

OBEDIENT LOVE

Obedience is an attitude of the heart towards a higher authority. As believers, that higher authority is **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) Himself. It sounds scary, but surrendering yourself completely to the obedience of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s ways is what's required of us to possess an intimate relationship with **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and **וְיָהוּשָׁה** (Yahusha).

You ask, "How important is obedience to **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)?" In the gospel of Yahukanon (John), obedience to **וְיָהוּשָׁה** (Yahusha) is underscored time and time again. **John 14:15** says, "If you love me, you will obey what I Command."

Obedience to **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is very important in your growth. We can honor and maintain obedience to **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) by pondering, or meditating on the words of **וְיָהוּשָׁה** (Yahusha). The term "to ponder" means to weigh in the mind, to think or reflect, especially quietly and deeply. To ponder on something is like meditation which implies a definite focusing of one's thoughts on something in order to understand it deeply.

For this is the love of Alhym, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. **1 John 5:3**

He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." **John 14:21**

וְיָהוּשָׁה (Yahusha) answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me. **John 14:23-24**

"And now, Yasharal (Israel), what does **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) your Alhym require of you, but to fear **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) your Alhym, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) your Alhym with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the Commandments of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and His statutes which I command you today for your good. **Deuteronomy 10:12-13**

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, in that I Command you today to love **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) your Alhym, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) your Alhym will Barak (Bless) you in the land which you go to possess. **Deuteronomy 30:15-16**

I call Shamym (Heavens) and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, Barakah (Blessing) and Cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) your Alhym, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Yitshaq (Isaac), and Yaqoob (Jacob), to give them." **Deuteronomy 30:19-20**

WHAT IS OBEDIENCE?

In Scripture there are several different words used for obedience. In order to establish the principal meaning of these words in our minds let's review them.

שָׁמָּה (Shama)

שָׁ (Shin); Sharp, Press, Eat, Consume, Destroy. מָ (Mem); Chaos, Mighty, Blood. עָ (Ayin); To See, Experience, Watch, Know, Shade. Obedience means: Destroy (Consume) the Chaos (Blood) and Know (See. Experience).

Shama (shaw-mah') 8085; is the primary word used throughout the Tanakh (OT). The word has as its primary root the meaning, "to hear intelligently." Note the word hear, is central to the meaning. a primitive root; to hear intelligently (often with implication of attention, obedience, etc.; causatively, to tell, etc.): attentively, call (gather) together, carefully, certainly, consent, consider, be content, declare, diligently, discern, give ear, (cause to, let, make to) hear (tell), indeed, listen, make (a) noise, (be) obedient, obey, perceive, (make a) proclaim(-ation), publish, regard, report, shew (forth), (make a) sound, surely, tell, understand, whosoever (hears), witness.

Yâqah (yaw-kah') 3348; From an unused root probably meaning to obey; obedient;

Yiqqahah (yik-kaw-haw') 3349; from the same as 3348; obedience: -gathering, to obey.

Yaquthiy'el (yak-ooth-ee'-ale) 3354; from the same as 3348 and 410; obedience of אַחֲזַיִל (Yahuah).

Toqahath (to-kah'-ath) 8445, from the same as 3349; obedience; Tokahath, an Yasharalite (Israelite).

Hupakouo (hoop-ak-oo'-o) 5219: This Greek word is used widely throughout the Brit HaDashah (NT). The word is really made up of two (2) words: hupo meaning under or beneath, and akouo meaning to hear. Thus the meaning of the word could be stated as, "to hear under." It carried with it the thought of subordination, or the recognition of authority and wisdom. It is an attitude of hearing.

"For as by one man's (Adam) disobedience many were made Sinners, so by the obedience of One **אֲחִישָׁרָאֵל** (Yahusha) shall many be made Righteous" **Romans 5:19**.

Redemption, which is necessary because of the disobedience of man, is possible because of the obedient love of **אֲחִישָׁרָאֵל** (Yahusha). Obedience is at the center of man's problem and **אֲחִישָׁרָאֵל** (Yahuah)'s solution. As we study the true meaning of obedience we see the necessity of obedience for Salvation, Barakah (Blessing) and living a life that honors **אֲחִישָׁרָאֵל** (Yahuah).

אֲחִישָׁרָאֵל (Yahusha) lived in total obedience to his Father and calls everyone to do the same. When we make that decision to obey, we follow **אֲחִישָׁרָאֵל** (Yahusha) in the purest way. A believer's obedience comes from his Amunah (Faith) in **אֲחִישָׁרָאֵל** (Yahusha). Through him and for his Name's sake, we received unmerited favor (grace) and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from Amunah (Faith). **Romans 1:5**.

The author of **Proverbs 14:15** makes a good point: "A simple man believes anything, but a prudent man gives thought to his steps." **אֲחִישָׁרָאֵל** (Yahusha) is very concerned about us and He wants us to do more than participate in good works, He wants us to believe in Him. He wants us to come up higher and be "like" Him. When we are being obedient to **אֲחִישָׁרָאֵל** (Yahuah), we are doing just that: knowing Him, loving Him, and having a personal, intimate relationship with Him. To do this, we must be attentive to **אֲחִישָׁרָאֵל** (Yahuah)'s commandments. This is not an

option, because you can't have an intimate relationship with **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) and not live by the words He taught. Obedience to **AYAZL** (Yahuah) is living out his Word daily because you want to and enjoy being filled with the obedient love of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha).

OWYAZL (Yahusha) said in **John 14:15**, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." Obedience also deals with the individual's own attitude toward **AYAZL** (Yahuah). Legalism, on the other hand, places the commandment above the commander. It places the emphasis on the law itself, and the keeping of it for law's sake, rather than to the glory of its Giver. Those who are legalistic also tend to look at the activities of others rather than their own heart (attitude).

Biblical references to "Obedience" from Tanakh (Old Testament):

Hebrew word Shama - "to hear, listen, obey". "If you obey My voice ..., you shall be My possession" **Exodus 19:5**

"All that **AYAZL** (Yahuah) has spoken we will do; we will be obedient" **Exodus 24:7**

"Hear, O Yasharal (Israel), **AYAZL** (Yahuah) is Echad (One)" **Deuteronomy 6:4**

"If you listen obediently to My Commandments" **Deuteronomy 11:13**

"And Samuel said, "Has **AYAZL** (Yahuah) as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of **AYAZL** (Yahuah)? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. **1 Samuel 15:22**"

"My people did not listen to My voice; Yasharal (Israel) did not obey Me". **Psalms 81:11**

Brit HaDashah (New Testament)

Greek word hupakouo; - "to listen under, to obey, obedience;" used 21 times:

"Obedience of Amunah (Faith) among the Gentiles" **Romans 1:5**

"Obedience of Amunah (Faith)" **Romans 16:26**

"Taking every thought captive to the obedience of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)" **II Corinthians 10:5**

"He became to all who obey Him the source of Salvation" **Hebrews 5:9**

"That you may obey **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach" **1 Peter 1:2**

"As obedient children...be Set apart" **1 Peter 1:14**

"You have in obedience to the truth purified your Souls" **1 Peter 1:22**

"We must obey **AYAZL** (Yahuah) rather than men" **Acts 5:29**

"The Ruch (Spirit) whom **AYAZL** (Yahuah) has given to those who obey Him" **Acts 5:32**

"Do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness" **Romans 2:8**

"Who hindered you from obeying the truth?" **Galatians 5:7**

From all of these Scriptures, we have a clear picture that true believers can and do obey **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s Commandments and are not living immorally.

This Book of Turah (the Law) shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to obey (do according) to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. **Joshua 1:8**

BEING OBEDIENT TO אַיָּהּ (YAHUAH)

Webster's dictionary defines obedient as being submissive to the restraint or command of authority: willing to obey. So to be obedient to someone is to be submissive and willing to obey. Willing means to obey with joy. To be willing to obey means that you should have already realized what needs to be done and do it without being asked.

"Not every one who says to me, 'Master, Master,' will enter the Kingdom of the Shamym (Heavens), but only those who are obedient to my Father who is in Shamym (Heavens).
Matthew 7:21

"Here are my mother and my brothers. For wherever there is one who has been obedient to אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), there is my brother--my sister--and my mother." **Mark 3:35**

"My food," said **וַיָּשׁוּׁה** (Yahusha), "is to be obedient to Him who sent me, and fully to accomplish His work. **John 4:34**

The word of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) increased and the number of the disciples multiplied in Yarusalym (Jerusalem) exceedingly. A great company of the priests were obedient to the Amunah (Faith). **Acts 6:7**

To whom our fathers wouldn't be obedient, but rejected him, and turned back in their hearts to Mitsrym (Egypt), **Acts 7:39**

But thanks be to אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), that, whereas you were bond servants of Sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching where unto you were delivered. **Romans 6:17**

For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Mashiach has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, **Romans 15:18**

For to this end I also wrote, that I might know the proof of you, whether you are obedient in all things. **2 Corinthians 2:9**

We tear down arguments, and every presumption set up against the knowledge of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah); and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Mashiach. **2 Corinthians 10:5**

And being found in human form, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, yes, the Death of the Stake. **Philippians 2:8**

Therefore, my dearly-loved friends, as I have always found you obedient, labor earnestly with fear and trembling--not merely as though I were present with you, but much more now since I am absent from you--labor earnestly, I say, to make sure of your own Salvation. **Philippians 2:12**

Be obedient to those leading you, and be subject, for these do watch for your souls, as about to give account, that with joy they may do this, and not sighing, for this 'is' unprofitable to you. **Hebrews 13:17**

But prove yourselves obedient to the Message, and do not be mere hearers of it, imposing a delusion upon yourselves. **James 1:22**

But he who looks closely into the perfect Turah (Law), the Turah (Law) of freedom and continues looking, he, being not a hearer who forgets, but an obedient doer, will as the result of

his obedience be Baruk (Blessed). **James 1:25**

As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: **1 Peter 1:14**

He took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people, and they said, "All that **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) has spoken will we do, and be obedient." **Exodus 24:7**

But if from there you will seek **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) your Alhym, you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. When you are in tribulation, and all these things are come upon you, even in the latter days, if you turn to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) your Alhym, and shall be obedient unto his voice; **Deuteronomy 4:29-30**

As the nations which **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) destroys before your face, so shall you perish; because you would not be obedient unto the voice of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) your Alhym. **Deuteronomy 8:20**

If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; **Isaiah 1:19**

Who gave Yaaqob (Jacob) for a spoil, and Yasharal (Israel) to the robbers? Did not **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), he against whom we have sinned? For they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his Turah (law). **Isaiah 42:24**

OBEDIENCE TO **אֱלֹהִים (YAHUAH)'S COMMANDMENTS**

Grace without obedience to **וְיֵשׁוּעָה** (Yahusha) is a counterfeit grace, living as though **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) ignores or condones our Sins. Forgiveness means that Sin is real, and must be dealt with. We cannot ignore it, because **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) does not ignore it. The denial of Sin is not grace: it is a lie.

Counterfeit grace is unmerited favor (grace) without obedience, it is not the unmerited favor (grace) given to us through **וְיֵשׁוּעָה** (Yahusha). Counterfeit grace is living without the demand of obedience upon us.

And where there is no call for obedience, then all things are tolerated. "Do your own thing" becomes the norm and nothing can be labeled as "Sinful." No act is clearly right or wrong. Thus, there is no need of forgiveness. But Yahukanon (John) insists that **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) calls us to obey the commands that have been given, he also reminds us that when we fall short of keeping them, there is forgiveness in **וְיֵשׁוּעָה** (Yahusha). Whether thoughts, words or deeds, they can be dealt with only when one confesses, repents and is forgiven. In short, the call to confession, repentance and the offer of forgiveness go hand in hand with the call to obedience.

Obedience is the basis of having assurance of knowing **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). Those who know **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) are obedient to the Commands of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). Obedience is the manifestation or evidence of our knowledge of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah).

The idea that knowledge of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) expresses itself in obedience has its roots in the Tanakh (OT). The prophets especially spoke of knowing **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), though more often they rebuked the people for not knowing **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) **Job 36:12; Jeremiah 9:6; Isaiah 1:3; 5:13; 1 Samuel 2:12.**

The lack of knowledge of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) does not imply intellectual inadequacy in comprehending **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). Rather it points to a moral failure, to a lack of faithfulness and obedience. Those who know **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), live according to the way that **אֱלֹהִים**

(Yahuah) prescribes. "Knowing אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)" is understood in personal, intimate relationship terms.

Those who are "in אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)" are those whose character and behavior are shaped by אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s Truth, Righteousness and Love. In fact, אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s truth is viewed as something that is active, indwelling and powerful, something that shapes the person in whom it dwells. Obviously, then, those who have אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s truth within them, and who know אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), will manifest אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s character.

Obedience to אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) is simple. Do as the Word of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) tell you or as the Ruch (Spirit) of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) directs you! Even though your flesh will tell you that it cannot be done.

Matthew 19:26 tells us that with אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) ALL things are possible, ALL not some. Now אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) cannot lie and He is no respecter of persons, so what He does for one, He will do for you. So when **OWYָּהּ (Yahusha)** told His disciples that all things are possible through אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), then He is telling that to you also.

The sinful nature of man is such that we hate correction, but **Proverbs 15:10** tells us that he who hates correction will die. So we had better learn to like it. Just keep in mind that אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) only corrects those that He loves.

And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons: My son, do not regard lightly אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s discipline, and do not lose heart when he exposes you, because אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) corrects those he loves and he scourges (whips) everyone he accepts as a son.

Hebrews 12:5-6

If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; **Isaiah 1:19**

אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and shalom (peace) for those who have been trained by it. So rejoice in אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s discipline because it means that He loves you. If He does not discipline you then it means you are illegitimate.

We are corrected so that we can share in אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s Barakah (Blessings) so we might know the Righteousness and Shalom (Peace) of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah). But the most important thing is to learn from discipline and do not repeat your mistakes.

In your obedience you will be Baruk (Blessed), but as with all of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s promises there is a prerequisite. YOU MUST OBEY!! It is not as hard as you think. Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy my burden is light **Matthew 11:28-30**.

Disobedience is Sin. It disregards the standards set by אַיָּהּ (Yahuah). Not even the best example of serving אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) can take the place of simple surrender to אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) in full obedience to His Commands. Disobedience can bring forth spiritual death to a person who was once saved, ponder the following Scriptures that clarify this and do not let yourself be deceived:

Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of Sin resulting in Death, or of Obedience resulting in Righteousness? **Romans 6:16**

For if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Ruch (Spirit) you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **Romans 8:13**

Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. **Hebrews 5:8**

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a Stake. **Philippians 2:8**

For אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) did not call us to be impure, but to live a Set Apart life. Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah), who gives you his Ruch Ah Qudesh. **1 Thessalonians 4:7, 8**

For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of **OWYָּאֵל (Yahusha)** and אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah). **6** Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) comes upon the sons of disobedience. **7** Therefore do not be partakers with them. **Ephesians. 5:5-7**

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah). **1 Corinthians 6:9, 10**

But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars, their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second (2nd) death. **Revelations 21:8**

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah). **Galatians 5:19-21**

The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Ruch (Spirit), from the Ruch (Spirit) will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. **Galatians 6:8, 9**

My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, **20** let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his Soul from Death and will cover a multitude of Sins **James 5:19, 20**

Whoever has my Commandments and guards (watching over) them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” **John 14:21**

Remember this, **OWYָּאֵל (Yahusha)** described his true spiritual family as those who put into practice אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s word and do his will. He replied, "My mother and brothers are those who hear אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s word and put it into practice (Do it!).” **Luke 8:21**

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice (Does them) is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." **Matthew 7:24-27**

The importance of your obedience to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and the seriousness of disobedience (sin) is partly shown by these Scripture verses and were used to give you a picture of how serious obedience is to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and how it can effect your walk with **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) and also how it can effect your eternal destiny, as we are called to walk the narrow path and are called to live different then the world does.

Without complete surrender and obedience to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s will and to his word we will never reach a true relationship with **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) and we will never have victory in our lives. Obedience is what releases **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s promises into our lives and it also is what releases his power and authority into our lives over the attacks of the enemy and breaks the strong holds of the enemy in our lives.

Through complete surrender and obedience to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s word and his will, we can live in victory and the fullness of what **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) has designed for his chosen people to live here on earth. Obedience activates the gifts of the Ruch (Spirit) and Amunah (Faith) within us to believe **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s word and is required to live a powerful, rewarding life in **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha)!

And this is love, that we walk according to his Commandments; this is the Commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it. **2 John 1:6** To claim to love and know **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) without acknowledging **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s claim upon us signifies a lack of relationship with **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), a lack of abiding or living in him. The concept of "abiding" points to steadfast faithfulness. This is what **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) wants of us, Obedience and Love for our Alhym.

It is simply impossible to claim to love or to know **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) without also living in obedience to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). In obedience to the Commands, our love for **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is truly made complete, not made morally perfect or without flaw, but lived out as our perfect expression of love for **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), like found in **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha)'s own example.

Obedience unlocks the keys to Kingdom living. It is the essential means by which we worship our Alhym. For this is why I wrote, that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything. **2 Corinthians 2:9**

The lesson is quite simple. The wise person is obedient to the Word of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). He chooses to build his life on hearing and doing the will of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). When trials and temptations assault him (as they will), he does not fall. He is secure because his foundation is solid. The foolish person, on the other hand, hears the Word of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) but does not act on it. He too is inundated with trouble at times and, having no foundation, he collapses.

Obedience is literally foundational to the believers life. No obedience, no foundation. Unless we are living in obedience to what **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) says, we have nothing upon which to build our lives, nothing upon which to rest for assurance, and nothing to rely on when we are tested.

OWYAF (Yahusha) said this is the way to be wise! Trust Him, follow Him, obey Him, and you will be building on a Rock.

The relationship between love and obedience is easy to see here. If we truly love **AFAF** (Yahuah), we will seek to know and keep His commands. If we are not keeping His commands, we cannot honestly claim to love Him. Actions speak louder than words. When we obey **AFAF** (Yahuah), we prove that we love Him. It is through the actions of our obedience to the will of **AFAF** (Yahuah) that reveals our Obedient love.

When all has been heard, the conclusion of the matter is this: Fear **AFAF** (Yahuah) and keep His Commandments, because this is the whole duty of man. **Ecclesiastes 12:13**