

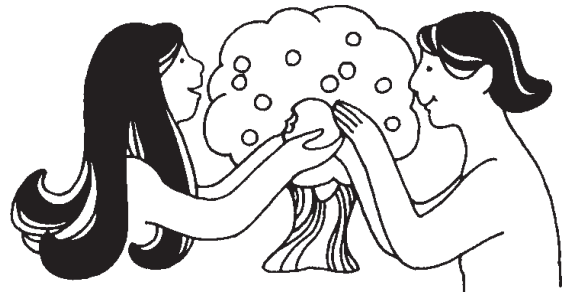
# PEACE

## LESSON 9

### Peace of Obedience

**I**n the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, and it was very good. His creation was at peace: everything was doing what He had made it to do. He created Eve to be a help meet for Adam. She was created from his rib, from a bone closest to his heart. When God brought her to Adam, he said "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh." They were to be as one.

God gave them one test of obedience. They were not to touch or eat the fruit of the tree in the midst of the garden. However, Eve allowed herself to be deceived by the serpent. She listened to the serpent and then she saw that the fruit was good for food (the lust of the flesh), she saw that the fruit was pleasant to the eyes (the lust of the eyes), and she understood that eating the fruit could make her wise (the pride of life). She gave in to her lusts and was disobedient. And then proceeded to bring her husband into her sin with her.



Obedience is a very important characteristic. All the universe is under obedience. The earth moves in its yearly course around the sun, the moon around the earth, the seasons come and go, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, day and night, all according to laws that are never broken. And if by chance one of these laws should be broken, chaos would be the result.

Mankind was also placed under law, but not in the absolute sense that governs the universe. Of all that God made, man alone dared to be disobedient. He who could have brought most glory to God has from the beginning dishonored Him.

There are two kinds of obedience. One is the obedience that is compelled by a stronger force. The will is not in the obedience, but rather against it and obedience will cease when opportunity permits. True obedience begins in the heart. The person obeying acknowledges that it is right and obeys because she believes it to be her duty to do so. She needs no law, officer or master to compell her for she is master of her own self and demands of herself that which is right.

Obedience is never outgrown. It is not merely a requirement of childhood but is just as necessary in later years. After a girl leaves the care of her parents and teachers she remains yet the servant of duty. She has duty to herself, to her family, to her friends, to her church, to her community and to her God.

There is rare pleasure in obedience. The answer of a good conscience brings into the heart a peace and satisfaction that nothing can destroy. One who can fold her hands at night with the knowledge that throughout the day she has been obedient to God and right finds in life a gladness and quietness that nothing else can bring.

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## WORKSHEET 9: PEACE OF OBEDIENCE

### ANSWERS FROM THE BIBLE:

Read Deuteronomy 28. List some of the blessings of obedience and the cursings of disobedience. On which side would you rather be?

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### WORD STUDY:

**"obey"**

Look up "obey" in your concordance. Look particularly at the verses in the New Testament. Who or what are we told to obey?

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### APPLICATION:

It is not always easy to be obedient. Part of being obedient is learning to control our own will. When we know what the right thing to do is, and yet we want to do something different, obedience means choosing to do what we should do instead of what we want to do.

Often our obedience is tested in the same ways as Eve -- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. Try to think of an example of each from your own life.

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