Review

Lessons

- 1. The Bible teaches all we need to know so that we can do everything God wants us to do.
- 2. We follow Christ's Testament and do not add laws from the Old Testament.

Lesson 3 - Obedience

Isaiah 55:8-9

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

- 1. Does God think like people?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
- 2. Are man's thoughts better than God's thoughts?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No





Infants do not have the knowledge and wisdom of adults. As they grow, they will learn more and more. In the same way, we are not born knowing God's way. Therefore, we need to grow in our knowledge and understanding of His will for us.

Humans will never have the knowledge or wisdom that God possesses. Therefore, those who understand and want to please God will always change their thoughts to match God's, and to the best of their ability will do things according to His instructions.

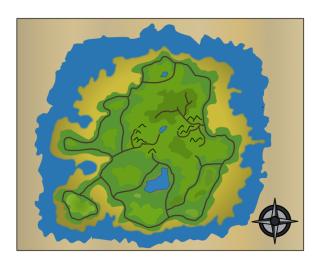
Jeremiah 10:23

O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walks to direct his steps.

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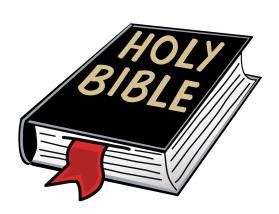
Direct: to set up, to make firm, to establish, to prepare

- 3. Without God, can man direct his own way correctly?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No



When we are going somewhere we have never been, we can use a map to go the proper way.

Spiritually, the Bible should be our map. It is what we need to tell us the correct directions on how to live God's way. God's word gives us the information we need to please God and get to heaven.



Proverbs 14:12

There is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end thereof is the way of death

- 4. Is man's thinking always correct?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
- 5. Can man be lost because of wrong thinking?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No

Nadab and Abihu mentioned here are good examples of this.

Leviticus 10:1-2

And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer, and put fire in it, and put incense on it, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he had not commanded them 2 And fire went out from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

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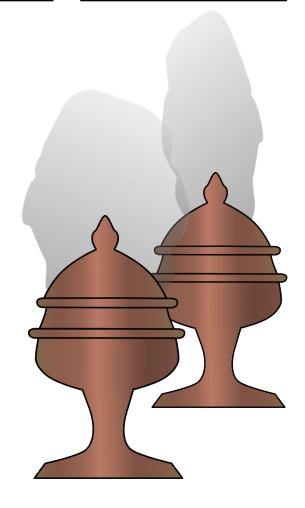
Censer: fire holder

Devour: eat up

- 6. What kind of fire did Nadab and Abihu offer?
 - A. What God commanded
 - B. Strange
- 7. What did God do to these men?
 - A. Destroyed them with fire
 - B. Praised them
- 8. Did God care about them using a different fire?
 - A. Yes
 - B No

God had told the priest to get fire from the burnt offering. It appears that these men got the fire from a different place. As humans we might think that fire is fire and it does not really matter where you get it as long as everything else is correct. Apparently, God does not think the same way.

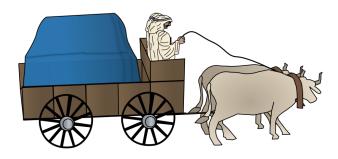
A lesson that can be learned from this is that if we start changing things with our worship and other religious things, God will not accept it. True obedience is doing things exactly as God has said.



4. B. 5. A. 6. B 7. A 8. A

Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and lean not on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths.



What happened to Uzza shows this truth.

Definitions:

Acknowledge: to know

- 9. Who are we to trust?
 - A. God
 - B. People
- 10. If we trust the Lord, do we depend on our own thinking?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
- 11. When will God direct our path?
 - A. If we seek him in all our ways
 - B. If we seek him in some of our ways

1 Chronicles 13:9-11

9 And when they came unto the threshing floor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled. 10 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God. 11 And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God home to me?

Later, David looked at God's word and learned that the priests were to carry the ark, not put it on a cart. (15:1-12)

15:13-15

13 For because you did it not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we did not consult Him about the proper order. 14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel. 15 And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the poles thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of the LORD.

God had told them in Numbers 4:15 that those who touch any holy thing would die.

- 12. Why did Uzza touch the ark?
 - A. He wanted to keep it from falling off the cart.
 - B He wanted to know what it felt like
- 13. Why did they move the ark the wrong way?
 - A. They did not read to find out what God had said about moving it.
 - B. They were wanting to do something wrong.
- 14. Since they did not know that what they were doing was wrong, and Uzza was trying to do something good, what did God do?
 - A. Ignore the sin
 - B. Punished Uzza as He had said in His law



We cannot obey
God if we do not
know what He
commands. God
does not excuse
our sin if we do
not know His

Law. He has it written down so that we can know it. He tells us to read and study so that we will not sin.

> 9. A 10. B 11. A 12. A 13. A 14. B

Numbers 20:7-12

7 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 8 Take the rod, and gather the assembly together, you, and Aaron your brother, and you speak to the rock before their eyes; and it shall give its water, and you shall bring water out of the rock for them: so you shall give the congregation and their beasts drink. 9 And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him. 10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said to them, Hear now, you rebels; must we bring forth water out of this rock? 11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he struck the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. 12 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, Because you did not believe me, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

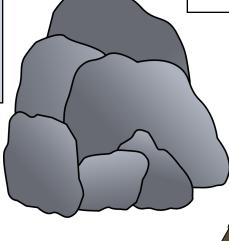
Definitions:

Sanctify: to be set apart

Abundantly: a large

amount

- 15. In these verses, what did God tell Moses to do to bring forth the water?
 - A. Speak to the rock
 - B. Hit the rock
- 16. What did Moses do to bring forth the water?
 - A. Speak to the rock
 - B. Hit the rock
- 17. After Moses struck the rock instead of speaking to it, God told Moses and Aaron that they did not believe Him?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
- 18. Did God punish Moses and Aaron for striking the rock?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
- 19. Is it okay to change what God says to do?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No



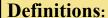
God's statement that Moses did not believe Him or give Him the proper respect when Moses did not obey shows that ignoring or changing God's commands is the same as not believing Him.

To obey God, we must do exactly what He says. In religion, if we do all that He says and not anything else we are giving true obedience to God. Anything else is disobedience.

15. A 16. B 17. A 18. A 19. B

2 Chronicles 26:1, 4, 16-21

1 Then all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah. 4 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father 16 But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his Amaziah did. destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense. 17 And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of the LORD, that were valiant men: 18 And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for you have trespassed; neither shall it be for your honor from the LORD God. 19 Then Uzziah was angry, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was angry with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar. 20 And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked on him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from there; yes, he hastened also to go out, because the LORD had struck him. 21 And Uzziah the king was a leper to the day of his death, . . .



Transgress: to go beyond the

boundary

Withstood: to stand against

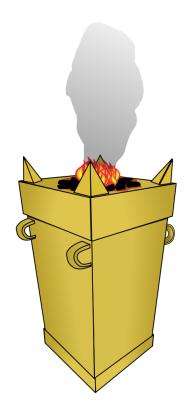
Consecrate: to set aside

Thrust: to be hurried

Hasten: to hurry

Leprosy: illness of the skin





Although Uzziah was a King and a good person, he was the wrong person to offer incense in worship to God. True obedience to God means that we follow His commands on who leads in worship.

- 20. Was Uzziah a good person?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
- 21. Where did he go?
 - A. To the palace
 - B. To the temple
- 22. Why did he go there?
 - A. To pray
 - B. To offer incense
- 23. Was he the right person to burn the incense?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
- 24. What did God do to him?
 - A. Struck him with leprosy
 - B. Blessed him

Romans 10:1-2

1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. 2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

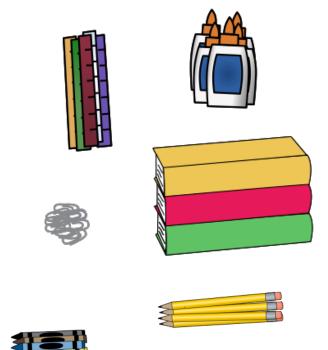
Definitions:

Desire: something that is wanted a lot

Zeal: a strong feeling of excitement of mind

- 25. Did these people have a zeal for God?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
- 26. Was their zeal based on knowledge?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
- 27. In verse 1, were they already saved, or did Paul want them to be saved?
 - A. Already saved
 - B. Paul wanted them to be saved

A lady had spend a lot of time separating things into different piles so that she could quickly locate what was needed. Some children wanted to be helpful and put all her things together in a bag. The children meant to be helpful, but what they did was not a good thing.





The same thing is often true in religion. People do things for God, but they are not obeying because what they are doing is not something God asked them to do.

Christ talked about how it would be for these people on the day of judgement in Matthew 7. See the next page to read it.

25. A 26. B 27. B

Matthew 7:21-23

21 Not every one that says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? and in your name have cast out devils? and in your name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess to them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity.

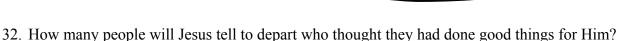
Definitions:

Prophesy: to speak as a

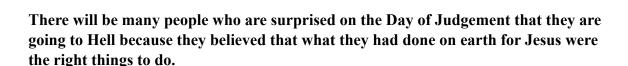
prophet

Iniquity: break the law

- 28. Will everyone who calls Jesus Lord go to heaven?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
- 29. In verse 22, did these people believe that they had done many good things for Jesus?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
- 30. What does Jesus tell these people?
 - A. Enter into Heaven
 - B. Depart from me
- 31. Who will enter the kingdom of heaven?
 - A. Those who do something for God
 - B. Those who do God's will



A. ManyB. A Few



Here, Jesus makes it clear that a person must do what God says in order to go to heaven. That is why reading and studying God's word is so important. We can listen to people who teach about God's commands, but we need to learn it in the Bible for ourselves so that we are sure that we are obeying God and not men's teachings.



1 Chronicles 17:1-4, 6

1 Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Behold, I dwell in a house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD remains under curtains. 2 Then Nathan said to David, Do all that is in your heart; for God is with you. 3 And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying, 4 Go and tell David my servant, Thus saith the LORD, You shall not build me a house to dwell in:

6 In all places where I have moved with all Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"

Definitions:

Dwell: live

If your child takes some of your money, goes to the store, and buys rice, they may have done something nice, but it does not mean that they obeyed you unless you told them to do it. As humans we may accept things that are not obedience, but this lesson in the Bible teaches that God does not

- 33. What did David want to build?
 - A. A bigger house for himself
 - B. A house for God
- 34. What did Nathan the prophet tell David?
 - A. Go and build the house
 - B. Wait until we ask God about building the house
- 35. What did God say about building the house?
 - A. Go and build it
 - B. Do not build it
- 36. Why did God say not to build it.
 - A. Because He had never said anything about it
 - B. Because He did not like David

In order to obey God, what you do must be something that you can read in His word. Just because we think something is a good idea does not make it true obedience. These scriptures make it clear that God does not want us to do something unless He has told us to do so.



33. B 34. A 35. B 36. A

Christ's Law states it this way:

1 Corinthians 4:6

. . . that you might learn in us not to think above that which is written, . . .