

The Eternal Goal

by Oswald Chambers

Our goal should be to know God Himself, not just to experience joy, peace, or blessings, but to have a deep and intimate relationship with Him.

Scripture: John 14:15, Romans 6:16, 2 Corinthians 1:20, 2 Corinthians 10:4, 2 Peter 1:4, 1 John 2:5

Topics: "Obedience To God", "Following Christ"

Description

Oswald Chambers emphasizes the importance of obedience in our relationship with God, highlighting that prompt obedience is the only response when God speaks to our hearts. Through obedience, we come to understand the nature of God and His promises become real to us. Chambers stresses that our ultimate goal should be God Himself, not just the blessings or joy He provides, and that we must be willing to follow Him at any cost and by any road.

Transcript

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled."

2 Corinthians 10:4-6

"At any cost, by any road" means nothing self-chosen in the way God brings us to the goal.

There is no possibility of questioning God when He speaks, if He speaks to His own nature in me. Prompt obedience is the only result. When Jesus says, "Come," I simply come; when He says, "Let go," I let go; when He says, "Trust God in this matter," I trust. This work of obedience is the evidence that the nature of God is in me....

It is through the discipline of obedience that I get to the place where Abraham was and I see who God is. God will never be real to me until I come face to face with Him in Jesus Christ. Then I will know and can boldly proclaim,

"...in all the world, my God, there is none but Thee,

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The promises of God are of no value to us until, through obedience, we come to understand the nature of God. We may read some things in the Bible every day for a year and they may mean nothing to us. Then, because we have been obedient to God in some small detail, we suddenly see what God means and His nature is instantly opened up to us.

"All the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen." The "yea" must be born of obedience; when by the obedience of our lives we say "Amen" to a promise, then that promise is ours."

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My goal is God Himself, not joy nor peace;

Nor even blessing, but Himself, my God.

'Tis His to lead me there, not mine but His...

At any cost, dear Lord, by any road.

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