

What Motivates Us To Obey God?

Luke 6:46-49

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- Our Love For God.
 - First and greatest commandment. Matthew 22:37
 - We love Him because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19; Romans 5:8
 - If we love Him, we will keep his commandments. John 14:15, 21, 23

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- Our Hope Of Reward.
 - Be faithful. Revelation 2:10; 1 Peter 1:4
 - Example of Abraham. Hebrews 11:8-10
 - Example of Moses. Hebrews 11:24-26
 - Example of Paul. 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1; 2 Timothy 4:6-8
 - Hope is the great motivator. Romans 8:24-25; cf. 2 Corinthians 11:23-28

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- Our Hope Of Reward.
 - Heaven is real. Matthew 5:12; 6:19-20; 1 Peter 1:4; Colossians 1:5; Philippians 3:20
 - Paradise. Revelation 2:7
 - Permanent home of the soul. Matthew 25:46; 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18
 - Worship and service. Revelation 22:3
 - Place of rest. Revelation 14:13

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- Our Fear Of God.
 - Ecclesiastes 12:13, "(This is) the end of the matter; all hath been heard: fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole (duty) of man."
 - Proverbs 1:7 "The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of knowledge; (But) the foolish despise wisdom and instruction."
 - Hebrews 12:28-29 "Wherefore, receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace, whereby we may offer service well-pleasing to God with reverence and awe: for our God is a consuming fire."

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- Our Fear Of God.
 - God is a consuming fire, fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Hebrews 10:30-31
 - Threat of punishment. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10
 - Examples of punishment.
 - The flood. Genesis 6:5; 11-13
 - Sodom and Gomorrah. Genesis 18
 - Ananias and Sapphira. Acts 5
 - Paul used the fear of God as a motive for obedience. 2 Corinthians 5:10-11

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- Our Fear Of God.
 - Hell is real! Matthew 25:41
 - Hell is everlasting! Matthew 25:46
 - Hell is a place of unquenchable fire. Mark 9:43
 - Hell is a place of vile companionship. Revelation 21:8

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- Do you LOVE the Lord?
- Do you want to go to HEAVEN?
- Do you NOT want to go to HELL?

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- Some have left their first love. Revelation 2:1-7
- Some no longer desire, or long for the reward. Colossians 1:23
- Some no longer fear God. Hebrews 10:30-31; cf. Amos 4:12