

Call to Worship

Trust & Obey

1.

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.

Refrain:

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

3.

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.

Refrain

2.

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 blest if we trust and obey.

Refrain

4.

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.

Refrain

Responsive Reading

(Taken from I Samuel 15:22, Mark 12:28-34)

Leader

Does the LORD have as great a delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices,
As in our obeying the voice of the LORD?

Response

Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice.

Leader

What has the LORD asked us to do?

Response

We should love the LORD our GOD with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and our
neighbors as ourselves.

Leader

You have answered well.

Unison

Blessed is the Name of the LORD.

Obedient

In Mark 12:28-34 is an account of a discussion that JESUS had with a scribe. In that discussion, the scribe asks what is the most important commandment. JESUS sites two commandments:

Love the LORD your GOD with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Love your neighbor as yourself.

At that point in the discussion, the prophet Samuel is quoted when they discuss that obeying these commands is more important than any burnt offering or sacrifice that can be made.

JESUS stated that these two commands are the focal point of all the laws and commands. If we earnestly and faithfully obey these commands, the others will be obeyed.

What is the difference between obedience and sacrifice? The principle difference is that when you obey then you are doing what someone else has decided is to be done; when you sacrifice then you are the one deciding what is to be done.

When one becomes a Christian, that person makes JESUS LORD of their life. As LORD, GOD gets to decide what is to be done. We are to trust and obey.

Often, we try and “make up” for our shortcomings by giving an offering or by sacrificing something. This is not what GOD has asked of us. We are not being obedient.

Clearly, obeying HIM is more desirable to HIM. But we are not perfect. What do we do about the times that we fail to obey HIM? That is when we need HIM the most. That is why HE is called our SAVIOR. JESUS has made up for our shortcomings. All we need is to trust in HIM.

Benediction

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you”, says the LORD,
“Thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11