

THE DIVINE TAPESTRY

Part 12

“A Call to Obedience for God’s Glory”

Deuteronomy 6

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Deuteronomy 6:4-10 has been called “God’s Purpose” for the family, which would guarantee the happiness and well-being of those who follow it. There is a specific call to obedience in the life of Israel. This call to obedience must not simply be viewed as a call to obedience for “obedience sake” or a call to obedience for the “sake of happiness.” It is not just a passage with principles for the home and family life; it is a call to obedience for God’s glory, as an evidence of love for God and for a ministry to the world. Personal blessing was promised, but primarily as a by-product of a personal relationship with the Lord.

A PATTERN OF OBEDIENCE

- Obedience is the evidence of love for God.
- Obedience is the evidence of reverence for God.
- Obedience teaches and models our love for God.
- Obedience makes an impact on those around us.
- Obedience is very different from the world we live in.

POSSIBLE AREAS THAT WILL CHALLENGE OUR OBEDIENCE

- Doing what is right in our own eyes.
- Just hearing and not doing.
- Saying one thing and doing another.
- Confusing the biblical concept of “love” for God with an emotion.
- Being seduced by the “world” we live in.

FINAL REFLECTION

1. What are the priorities of my life?
2. Do my priorities match up with the Word of God?
3. What is my testimony with those who know me best?
4. What is my testimony with those within the body of Christ?
5. What is my testimony with the outside world?