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Begins 1/13

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LEAD Class

You're Only Human



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HAVE YOURSELF A
BLESSED LITTLE CHRISTMAS



BEATITUDES IN THE PSALMS

December 1 – Happy is the Lord.

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“Blessed be the LORD forever! Amen and
Amen.” Psalm 89:52

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“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,” Psalm 32:1a

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4. Respond.

“Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

“He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.”

Psalms 1:1-3

“Blessed are the people who know the
festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your
face,”

Psalm 89:15

“Praise the LORD!

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his commandments!”

Psalm 112:1

“Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways!”

Psalms 128:1

Blessed are the obedient!

Why do we tend to divorce obedience and blessing?

1. Cultural reason -

“Obedience is a **negative**, not a **positive**.”



Frank Sinatra 1969
“I Did It My Way”



Billy Joel 1977
“Only the Good Die
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“I’d rather laugh with the sinners
Than cry with the saints
The sinners are much more fun.”



“It’s time to see what I can do
To test the limits and break through.
No right, no wrong, no rules for me
I’m free.”

Elsa, “Frozen”



“Something has changed
within me

Something is not the same
I’m through with playing by
the rules of someone else’s
game



“Too late for second-guessing
Too late to go back to sleep
It’s time to trust my instincts,
close my eyes and leap.”

Elphaba, “Wicked”

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And it leads to ...

“short-term success but
long-term failure.”

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“When a group of 1920s mothers listed the traits they wanted their children to have, they named strict obedience, loyalty to church, and good manners.

“In 1988, few mothers named these traits;
instead they chose independence and
tolerance.”

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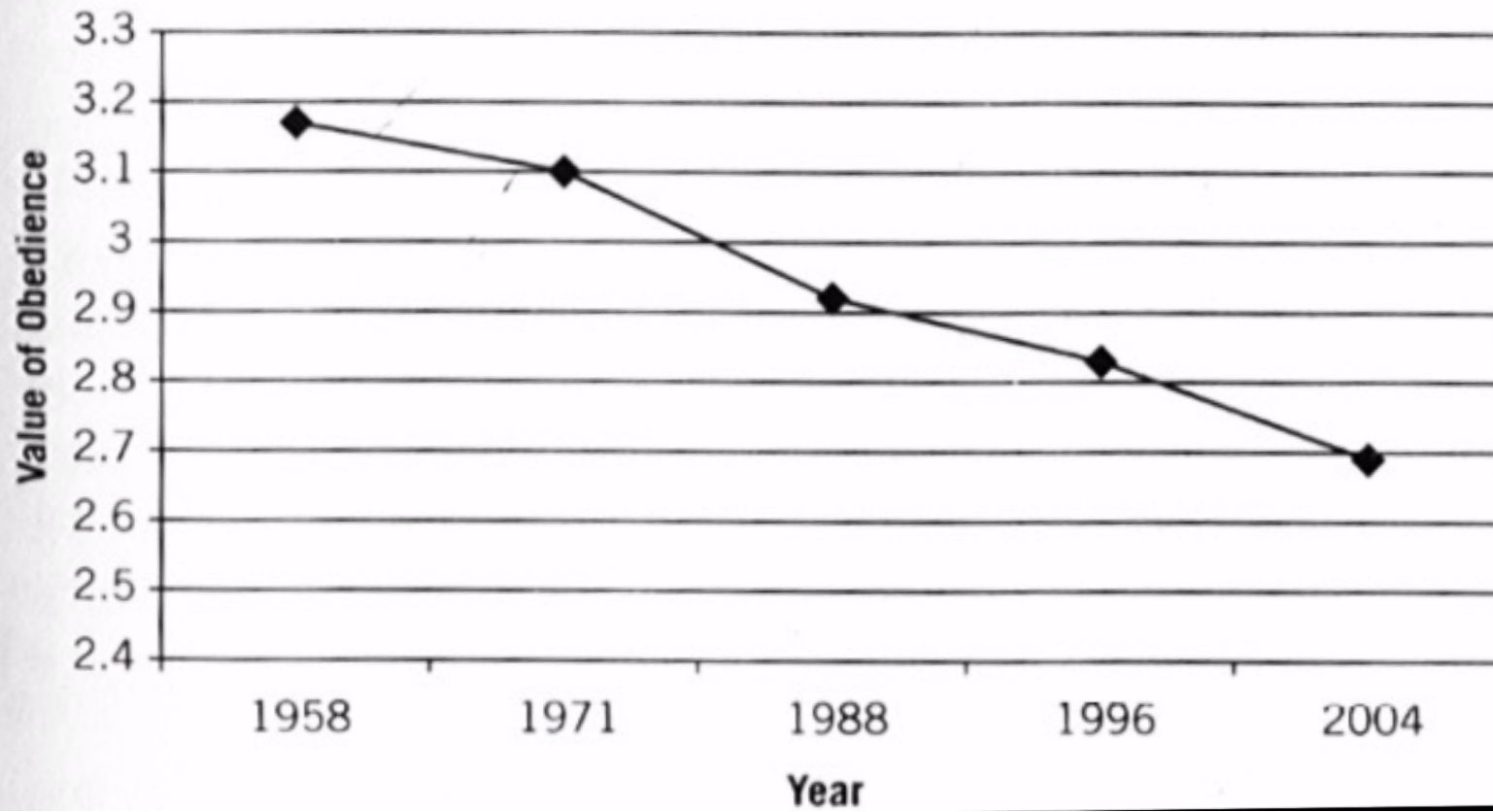
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Change in Parents' Valuing of Obedience in Children



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2. Theological reason -

“Obedience leads to **legalism**, not **blessing**.”

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“If you obey, God will be happy with you,
and you will go to heaven.”

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 2:8-10

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who walks in his ways!”

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“fear the LORD” - to live life in awe of God

“To be blessed is to move through life with a settled depth of happiness that comes from walking with God and enjoying his fatherly favor.”

Dane Ortlund

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“You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;” (2a)

“They heard me singing, and they told me
to stop
Quit these pretentious things and just
punch the clock
These days of my life,
I feel it has no purpose.”

Arcade Fire

“In the daily rhythms for everyone everywhere, we live our lives in the marketplaces of this world: in homes and neighborhoods, in schools and on farms, in hospitals and businesses, and our vocations are bound up with the ordinary work that ordinary people do.

“We are not great shots across the bow of history; rather, by simple grace, we are hints of hope.”

Steven Garber

“This kingdom vision – our identity as those blessed and sent – must work itself out in the small routines of our daily work and vocation, as we go to meetings, check our email, make our children dinner or mow the lawn.”

Tish Harrison Warren

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vine = the source of life and abundance

“I am the true vine.”

John 15:1

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...”

Galatians 5:22-23

“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

“so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.”

Ephesians 5:25-27

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olive tree - symbolized well-being

“**Behold**, thus shall the man be blessed
who fears the LORD.”

Psalms 128:4

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“The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!” (5-6)

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garden = temple

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 - **Historically** - Israel (1 Chron. 6:48)

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 - Christologically - Jesus

“For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.”

Ephesians 2:14



“‘Happy’ both in his
name and in his crown,
whose birthday this is....



“All these blessings he has perfectly, but in the body of Him who is here described;



“and, because he understood them in this sense, he scorned things present, that he might receive things future.”

Augustine

“And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Matthew 19:29-30

- Pray in light of the past -
- Pray in light of the present -
 - Christologically - Jesus
 - **Politically** - National Israel

“for kings and all who are in high positions,
that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life,
godly and dignified in every way.

“This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

1 Timothy 2:2-4

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“And in this way all Israel will be saved,”

Romans 11:26a

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 - Prophetically - Israel's restoration
 - **Ultimately** - eternal blessing

“And the angel said to me, ‘Write this:
Blessed are those who are invited to the
marriage supper of the Lamb.’”

Revelation 19:9a

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth,
for the first heaven and the first earth had
passed away, and the sea was no more.

“And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her
husband.

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.’

“And he who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.’”

Revelation 21:1-5

“Blessed are those who wash their robes,
so that they may have the right to the tree
of life and that they may enter the city by
the gates.”

Revelation 22:14

How should Christians pray this?

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How should Christians pray this?

- Pray big!
- Pray **small**.





“Joy is not a requirement of Christian discipleship, it is a consequence. It is not what we have to acquire to experience life in Christ; it is what comes to us when we are walking in the way of faith and obedience.”

Eugene Peterson

“But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

“because, if you confess with your mouth
that Jesus is Lord and believe in your
heart that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved.”

Romans 10:8-9

“Now, once you have received God into the place where you are at any and all times, you are ready, next, to do what pleases God on every occasion.

“Without him with you, you could never do that. The ‘with God’ grounds the ‘do God.’

“From where we are coming as human beings, obeying Christ is really pretty scary and may cost us dearly, even to the point of losing our lives.

“But with him with us, we become able to see and do what is best.”

Dallas Willard

“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us”

John 1:14

“But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.”

James 1:25