

what does it involve? Deut. viii. 1-20

If in the Bible one duty is emphasized more than another, it is the duty of obedience. All of the misery and wretchedness of the world is the result of disobedience. There is more in obedience than most people recognize. To obey God is to acknowledge our dependence upon Him. In open disobedience to God as in the case of Adam and Eve, selfhood was exalted above Godhood. "We sometimes hear the murmur that it is unreasonable to suppose that so much misery and despair should flow to all generations from so trifling an act as the eating of an apple or some other fruit. But this is a false view of the case. It was not the mere eating of a certain fruit, but it was self-determined rebellion against God which the eating of that forbidden fruit manifested." Disobedience is nothing less than treason.

What does obedience to God involve?

1. It involves faith. We are not likely to obey voluntarily any being in whom we do not believe. Every act of the Christian must be an act of faith. Heb. xi. 6.

2. It involves knowledge. Our duty is to search the Scriptures, that we may know God's will.

3. Under the present dispensation it involves love. We are to be constrained to do by "the love of God." John xiv. 15.

4. It involves the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts ii. 38; v. 32.

5. It involves peace. To obey the commands of God gives us a good conscience. 1 Pet. iii. 21.

6. It involves sacrifice. Phil. ii. 8; Heb. xii. 2-4. We see this exemplified in Abraham offering up Isaac; in the life of Paul, and in many instances in Heb. xi. Peter and the other apostles, being warned by the council not to teach and preach in the name of Jesus, "answered and said, we ought to obey God rather than men."

7. It involves God's presence and protecting power. Ex. xix. 5, 6, Matt. xxviii. 20.

8. It involves an undivided service. Matt. vi. 24.

9. It involves victory. 1 Cor. xv. 57. "To you that are afflicted rest with us, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with the angels of his power, in flaming fire, rendering vengeance to them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus." - PAUL.

Nov. 3. - Our enemies, our weapons, our allies. Eph. vi. 10-18. Life a warfare.

"1. Fight against Satan. Jas. iv.

1-7. 2. Fight against sin Ps. cxxxix

19 24.

3. Fight with the Bible. Lu. iv. 6-12.
4. Fight with prayer. Isa. xxxi. 1-5.
5. Fight with God. Ps. cxliv. 1-6.
6. Fight with Christ. John xviii. 33, 38."—Prayer Meeting Topics.

Church News.

Items of Church News should be pointed and brief. What can be clearly written on a post card will be usually ample. To ensure prompt insertion all items for this department should be in the editor's hands at least five (5) days before the date of publication.

MULL, Oct. 10th, 1895.—There have been three additions by baptism at Northwood since last report.

H. M.

HILLIER.—We hear indirectly of a big meeting at Hillier, in Prince Edward Co. with over twenty additions. We should like to have particulars.

TORONTO JUNCTION.—Three baptisms here since last report.

HAMILTON.—Bro. J. D. Stephens preached in Hamilton, October 6th. Our people were well pleased with his scriptural discourses, and will be glad to see and hear him again.

ERIN VILLAGE.—Bro. S. Woolner recently baptized one candidate at this place.

MUSKOKA.—Our readers are always glad to hear from Bro. Crewson. He is working away, preaching nearly every Lord's day. Each alternate Lord's day he speaks twice, at Brunel and Huntsville. He is not enjoying real good health. The brethren in Huntsville and Brunel recently presented Bro. C. with a new cart. We hope our brethren and sisters throughout the province are planning to remember Bro. Crewson in a substantial way this winter. His address is Huntsville, Ont.

GEORGETOWN.—The writer attended the Anniversary Services at Georgetown, Oct. 6th, and spoke morning and evening. It was the first time he had met with the church there on the Lord's day. It was very pleasing to find them in such comfortable circumstances. Their meeting house is in good order, and offers facilities for a growing church. The church is not large but they must have great faith in the primitive Gospel or they would not undertake what they have undertaken for its propagation. The church in Georgetown needs and deserves the continued and liberal support of the Disciples in Ontario. The debt still remaining on their house is greater than they should be allowed to carry alone. We should like to hear that able and generous brethren had given them a good lift.

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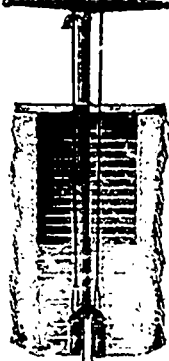
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