OBEDIENCE

Psalm 119:57-60

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The Bible gives many examples of the disastrous consequences of disobedience.
Here are two:

- "The man of God, who was disobedient to the word of the Lord" (I Kings 13:1-32)
- "The foolish man which built his house upon the sand" (Mt.7:26)

Psalm 119:57-60 reveals what real obedience is all about:

To be obedient you need...

I. A Personal Relationship with God (as your only Master) (v.57a)

To be obedient you need...

II. A Purposeful Resolution to obey God's word (v.57b)

To be obedient you need...

III. A Prayerful Reliance on God's grace & mercy (v.58)

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IV. A Pondering Reflection on God's ways vs your ways (v.59)

A. Obey exactly
B. Obey completely

To be obedient you need...

V. A Punctual Response to God's commands (v.60)

A. Obey without delay
B. Obey without excuse

Conclusion:
May God give us:

An ear to hear God's will	(Mt.13:9)
A heart to want God's will	(Rom.6:17)
A will to do God's will	(Jn.7:17; James 1:22-25)

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Examples of the high cost of disobedience to God:

- Nadab & Abihu – strange fire (Lev.10:1-f)
- Achan – Joshua 6:18; 7:1-f;
- Moses – Num.20:10
- Eli's Sons Hophni & Phineas
- Lot's wife – Gen.19:26
- Uzzah – touched the ark (II Sam.6:6)
- "The man of God" who was disobedient to the word of the Lord" (I Kings 13:1-32)

"The wise & foolish man" (Luke 6:46-49)

Observations to Think About:

A. Both men heard the same message

B. Both men built a house

C. One man built the hard way, and one the easy way

D. Both men faced the same storm

E. The wise man's house remained firm when he needed it most

F. The foolish man's house fell when he needed it most

G. The fool's house fell when it was too late to build another one

H. All that matters is the final score (what endures and triumphs in the end)

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