

Deferred Obedience 2 - Part 1

by Joshua Daniel

The sermon emphasizes the importance of seeking the lost and the consequences of prioritizing money over people, highlighting the need for deferred obedience to God's will.

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Scripture: Matthew 18:12

Topics: "Obedience To God", "Consequences Of Sin"

Description

This sermon by Joshua Daniel emphasizes the impact of disobedience to God, highlighting how it affects families, communities, and nations. He warns against deferring obedience and the consequences of turning away from God's will. Using the analogy of a shepherd seeking a lost sheep, he stresses the importance of not letting even one soul perish. The message also addresses societal issues like substance abuse and the responsibility of parents in shaping their children's behavior.

Transcript

Welcome to the Lord's Challenge with Joshua Daniel. The Layman's Evangelical Fellowship International is a ministry reaching people from all walks of life since 1935. After a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ at the age of 16, Joshua Daniel has been declaring the marvelous deliverance from sin, which is freely given to all those who return to the loving Saviour.

From small villages to large cities, in many parts of the globe, through revival meetings, literature, radio, internet, and television, Joshua Daniel has been tirelessly laboring, trusting God to supply all that is needed. Wherever this message has gone out, broken relationships have been restored, sickness healed, ill-gotten money returned, and thieves turn into givers. We now invite you to watch and receive the invaluable blessing that God has for you.

When a father disobeys God, the impact on the very character and destiny of that family is going to be different, so different. And when a mother disobeys God, it is going to affect the very nerves of the children, the harmony of the house, the peace in the house. We think nothing of saying, oh, I disagree with you.

Any brat can walk up to our president and say, this is a free country. I disagree with you. And we feel we applaud the little brat.

And we say, yes, boy, you're a courageous soul, you know. You took on the president today. No, my dear friends, no, no, no.

That's not the way to go at all. We are like little brats having an argument with the living God. Who is good? You are not going to win in that argument.

And a lot of people are going to suffer around you. Deferred obedience. Now, when you turn to the 12th chapter of Matthew, sorry, 18th chapter, which we just read now, here is, again, a simile taken from sheep and a sheepfold.

The 12th verse, how think you, if a man have a hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not lead the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? If so be that he find it, truly I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep than that of the ninety, than of the ninety and nine, which went not astray. Even so, it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. Oh, it's not God's will.

You see, especially when almost on a daily basis or a weekly basis, a nation has to face sorrow and mourning, death from all kinds of sources. 9-11, you see, when a nation has to be commemorating these events, the Holocaust, and the few survivors of the Holocaust. See, when all these dismal events are taking place around us, and when we see how young lives are being snatched away, the power of God's word to reach to the uttermost, almost the cynical representation of events, by which the final word is, okay, we have had this tragedy on campus, but more students are dying from binge drinking and drugs, far greater number.

Every weekend, nobody pays attention. Here is the tax money coming in from all these alcoholic drinks. On the one hand, you take this money from the taxes collected from the drunkards and the alcoholics, whose families are being destroyed, and then you take that tax money and say, we are going to have special shelters for you, and we are going to reform you, can kind of dry you out.

You know, it's going to be a long process, and you will have to keep returning to us periodically, every month, and go through the same process. But who initiated them? Who started them? The father of the family. The children got a taste for that cursed stuff.

From whom? The dad. The mom. So greed has a devastating harvest.

So when you're greedy for that money that comes from the distillers, you are saying, though the price is fine, I can sacrifice two million of the inhabitants to this vice. Oh, my dear friends, playing with the word of God and pushing the self-destruct button and defying the laws of God. Here, God says, I have no pleasure.

So what is wrong? Deferred obedience, not seeking the lost. You know the pastor is paid to do the job, you know. This is the workplace, and in the workplace, we don't want a mention of Jesus Christ.

Don't you have any firefighting equipment in a workplace? Don't you have a little red chest which says emergency drugs or something? In Miami Air...

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