

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

WALKING WITH JESUS

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PART 7: THE COST OF DISOBEDIENCE

ADAM AND EVE

From the creation of Adam and Eve, obedience is the one thing that God has demanded from mankind! God commanded Adam and Eve to do three things:

1. They were to be fruitful and have children.
2. They were to develop a civilization on the earth, which included growing food. **Genesis 1:28**
3. They were forbidden to eat of the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. **Genesis 2:16-17**

How did Adam and Eve comply with God's instructions? They became fruitful and had lots of children but they corrupted the earth instead of developing it. **Genesis 6:5-12**

They ate fruit of the tree which God had forbidden. **Genesis 3:1-6**

The end result was that God exterminated nearly all of mankind, killed all animals, birds and creeping things with the exception of Noah and his family along with the clean animals which God had placed in the ark. **Genesis 7:1-24**

MOSES AND AARON

Moses and Aaron were two great leaders whom God raised up to become the founders of the nation of Israel. Both of them loved the Lord; they were greatly anointed and yet at the end of their lives they were punished by God for disobedience. One act of disobedience cost them the glory of leading Israel into the Promised Land. **Numbers 20:7-12**

At Mount Hor, God instructed Moses to strip Aaron of his priestly garments in front of the people of Israel and then God took Aaron home. **Numbers 20:22-29**

God allowed Moses to live a little longer until he too was called to meet God on the top of Mount Nebo. **Deuteronomy 34:1-7**

KING SAUL

The act of rebellion and disobeying the commandment of God cost King Saul the Kingdom of Israel and his life. **1 Samuel 15:11-29; 28:5-19; 31:1-6**

KING DAVID

King David loved the Lord and became Israel's beloved songwriter, who wrote most of the songs recorded in the book of Psalms. **Psalms 18:1-6**

David disobeyed God when he lusted after Bathsheba, committed adultery with her which made her pregnant and murdered her husband Uriah to hide his iniquity. This sin



would greatly cost David as the Lord sent word that the sword would never leave the house of David. **2 Samuel 12:7-15**

JESUS WANTS OBEDIENCE FROM HIS DISCIPLES

The Bible tells us that Jesus is the Creator. **John 1:1-3; Hebrews 1:1-3**

It was Jesus that walked and talked with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and it was Jesus that met with Moses and instructed him. **Romans 10:1-4**

If you want to find out how Jesus thinks, you have only to read His accounts in the Bible. I have provided four examples when God's people did not obey Him. The apostle Paul clearly stated how God felt about the disobedience of the Israelites. **1 Corinthians 10:6-11**

Jesus is our Savior and the definition of love and compassion; nevertheless, He demands obedience! When you obey Jesus, is the proof that shows your love for Him. **John 14:15**

Jesus clearly told the disciples what He wanted from them. **John 15:1-14**

HOW MUCH GRACE DOES JESUS GIVE?

Adam and Eve were offered salvation. **Genesis 3:15**

Moses and Aaron were both saved and are in heaven today but lost some of their rewards on earth as neither of them made it into the Promised Land.

King Saul lost his kingdom and his life but was saved when he joined the prophet Samuel in death.

King David disobedience caused the wrath of God to fall on his family but he was still saved and is in heaven today.

A Christian should never speculate as to how much he can sin and get away with before God's hammer comes down; instead, you should be spend your time in an attitude of prayer, cultivating a relationship with Jesus in every area of your life.

Jesus will bring judgment on His people while they are still on the earth and also later at the Judgment Seat of Christ. **Hebrews 10:30-31; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11**

Throw yourself on God's mercy, repent as needed and press in toward the arms of Jesus. **Psalms 103:1-18**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?