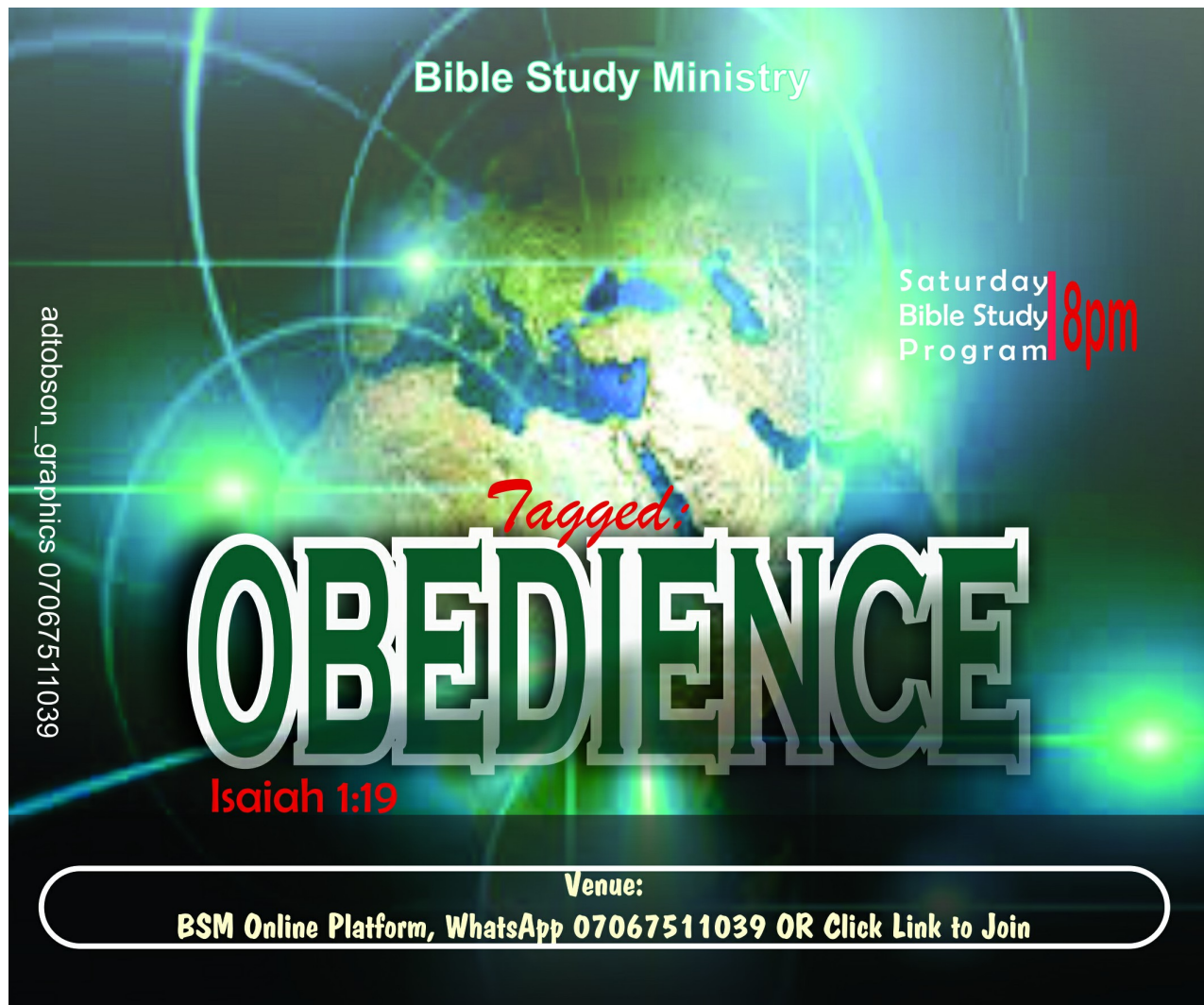




Topic: Obedience

Bible Text: Isaiah 1:19

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If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

Do you know that to be obedient is not enough but a willing heart plus obedience brings the good of the land to you?

As we continue.

Lets see the dictionary meaning of obedient while another check for willing

Willing- quick to act or respond : doing something or ready to do something without being persuaded

Obedient- willing to do what someone tells you to do or to follow a law, rule, etc. : willing to obey...

Ready to do something without being persuaded...

This means that ... One must be ever ready without being persuaded to be obedient in order to eat the good of the land.

This implies that once you hear you obey, listening to instructions given.

In our daily lives, it is majorly noticed that children who helps their parents willingly and obey them are loved more than the ones who do not

If you notice very well... Any child whom the mother loves most would be given some things like sweet or biscuit telling the child to eat it quickly so that others will not know that child is eating the good from his/parents because he or she has succeeded in earning the love of the parent

When we obey our parents we earn their love.

And they tend to lavish us with good things and care

That is how God is, He is our Father

And he so much delights in us obeying his commandments.

Isa.1.19 - If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

Please note that... The good of the land is available for us(100% guarantee) only IF we are willing and obedient.

Please note this, if you are not willing and obedient you can not eat the good. God wants us to obey him in all areas of our lives, you cannot obey God only in some aspect of your life and expect 100% reward of His goodness...It is not possible

Do you know that there are some blessings that prayers and fasting cannot give to you alone, but willingly obeying God can?

Many of us grudgingly obey God... We always complain whenever he instructs us, we always want to know the reason.

If he says do not go to that place, the next question we would ask him is why??,

Hmmm

Fast tomorrow morning, we will ask why?

Do not travel, we will still ask why. There is no place of willingness to obey God.

I have come to know that it is easy to obey than having a willing heart. Only few have a willing heart, because they obey instructions only based on force/coersion and penalty. Whereas obedience without a willing heart is not complete, have you ever wondered why if people are compelled to do something they are not Willing to do... They tend to do it badly?

God wants us to obey him Willingly so that we would be able to please him as much as he wants.

If we take obeying God willingly as priority then the good of this world follows us...

Please listen

There are always punishments attached to disobedience. When we disobey God we should be ready to face the music which can be suffering in the midst of plenty.

Remember that it is only those who are willing and obedient that will eat the good of the land

That is why It is written that obedience is better than sacrifice, the sacrifice one would have to make for disobeying can be more painful than simply obeying God.

Please note that it is a must for good to follow you if you willingly obey God. It is a promise, try to make it a culture to obey God in all situations and circumstances... He is always pleased with those who honor him and obey him wholeheartedly...

Some even do the work of God grudgingly...

Let me sha sing, for singing sake..

Let me clean the church for cleaning sake...

You have forgotten that all the things you say you are doing for God are for your own good.

No man is remembered for good in the aspect of disobeying God, But only those who fear him are remembered, Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke has gone to be with the Lord, his works are being remembered because he obediently yielded to the call of God upon him

What would be said of you and I when we finally pass on?

The level of your obedience to God would determine how much he would use you.

Readiness is different from availability, you can be available and not be Willing to be used by God, God sees the heart of all, in fact, before he can use you at all, he would

check your heart to see if he can trust you with his power, you have been crying for many things both physically and Spiritually and you are not getting them.

Have you checked your heart to know the motive behind what you are asking, is it for the glory of God? Is it to generate total obedience to God?

Please check your heart, Are you willing to obey? The psalmist said...Search my heart O Lord, if God searches yours what will he find there??

Remember

If only you are WILLING and OBEDIENT, only then shall you eat the good of the land;

Think of any good both physically and Spiritually, they will all be yours...

This is where we will stop tonight... Thanks for your time, God bless you...

The end

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