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Questions: Sin and Obedience

1-3. **MATCH** the Greek words and their English meanings:

Hebrew	English
shama	(v) to bend, twist, distort
avah	(v) to hear, hearken, obey
mезuzah	(n) iniquity
avon	(n) doorpost
shema	(v) to believe
'aman	(v) to hear, obey (DEU 6:4)
Greek	English

phone	(v) to hear, hearken
akouo	(n) voice, speech
hupakouo	(prep) under, of, by
hupo	(v) to obey
apeitheo	(v) to persuade, obey, believe
peitho	(v) to disobey, not believe

4. Write out **MAT 7:21**: “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who DOES the will of My Father in heaven. (NKJ)
ROM 2:13: for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified;
JAM 1:22: But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. (NKJ)
JON 2:8: “Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. (NIV)
5. **ISA 1:18** “Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. 19 If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land; (NKJ)
What two steps are necessary before one can eat the good of the land? be WILLING & OBEDIENT
6. **ISA 15:22** Then Samuel said: “Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.” 24 Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words, because I feared the people and I obeyed their voice. 25 “Now therefore, please pardon my sin, and return with me, that I may worship the Lord.” 26 But Samuel said to Saul, “I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel.” (NKJ)
7. **Who** should Saul have **feared**, and who’s voice should he have **heard** (V24)? Instead of fearing and obeying the PEOPLE, he (and we) should fear and obey GOD and heed God’s Word
Find a scripture showing that **fear of man is a snare**: PRO 29:25 The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe. (NKJ)
Was Saul ever anointed with the Holy Spirit? **Give scripture**: ISA 10:1, 4-13 v10 When they came there to the hill, there was a group of prophets to meet him; then the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. (NKJ)
- T F** Saul eventually became **demonized** and even **consulted a witch** before he was killed in battle. (Give **scripture proof** for your answer: ISA 28:6-25; ISA 19:9-10)
How might this failure of Saul be a **lesson for us**? Saul was called and anointed by God. Saul’s subsequent demonization & loss of kingship was a result of his rebelliousness & disobedience of God’s commands. The SAME can happen to ANY Christian who departs from obedience to God & His Word.
8. **List** at least **ten scriptures** that show that **blessings are a result of obedience** to God’s Commands: EXO 15:26, 19:5, 20:6, 23:22, LEV 26:3-43, DEU 4:1,40, 5:10,29, 7:9,12-15, 11:26-28, 15:4-5, 28:1-14, 29:9, 30:1-10,15-20, JOS 1:8, IKI 2:3-4, 3:14, 8:23, 9:3-9, ICH 22:13, 28:7-8, 2CH 7:17-22, 26::5, 27:6, 30:9, 31:10, JOB 36:11, PRO 3:1-2, 16:7, ISA 1:19, JER 7:3-7,23, 11:1-5, 12:16, 15:19-21, 17:24-27, 22:4-5,15-16, ZEC 3:7, MAL 3:10-12, MAT 10:22, 24:13, MAR 13:13, COL 1:22-23, HEB 3:6,14, 6:11-12, 10:36, REV 2:10
List at least **ten scriptures** that show that **curses are a result of disobedience** to God’s Commands: GEN 3:14-15, 17-18, 4:9-11, 9:25, 49:5-7, DEU 27:1-26; DEU 28:15-68; JOS 6:26, 8:30-34; JDG 5:23, GAL 3:10, etc.
9. **List several scriptures** showing that **obedience results in blessings to our descendants** after us: GEN 22:17-18, 26:1-5, EXO 12: 20:6, 34:6-7; DEU 7:9, JER 35:18-19, PSA 103:17-18, PRO 13:22,
10. **GAL 6:7** Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. (NKJ)
11. Write out **ROM 6:23**: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NKJ)
MAT 5:30: And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. (NKJ)
PRO 5:22-23: His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, And he is caught in the cords of his sin. 23 He shall die for lack of instruction, And in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray. (NKJ)
12. **Fill in**: Sin will always take you farther than you want to go, it will cost more than you want to pay, and keep you longer than you want to stay.
13. **DEU 10:12** “And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your

- God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 “and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for your good? (NKJ)
14. **Who is DEU 10:12-13** written to? v 12 Israel **Does** this scripture apply to us as Christians? **Explain:** Yes !! We ARE the starseed, spiritual Israel, and therefore truly Jewish ! ROM 2:29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God. (NKJ) GAL 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. 16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. (NKJ)
 Find a **scripture** in the NT showing **WHO** God made the **New Covenant** with: HEB 8:6-10 vv 7-8
For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. 8 Because finding fault with them, He says: “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH— (NKJ)
15. From **JER 31:31-33** what is the **PURPOSE of the New Covenant**? (see **EZE 36:27**) That God, by the Spirit, would ‘circumcise’ our hearts to want to obey Him, to ‘write’ His law onto our hearts.
Would you conclude that we, as Christians, are obligated to obey God’s commandments, and to keep His Law? Absolutely !! Christ came NOT to set aside the Law, but so the HE IN US could empower us to FULFILL the Law. Therefore we are obligated AND empowered to KEEP the Law !!
16. **T F** The Bible is a **Covenant Document** – a **Contract** between God and His covenant people. As does any contract, there are specific enumerated **TERMS** to be obeyed by both parties. There are listed **BENEFITS** or **BLESSINGS** that result from both parties **PERFORMING** their part of the Contract. Also listed are the **PENALTIES** or **CURSINGS** that result from either party **NOT PERFORMING** their part of the Contract. The Bible is no different. It is **OUR CHOICE** to obey or not. That is why the Word of God – His Contract with us – is described as a **TWO-EDGED SWORD!** It can either cut **FOR** us or **AGAINST** us, depending on our obedience of the terms of the contract. One thing we can be sure of, God **ALWAYS** performs His part of the Contract.
17. In **DEU 28**, from which mountain were the **blessings** of the covenant declared? Mount Gerizim
 From which mountain were the **cursings** to be declared? Mount Ebal DEU 11:29, 27:12-13;
Explain why both **blessings AND cursings** from God are **conditional**: God’s blessings, as outlined In His Covenant, are conditional on OBEDINCE, while cursings are conditional on DISOBEDIENCE
Who or what is the **agent** of **cursings** that befall those who disobey God’s commands? Satan & his Demons are the agents for the curse that results from disobedience of God’s commandments.
18. From the handout **‘Some Quotes About Sin’**, what are the **5 consequences to a Christian who sins**? 1. His fellowship with God is Severed. 2. The Joy of Salvation is lost. 3. Power for service is lost. 4. The Christian invites chastisement. 5. There is loss of reward.
19. **ACT 5:32** “And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.” (NKJ)
ROM 1:5 Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, (NKJ)
ROM 5:19 For as by one man’s obedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous. 20 Moreover the LAW entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, (NKJ)
20. **HEB 5:8** though He was a son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, (NKJ)
Who receives salvation from God? Jesus is author of eternal salvation only to those who OBEY Him
Explain how **sufferings** can serve to teach **US** obedience: Just as silver or gold are refined to purity only in the FIRE, so also WE are perfected only through suffering – which is what crucifies the flesh !!
21. **Why** does the Heb word **‘shema’** for **‘to obey’** also mean **‘to hear’**? **How** can this word have **both** meanings? From a Bible perspective, to truly ‘hear’ God’s Word one must OBEY it. That’s why James tells us to be DOERS of the Word & not hearers only, deceiving our own selves (JAM 1:22)
Is it possible to have ears and yet **NOT** hear God’s voice? To have eyes and **NOT** be able to see? **Explain.** Give scripture. We can have physical ears to hear & eyes to see, yet not hear what the Spirit is saying or see what He is doing; DEU 29:3, PSA 115:5, ISA 6:9-10, JER 5:21, EZE 12:2, MAT 13:14-16, etc.
22. **IJO 5:3** For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (NKJ)
23. **JOH 14:15** “If you love Me, keep My commandments. 24 “He who does NOT love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me. (NKJ)
IS it possible to love God and yet **NOT** keep His commands? IJO 5:3-5 & JOH 14:15-24 & others
Clearly state that one CANNOT love God without also striving always to keep His commands
Are some **‘Christians’** deceived in this? Yes. Many believe they can go to heaven WITHOUT keeping God’s Law. Jesus did NOT come to void the Law, but to FULFILL it through all those who follow Him.
MAT 7:21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but he who DOES the will of My Father in heaven. (NKJ)

24. Write out **LUK 6:46**: *“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do the things which I say? (NKJ)*
25. **How** will you apply what you have learned in this lesson to **YOUR** life? *Answer for yourself.*