

Why Should I Obey God?

Ex 5:2

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Intro: Pharaoh's attitude a lot like many's today.

A. People make all sorts of excuses why they can't or won't obey God.

1. Like the child who questions obedience to parents
2. Like the employee who questions obedience to boss
3. Like the criminal who questions obedience to law

B. While there are good reasons to obey each of the above, the Bible gives us the BEST reasons to obey God.

1. Why should I obey God?

I. Because There IS a God

A. **Psalm 14:1** is right!

1. Only a fool would ignore the abundant evidence of God's existence.

2. **Psalm 19:1** - The universe

- a. It didn't happen by accident. God is powerful enough to design, create, and perpetuate the limitless universe

3. **Acts 14:16-17** - The earth & its bounty

- a. Whether man turns to Him or not, none can deny the earth's perfect position to provide life and sustenance to its inhabitants.

B. Man has always recognized that he needs something to worship.

1. We didn't get here by ourselves; We see mysteries we can't explain.
2. But man has rejected God and come up with "gods" of his own.
 - a. But they can't explain the deeper mysteries of the world & have failed to make the world any better.
3. These "gods" not very powerful! Foolish to believe in them! - **Rom 1:18-23**

C. There IS a God, a REAL God who is higher & mightier than us!

1. He's infinite in knowledge & power and requires my obedience and so I WILL obey.
2. *"The first duty of every soul is to find not its freedom but its Master."* Peter T. Forsythe

II. Because His Will Is Revealed In The Bible

A. Some claim it's just a book concocted in the mind of man

1. If so, how can it contain detailed prophecies written hundreds of years before their fulfillment?
2. If so, how can it be so unified in purpose and message
 - a. 40 authors (from fishermen to kings) writing over period of about 2,000 years
 - b. Themes that are unparalleled by any other book
 - c. Contains a standard of morality so high that its writers & heroes are embarrassed or condemned by what they wrote!
3. Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself, but because it contradicts them!

B. The Bible is God's message to man and is complete for its purpose

1. **2 Tim 3:16-17**

2. Though God's thoughts are higher than ours (*Is 55:8-9*), he shares them with us in words we can understand.

a. **1 Cor 2:6-16**

- b. It tells us of His Son, and the authority of His Son

C. It is by the words of His Son that we will be judged

1. **John 12:48**

2. On the final day, there will be no excuses, no explaining away, and no alibis and so I will obey God because His word tells me how.

III. Because God Knows Me

A. God knows everything he chooses to.

1. He certainly knows what I'm up to
 - a. **Psalm 139:1-8; 15-16; Prov 15:3**

- B. He knows my abilities & potentials, strengths & weaknesses, aversions & tendencies.
 - 1. If I believe that God knows me, then I believe He demands my best since He knows what it is and that He'll hold me personally responsible for failing to live up to my potential.
 - 2. He also knows my name and wants to write it in the Book of Life
 - a. **2 Tim 2:19**
 - 3. Since He knows me even better than I know myself, I'll obey Him.

IV. Because He Loves Me

- A. We can wonder why God would be concerned with a puny human living on a speck of dust in this vast universe
 - 1. We can speculate on why He would show concern for someone who has sinned against Him and fallen short of His glory (Rom 3:23).
 - 2. We can question why He cares since I'm an insignificant part of His total creation.
- B. BUT He Does!
 - 1. He cares for lost sheep - **Luke 15:1-4**
 - 2. He provides for my sin and shortcomings - **Rom 5:8**
- C. Perhaps this is the greatest reason why I should obey!
 - 1. Love demands a response! The best response to love offered is love returned.
 - a. **1 John 4:10-11; 19**
- D. Yes, because He loves me, I will love Him in return by obeying Him!

Conc: *So many good reasons for obeying God and not a single good one to resist.*

- A. Why do you wait?
- B. INV