

Door Creek Church | Devotional Plan

Monday, May 11

Psalm 111 | Obedience and the Good Life

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. ⁸ They are established for ever and ever, enacted in faithfulness and uprightness. ⁹ He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise. *Psalm 111:7b–10*

Obedience.

It's not a word that scores high marks in our modern culture. It reminds us of compliance, conformity and submission.

We're taught that obedient people don't know how to think for themselves, or obedient people are suppressing themselves, or being suppressed by someone else. Real freedom, according to our culture, can only come from following your own inner guide.

But the Psalmist tells a very different story about obedience.

He isn't reluctant about the law, he's thankful for it because he knows God's laws leads to flourishing. He tells us **the good life comes from obeying God**. He tells us that obeying God's precepts (instruction) is the key to finding freedom because real freedom is not the absence of rules, but the presence of the right ones.

He isn't excited about the laws for their own sake, but because he trusts the One who gave it. He trusts that the One who delivers His people is also the One who will teach them how to be free.

God said to His people *"I am the Lord your God who brought you from the land of Egypt, you shall have no other God's before me"* (Exodus 20:2)

Do you see God as your deliverer?

Jesus said, *"If you love me, keep my commands"* (John 14:15)

Do you love the one who saved you enough to follow His instruction?

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

James 1:2-4

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.