KINGDOM PERSPECTIVES



How things fit together in the Kingdom

Obedience in the Kingdom

First up, it must be made plain that obedience relates to the law. By 'law', that can be rules, regulations, statutes, or laid-down law, such as the Torah. As such, obedience is an Old Covenant (OC) term, not one that belongs to the New Covenant (NC), and therefore, it doesn't belong in Kingdom vocabulary. Obedience belongs to the realm of legalism and religion, not the life and experience of Father's sons.

So where does that put us in understanding how we follow the King?

It's true, that he's the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, but that's his title in respect to all forms of sovereignty, kingdoms, empires and rulership. He is the preeminent one, the apex of beings that exist. There's no being greater or more important than him (apart from Father). Every level of authority will eventually be subservient to him, but in the meantime, he allows humanity to make their own choices and decisions in how they function and what systems they set up. That's what our created freewill allows us to do, and it's one he doesn't override, because we are his imagers, endowed by his authority to be autonomous.

With all the authority he has, why not obey the King, then?

The significant different for us is this: sonship. We aren't ordinary human beings, we're sons. That means we are in a family relationship with the Trinity – a filial relationship with Father and a brotherly² relationship with the King. This totally alters how we operate in regards to their authority over all things. In a natural family, our courteous role is to respect, honour and esteem those who are senior, older or have authority over us. Therefore, we honour Father and our brother, King Jesus, wanting to do what they would have us do (or say, or go). Of course our base nature,³ plus our soul and our mind, get in the way of doing that perfectly, but we work on it, day after day, to perfect it.

This "wanting to do what they would have us do" is what they're after with us. It's why they continually call us in their prophetic messages, to be in alignment with them. That alignment is most easily done when we have their heart and mind, which will override our own. That will then focus us onto their plans, but to make that change, it requires us to be deprogrammed and reprogrammed, and to be taught and trained to be sons. Growing in sonship maturity, then, will allow us to be more in alignment with them so we can be more about their business, rather than their own.

Under sonship alignment, despite having autonomy to do whatever we want, we don't follow laws or rules. Instead, we move in partnership with them, as we go about life and our Kingdom assignments. There's no legalistic obedience involved in that, just a desire to outwork their plans (which are the best plans), rather than our own.

You see, we aren't slaves or servants, despite what we may have been taught. We're sons, so we <u>don't</u> have a servant role in our relationship with the Trinity. We <u>are</u> their servants to humanity, to those we come in contact with – just like Jesus of Nazareth described himself and functioned. We have freedom to do this, which is why our heart and attitudes matter. Having their heart means we will serve humanity, but we'll do it as Father's sons, not as his slaves.

^{1 –} e.g. "Because of your autonomy to make your own choices, you must be prepared for the consequences of being out of alignment with me." MESSAGE: "Coronavirus" (5-3-2020) canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/MESSAGE-Coronavirus-5-3-2020.pdf

^{2 -} He ascended as the man Jesus and is the "first-born of many". Therefore he is our 'big' brother.

^{3 - &}quot;What is 'the Flesh" (2-8-2020) canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/What-is-the-Flesh.pdf

^{4 – &}quot;The Trinity's Messages About Alignment With Them" canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/The-Trinitys-Messages-About-Alignment-With-Them.pdf

Father has reinforced this freedom from obedience by constantly using the terms 'comply' and 'compliance' in his messages to us⁵ – in fact, he's even given us a message just on that topic.⁶ Comply has within it the idea that it's Father's desire that we choose to follow his instructions and advice, rather than doing what we want.

Now many will object to what I've written so far, citing 'God's' anger against those who disobey him. Unfortunately, that's an OC/OT view of him, as it relates to their covenant with him which was based on the Law, not on unconditional love as it is under the NC. We must reject that idea of him because it has no alignment with his character and how he operates with humanity.⁸

In that regard, there should be <u>no</u> fear in not complying with his personal directives as all failures, like sins, are covered by the Blood. That doesn't mean we should deliberately ignore his personal instructions to us or to make a habit of rejecting them for our own desires. In reality, though, because we don't listen to him 24/7 and hear clearly at all times, <u>we're all guilty of gross negligence in the matter of compliance</u>. If we're serious about following his instructions, we should make it a point for our growth and development as sons to fine-tune our spiritual hearing ability.

Also, there are no recriminations⁹ or judicial punishments meted out by Father, of the type outlined under the OC. The Cross dealt with all our failures and shortcoming – every one of them. ¹⁰ Therefore, we should not allow fear to affect us, or let accusations come against our mind when we fail to follow his personal instructions <u>perfectly</u>.

Compliance to the King's wishes, is acceptable at this point in time. However, the time is coming when mature sons will obey his voice by having no hesitation in doing what he's instructed, nor have any qualms about it. This obedience is not legalistic, but one of love and devotion, where only what he wants matters to the ones who obey. This is the King's plan for us, as he outlined to us in 2020:

"They know I am the General, the Supreme Commander, and they are totally committed to my voice. They love me and they obey, not just comply. They carry out my plans to the best of their abilities, relying on me and my Spirit to guide them and to empower them." 11

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• WATCH: Mike Parsons "Redefining Obedience: A New Perspective on Relationship with God" youtu.be/OOwMaF8wMPo

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5 – e.g. "All I'm Wanting is Compliance" (16-12-2016)

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6 – "All I'm Wanting is Compliance" (29-5-2021)

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- 8 READ: "Love Always Wins" (6-2-2020) canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/INVESTIGATION-What-is-Salvation17.pdf
- 9 'retaliatory accusations' <u>www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/recrimination</u>
- 10 READ: "What About God's Wrath?" (3-3-2024) canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/INVESTIGATION-Understanding-Judgement8.pdf
- 11 "The King's Shock-troops" (6-8-2020) canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/MESSAGE-The-Kings-Shock-troops-6-8-2020.pdf

^{7 - &#}x27;God': I use this term in inverted commas because 'God' is the generic term people use, while I don't any more. I have an intimate relationship with the members of the Trinity, so I refer to each of them by name, out of relationship. From my oneness with them, I collectively refer to them as The Trinity.