

## Commitment – The Rewards Of Obedience

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### Rewards of Obedience

1. God is like man? Psalms 50:21
2. God will not require it? Psalms 10:4; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9
3. "I shall not be moved": Psalms 10:6; Psalms 1:4-5
4. "God hath forgotten ... He will never see it": Psalms 10:11; Exodus 34:6-7

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- I. The Story of Naaman: 2 Kings 5:1-14
  - his greatness, his problem, his solution: 1-3
  - Naaman's journey to Israel with a royal letter and riches: 4-6
  - King of Israel's outrage and Elisha's help: 7-10
  - Naaman's initial response to God's command: 11-12
  - Naaman's obedience: 13-14

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- III. Naaman's Obedience
  - A. Changes Naaman had to make:
    - acknowledge his condition; identified by his flaws, not successes: Romans 3:23; Luke 19:10
    - humble himself before God: 1 Peter 5:6
    - think soberly (sound thinking), instead of being angry: James 1:19-20
    - trust God's word: 14; Matthew 7:21-23; Acts 27:25
    - do it: James 1:22

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- II. Naaman's Mistakes
  - A. Attempted to purchase God's blessings with money: 5, 15-16; John 6:26-27; 1 Corinthians 11:22
  - B. He went to the wrong authority: 6; 2 Timothy 4:1-4; 1 John 4:1; Jude 3-4
  - C. He expected a sensational experience: 11; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; Romans 10:2-3, 17
  - D. He was presumptuous, even angry: 11-12; Psalms 19:12; 2 Peter 2:10 Do we presume?

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- B. Obedience to God means:
  - \* Man's limitations, helplessness: Jeremiah 10:23
  - \* God's word is understandable: Ephesians 3:3-4
  - \* Must obey ALL of God's word: James 2:10; Psalms 119:160
  - \* Must obey from the heart: Romans 6:17
  - \* No substitutes for God's word: Galatians 1:6-9