

BA54. Submitting to God.

We are to submit to God.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Hebrews 12:9

Furthermore, we had physical fathers who disciplined us, and we respected them; how much more should we submit to our spiritual Father and live!

James 4:7

Therefore, submit to God. Moreover, take a stand against the Adversary, and he will flee from you.

1 Peter 2:16

Submit as people who are free, but not letting your freedom serve as an excuse for evil; rather, submit as God's slaves.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 5:17-19, 7:21

Luke 11:27-28, 18:18-20

John 14:15

Romans 8:7, 10:2

Hebrews 10:36

1 John 5:3-4

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Exodus 10:3

Moshe and Aharon went in to Pharaoh and said to him, "Here is what ADONAI, God of the Hebrews, says: 'How much longer will you refuse to submit to me? Let my people go, so that they can worship me.

Exodus 15:26

He said, "If you will listen intently to the voice of ADONAI your God, do what he considers right, pay attention to his mitzvot and observe his laws, I will not afflict you with any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians; because I am ADONAI your healer."

Numbers 15:38-40

Speak to the people of Isra'el, instructing them to make, through all their generations, tzitziyot on the corners of their garments, and to put with the tzitzit on each corner a blue thread. It is to be a tzitzit for you to look at and thereby remember all of ADONAI's mitzvot and obey them, so that you won't go around wherever your own heart and eyes lead you to prostitute yourselves; but it will help you remember and obey all my mitzvot and be holy for your God.

Deuteronomy 4:13-14

He proclaimed his covenant to you, which he ordered you to obey, the Ten Words; and he wrote them on two stone tablets. At that time ADONAI ordered me to teach you laws and rulings, so that you would live by them in the land you are entering in order to take possession of it.

Deuteronomy 4:40

Therefore, you are to keep his laws and mitzvot which I am giving you today, so that it will go well with you and with your children after you, and so that you will prolong your days in the land ADONAI your God is giving you forever.

Deuteronomy 6:17

Observe diligently the mitzvot of ADONAI your God, and his instructions and laws which he has given you.

Deuteronomy 11:22-23, 32

For if you will take care to obey all these mitzvot I am giving you, to do them, to love ADONAI your God, to follow all his ways and to cling to him, then ADONAI will expel all these nations ahead of you; and you will dispossess nations bigger and stronger than you are. ... And you are to take care to follow all the laws and rulings I am setting before you today.

Deuteronomy 13:5(4)

You are to follow ADONAI your God, fear him, obey his mitzvot, listen to what he says, serve him and cling to him;

Deuteronomy 26:17-19

You are agreeing today that ADONAI is your God and that you will follow his ways; observe his laws, mitzvot and rulings; and do what he says. In turn ADONAI is agreeing today that you are

his own unique treasure, as he promised you; that you are to observe all his mitzvot; and that he will raise you high above all the nations he has made, in praise, reputation and glory; and that, as he said, you will be a holy people for ADONAI your God.

Deuteronomy 27:10

Therefore you are to listen to what ADONAI your God says and obey his mitzvot and laws, which I am giving you today.

Deuteronomy 28:1

If you listen closely to what ADONAI your God says, observing and obeying all his mitzvot which I am giving you today, ADONAI your God will raise you high above all the nations on earth;

Deuteronomy 28:15

But if you refuse to pay attention to what ADONAI your God says, and do not observe and obey all his mitzvot and regulations which I am giving you today, then all the following curses will be yours in abundance:

Deuteronomy 29:28(29)

Things which are hidden belong to ADONAI our God. But the things that have been revealed belong to us and our children forever, so that we can observe all the words of this Torah.

Deuteronomy 30:8-16

... but you will return and pay attention to what ADONAI says and obey all his mitzvot which I am giving you today. Then ADONAI your God will give you more than enough in everything you set out to do - the fruit of your body, the fruit of your livestock, and the fruit of your land will all do well; for ADONAI will once again rejoice to see you do well, just as he rejoiced in your ancestors. However, all this will happen only if you pay attention to what ADONAI your God says, so that you obey his mitzvot and regulations which are written in this book of the Torah, if you turn to ADONAI your God with all your heart and all your being. For this mitzvah which I am giving you today is not too hard for you, it is not beyond your reach. It isn't in the sky, so that you need to ask, 'Who will go up into the sky for us, bring it to us and make us hear it, so that we can obey it?' Likewise, it isn't beyond the sea, so that you need to ask, 'Who will cross the sea for us, bring it to us and make us hear it, so that we can obey it?' On the contrary, the word is very close to you - in your mouth, even in your heart; therefore, you can do it! Look! I am presenting you today with, on the one hand, life and good; and on the other, death and evil - in that I am ordering you today to love ADONAI your God, to follow his ways, and to obey his mitzvot, regulations and rulings ; for if you do, you will live and increase your numbers; and ADONAI your God will bless you in the land you are entering in order to take possession of it.

2 Chronicles 31:4

He also ordered the people living in Yerushalayim to contribute the portion meant for the cohanim and L'vi'im, so that they would be submitting themselves to the Torah of ADONAI.

Comment

“Submitting” and “obeying” are (for all practical purposes) synonymous but are treated separately in this compilation because the CJB uses both terms in its Bible translation (see *Mitzvah* BA10). Submitting to God requires: (1) knowing what God wants of us, and (2) complying with what God wants of us. There are two ways to know what God wants of us (this is beginning to sound like a lesson in mathematics): (a) knowing the *Mitzvot* contained in Scripture, and (b) hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit who directs us in applying the *Mitzvot* in the various circumstances of our lives. Knowing the *Mitzvot* is straight forward; it requires studying the Bible. Hearing the Holy Spirit is less so because it involves our growing in spiritual acuity and in our prayer relationship with God. But now we come to number (2) above – “complying.” Most believers – even new believers – become pretty good about knowing what God wants of us but have difficulty overcoming the obstacle of the flesh that tends to pull us in the other direction. This part of submitting to God is sometimes referred to as “dying to self” and is briefly dealt with elsewhere in this compilation.

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