

NOVEMBER 3

“OBEDIENCE IS THE THING THAT PLEASES GOD THE MOST.”

READ

Isaiah 1:19-20, 1 Samuel 15:21-23

We decided to do some remodeling to our house and enlarge it a little. A crew came over, and began to dig up around our bay window. They dug all the way down to the foundation. Then they stood around shaking their heads. As it turned out, since the house had been built, the bay window had been resting on cinder blocks with no foundation and no mortar. The original builder did a quick job and covered it up. Somebody said, “How did he get away with that?” But you see, he didn’t get away with it — it was exposed. It’s the same with God. You cannot disobey Him and get away with it. When He tells you to do something, you’d better do it. Obedience is the thing that pleases God the most. You cannot cover up disobedience with worship or Christian service. You think that doing something for the Lord is more important than obeying the Lord? “Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice and to heed better than the fat of rams.”

PRAY

Jesus, search me and expose any disobedience that You find. I don’t want to merely listen to the Word — I want to do what it says.

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