

Trust And Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

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Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.

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Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

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But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows, for the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

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Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet.
Or we'll walk by His side in the way.
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.

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Taking Gathered Worship Home

Family and Individual Devotions

Meditations in the Book of Hebrews

The Life of Faith-Rooted in God's Promises,

Running to the New Jerusalem

Week of October 28, 2007

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the magnitude of scripture. **Hebrews 3:1-2** is a perfect example. Reading these verses quickly would miss two truths of great importance to the Christian. First, we are called "**holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling**". The Christian is identified as a participant in the heavenly works of Jesus Christ. This makes us ministry partners with Christ, **and** with other Christians. Second, we are exhorted to "**consider**" Christ and how he "**was faithful to the one who appointed Him**". "**Consider**" is a proactive word meaning we are to give close scrutiny to the example of Christ. The Christian is to study how Christ was faithful to the one who appointed Him (the Father), and direct that same faithfulness to the one who has appointed us (Christ). Obeying this command brings great depths to the Christian life.

Sunday 10/28

Read: These two truths add significance to being the "**people of God**" (**I Peter 2:10**). Christians are fellow travelers with one another, and our mutual journey leads us all to the same heavenly destination. Our actions along the way are important. Are you a mere "**hearers of the word**", or are you an actual "**doers**" (**James 1:22**).

Application: The word of God is to have an impact on your actions. You are not to place your life on cruise control as you travel towards heaven. You are to emulate Christ, the object of your faith. Think about those things that are pure, speak with a tongue that is wholesome, and act with the grace and mercy of Christ.

Pray: Your life would edify the lives of others.

Monday 10/29

Read: Fellow sojourners assist each other. You are to use the word of God to "**teach, correct, rebuke and train in righteousness**" (II Timothy 3:16). This is the God given method of helping others. It is also how others help you.

Application: Help others as you allow other to help you. This synergy helps the Christian avoid the ensnarement of sin, encourage each other and spur one another on towards love and good deeds. This assistance sometimes requires correcting or rebuking others. This is not often a pleasant task, but when performed in a godly manner, it is always positive.

Pray: You would actively participate in the lives of others and you would allow others to participate in yours.

Tuesday 10/30

Read: It helps to understand that while we cannot achieve perfection in this life, we are nevertheless commanded to "**press on to make it (perfection) our own**" (Philippians 3:12). In his second epistle Peter says, "**be even more diligent to make your call and election sure**" (II Peter 1:10).

Application: We turn to God in repentance of sin because we understand how our sin offends God. We grieve our disobedience, and hate the sin that is in us. Faith in Christ enables us to live a life of new obedience to Him. This is what you are doing when you "**make your call and election sure**". You no longer revel in the sin of your past, but strive fervently to remove that sin and become more Christ like. As St. Augustine wrote "In Christ you are **able not to sin**".

Pray: For a vivid memory of the day you turned your life over to Christ. That this memory would spur you towards a life that is increasingly obedient to Christ.

Wednesday 10/31

Read: Your obedience requires a knowledge of God's word. This knowledge is obtained only if you study the bible, and conscientiously endeavor to do what it says. You allow the bible to teach, correct, rebuke and train you in righteousness.

Application: You have a God given ability to not sin. Allow the bible to remove the disobedience from your life. Start doing the things God commands you to do, and stop doing the things God's word forbids.

Pray: You will rest in confidence remembering Gods promise that he will complete the good work he has started in you.

Thursday 11/1

Read: Jesus stated "**For I have come down from heaven not to do my will, but to do the will of him who sent me**" (John 6:38). This is how Christ "**was faithful to the one who appointed him**" (Hebrews 3:2). Ultimately, God placed the Son into service to atone for the sin of Gods chosen people.

Application: God placed Jesus into service for specific purposes, God has called you into service for specific purposes. Jesus's goal was to do all that the father had sent him to do, Christ was "**faithful to the one who appointed him**". Likewise, we are to be faithful to the one who has appointed us.

Pray: That you will faithfully seek the will of God in your life and endeavor to carry out that will.

Friday 11/2

Read: Jesus gave his life "**as a ransom for many**" (Matthew 20:28, Mark 10:45). This was Gods will for his life. Jesus prayed that "**this cup**" would be taken from him. However, the attitude of Christ was "**yet not what I will, but what you will**" (John 14:36).

Application: Jesus was aware of the magnitude of the sacrifice Gods willed for his life. He did not back down from that sacrifice. Christ focused on doing all that God desired regardless of its cost. In the same way, you are called to know Gods will and to do it sacrificially.

Pray: For a heart that unquestionably desires to do the will of God.

Saturday 11/3

Read: Understanding you are called to do the will of God is easy, actually committing your life to the fulfillment of that will is something else. You are not perfect, you have a continuing battle with the flesh.

Application: Your battle with the flesh often leads you away from Gods will. Keep your mind and heart focused on Gods heavenly calling. Help others keep their calling in sight.

Pray: Your heart will not be hardened. That you would have a believing heart. That your belief would be an encouragement to others.