

Is God Angry with Obedience?
2 Kings 23:1-20, Pew Bible p. 331
June 30, 2024

I. What Obedience to God Can Do (V. 21-25)

- A. Obedience to God helps you remember God's saving grace.
- B. Obedience to God forces you to know the Bible.
- C. Obedience to God rids you of sin's oppressive grip.

II. What Obedience to God Cannot Do (V. 26-30)

- A. Obedience to God cannot make up for everyone else's disobedience.
- B. Obedience to God cannot make up for an unbelieving heart.
- C. Obedience to God cannot end suffering.
 - 1. We're still going to hurt.
 - 2. We're still going to lose.
 - 3. We're still going to die.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Kings 23:21-30.
2. What does knowing the Bible have to do with our obedience to God? Give an example of how the Bible has helped you obey God, like it helped Josiah in verse 21.
3. Why do you think God was so serious about the people of Israel celebrating the Passover, as verse 21 implies? What did the Passover teach about God's salvation? What do you think the spiritual fallout was for the people of Israel when they failed to celebrate the Passover?
4. What does putting away idols and witchcraft have to do with establishing the word of God, according to verse 24? What idols has the Bible helped you discover in your life?
5. How is it fair that King Josiah's revival was not enough to turn back the wrath of God against Judah, according to verse 26? What are some reasons today that the actions of righteous people do not stop the wrath of God in the world?
6. Why would God allow the best king in Israel's history to lose a battle and die, according to verse 29? What does this tell us about our reward for obedience today? What does obedience to God give us? What does it not give us?
7. Pray for our church members to trample the idols in their lives. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00–6:30 pm in Worship Center.

John 4:21-24 (ESV)

²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting:

- Please pray for God to bring us a new worship leader for the long-term.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Glendale, Arizona.
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- PRAY for family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:
Sharon L. (children & grandchildren); Marge D. (son, Matthew); Rezwana D. (parents); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Gary & Betty B. (grandchildren & siblings); Sophia W. (husband); Charity M. (daughter); Kayla P. (nephew, Jordan); V. family (Ashley & Jesse); Michelle LaM. (son); and Debbie B. (son-in-law)
- PRAY for families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Tom & Joy M. (her mother); family of LeRoy H.; family of Rita H.; and family of Don R.
- PRAY for those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Leon V. (chemo); Jan B. (health); Marge D. (health); Kathy W. (health); Michelle LaM. (health); Susan K. (surgery recovery); Jan O. (health); Joy M. (surgery recovery); Randie A. (health); Matthew M. (housing); Debbie B. (radiation); Debbie P. (health); Kelly J. (surgery recovery); Mimi M. (ongoing health issues); Jacque B. (health); Jeff S. (upcoming surgery); John P. (surgery recovery); Larry D. (recovery from back surgery); Greg C. (recovery from cataract surgery); Ruthie C. (health); Margaret J. (recovery from surgery); Mary R. (infection; kidney issues); Bonnie V. (recovery from back surgery); Ken R. (kidney stones); Laura M. (fractured pelvis); and Betty B. (recovery from fall)
- PRAY for others that you are aware of.