Gen. 1:1 → In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.
 - Sustainer.
 - Col. 1:17 → ...by him all things consist.
 - The Ruler of the universe.
 - Ps. 95:3-6 → For the Lord is a great God, a great king who is superior to all gods. The depths of the earth are in his hand, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it. His hands formed the dry land. Come! Let’s bow down and worship! Let’s kneel before the Lord, our creator! For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture, the sheep he owns.
 - Our creator. (cf. Ps. 95:6)
 - With the inherent right to command us and to require obedience to His instructions. (Mic. 6:8)
 - Judge.
 - Rom. 14:12 → So then every one of us will give account of himself to God.

• **Listen To His Voice**

- Jesus Christ Has All Authority
 - God, the Father, has given all authority to His Son, Jesus Christ.
 - Matt. 28:18 → And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All power (authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth. (Eph. 1:20-23; Matt. 17:5)
- God speaks to us today through His word.
 - II Tim. 3:16-17 → All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

- We must respect the authority of the word of God:
 - Col. 3:17 → And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.
 - I Pet. 4:11 → Whoever speaks, let it be with God's words.
 - II Jn. 9 → Everyone who goes on ahead and does not remain in the teaching of Christ does not have God. The one who remains in this teaching has both the Father and the Son. (Rev. 22:18-19)
- **How Do We Come To An Understanding of God's Will?**
 - How do we ascertain what His instructions are for us? -- what we are authorized to do in worshipping, serving Him?
 - Vital to be pleasing to him, and to avoid digression. (Matt. 7:21-23)
 - God, who made us, has communicated His will to us in a manner that is understandable. (Eph. 3:3-5)
 - Let's see how Christian's in the first century arrived at the will of God.
 - Acts 15.
 - The matter, question under discussion. (15:1)
 - The manner in which God's will is determined.
 - Necessary Inference. (15:7-11)
 - Approved Example. (15:12)
 - Direct Statement. (15:13-19)
 - Note: nowhere is there an appeal to what God has not said.
 - Jesus appealed to...
 - Commands. (Jn. 14:15)
 - Examples. (Jn. 13:15)
 - Necessary Inference. (Matt. 22:29-32)
 - Jesus and the silence of the scriptures:
 - Matt. 4:4 → Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God.
 - Heb. 7:14 → It is evident that our Lord sprang out of Judah; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning the priesthood.