

## OBEDIENCE

## (part 2)

But you shall go to my country and to my relatives and take a wife for my son Isaac. See to it that you do not take my son back there. He will send His Angel before you and you will take a wife from there for my son. (Genesis 24: 4, 6,7b)

Following the order of Abraham to fetch his son Isaac a wife, his servant Eliezer in his obedience to do what he was told, went to God and prayed, "I pray You cause me to meet with good success today and show kindness to my master Abraham". In obedience, he sought God's help in bringing him the right woman for Isaac. God blessed him with Rebecca, who was willing to follow him to meet Isaac and to be his wife.

The prophetess Deborah at God's command took the position of a leader against Israel enemies, when Barak refused to lead and she said, I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the trip you will take will not be for your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. The Lord gave the victory to Deborah "and the land had peace and rest for forty years". The battle is the Lord's, nevertheless He seeks people who will obey and take their position and fight for Him. (Judges 5)

A widow from Zarephath who had nothing but a handful of meal and a little oil to eat as her last meal because of the famine, obeyed Elijah when he asked her to make him a cake first and afterwards prepare some for herself, for the Lord, the "God of Israel, says, the jar of meal shall not waste away, or the bottle of oil fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth ". The promise stood, as Elijah said, and she and he and her household ate for many days. (I Kings 17:12-15)

Holding to what we have will never increase its measure; it is only when we share that the measure will increase in the hands of others and will come back to us. The young boy with only five loaves of bread and two fish experienced firsthand the miracle of multiplication in his giving. When he gave to Jesus, the small amount fed more five thousand people. When Jesus asked to bring the portion to Him, the young boy didn't hesitate to obey and that made many people happy.

In his obedience to his father letting him laid him on the altar for his sacrifice, Isaac typified Jesus' obedience to the Father unto death, and death on the cross.

Nothing hindered Paul from obeying the calling to serve God. He said, "But whatever former things I had that might have been gains to me, I have considered as loss for Christ's sake (Philippians 3:9). At the end of his life he said, "I fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith; there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge will award to me on that day" (II Timothy 4:7).

Obedience unveils and opens the door to the presence of God where all the spiritual blessings come from and changes our desires to be only for Him and not for things. In dying we shall live eternally; in losing we shall gain the crown of righteousness; in giving we shall receive; and in suffering we shall be transformed into the likeness of Jesus, into one degree of glory to another. **Obedience is bliss!**

**THINK ABOUT IT!**

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