

Let Us Submit to God and Christ  
(Hebrews 5:8-9)

Introduction:

1. This morning we studied Scriptures that tell about Mary, the mother of Jesus.
  - a. Mary submitted to God's will.
  - b. She also understood the importance of submitting to her Son's will.
2. This evening we are studying passages that teach us to submit to God and Christ.
3. Let us first point out that . . .

Discussion:

- I. SUBMITTING TO GOD WAS EMPHASIZED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT
  - A. Genesis 2:15-17
    1. God revealed His will to Adam, and God required Adam to submit to it.
    2. God informed Adam that he would face severe consequences if he disobeyed.
  - B. Deuteronomy 28
    1. God said He would bless the Israelites if they submitted to His commands (vs.1-2).
    2. God also said He would curse the Israelites if they disobeyed Him (vs.15).
  - C. 1 Kings
    1. God promised to bless Solomon if he would walk in God's ways (3:12-14).
    2. Solomon's disobedience resulted in severe consequences (11:6-11).
  - D. According to Romans 15:4, these Old Testament passages *"were written for our learning."*
- II. SUBMITTING TO GOD, AS WELL AS CHRIST, IS EMPHASIZED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT
  - A. Jesus stressed the importance of doing the Father's will as He concluded His Sermon on the Mount.
    1. (Matthew 7:21-23) Only those who do the will of the Father may enter heaven.
    2. (Matthew 7:24-27) Jesus illustrated the importance of hearing and doing His teachings as He contrasted a wise man and a foolish man (James 1:22, 25).
    3. "Love" should motivate a person to submit to:
      - a. the commands of God (1 John 5:3)
      - b. the commands of Christ (John 14:15).
  - B. Jesus *"learned"* obedience Himself, and He provides salvation to those who obey Him (Hebrews 5:8-9).

Conclusion:

1. Mary's submission to the will of God and the will of her Son continues to influence people today.
2. Let us learn from her example.
3. Let us submit to God and Christ.