

I Disobeyed

Acts 11:1-18

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The Disobedient See Through Their Own Eyes

*¹Soon the news reached the apostles
and other believers in Judea that the Gentiles
had received the word of God. ²But when Peter
arrived back in Jerusalem, the Jewish believers
criticized him. ³“You entered the home of Gentiles
and even ate with them!” they said.*

Acts 11:1-3 ^{NLT}

²³“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things. ²⁴Blind guides! You strain your water so you won’t accidentally swallow a gnat, but you swallow a camel!

Matthew 23:23, 24 ^{NLT}

²⁵“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and self-indulgence!

²⁶You blind Pharisee! First wash the inside of the cup and the dish, and then the outside will become clean, too.

Matthew 23:25, 26 ^{NLT}

¹³Then Jesus went out to the lakeshore again and taught the crowds that were coming to him. ¹⁴As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Levi got up and followed him.

¹⁵Later, Levi invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. (There were many people of this kind among Jesus' followers.)

Mark 2:13-15 ^{NLT}

¹⁶But when the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees saw him eating with tax collectors and other sinners, they asked his disciples, “Why does he eat with such scum?” ¹⁷When Jesus heard this, he told them, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.”

Mark 2:16, 17^{NLT}

¹²When he first arrived, he ate with the Gentile Christians, who were not circumcised. But afterward, when some friends of James came, Peter wouldn't eat with the Gentiles anymore. He was afraid of criticism from these people who insisted on the necessity of circumcision. ¹³As a result, other Jewish Christians followed Peter's hypocrisy, and even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

Galatians 2:12, 13 ^{NLT}

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Romans 12:18 ^{NLT}

The Disobedient See Through Their Own Eyes

The Obedient See Through the Eyes of God

⁴Then Peter told them exactly what had happened . . .

⁷And I heard a voice say,

‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat them.’

⁸“‘No, Lord,’ I replied. ‘I have never eaten anything that our Jewish laws have declared impure or unclean.’

⁹“But the voice from heaven spoke again:

*‘Do not call something unclean
if God has made it clean.’*

Acts 11:4, 7-9^{NLT}

¹³He told us how an angel had appeared to him in his home and had told him, 'Send messengers to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter.

¹⁴He will tell you how you and everyone in your household can be saved!' ¹⁵As I began to speak, Peter continued, the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as he fell on us at the beginning.

Acts 11:13-15 ^{NLT}

¹⁶Then I thought of the Lord's words when he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'¹⁷And since God gave these Gentiles the same gift he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to stand in God's way?"

¹⁸When the others heard this, they stopped objecting and began praising God. They said, 'We can see that God has also given the Gentiles the privilege of repenting of their sins and receiving eternal life.'

Acts 11:16-18^{NLT}

I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.

Genesis 12:3 ^{NLT}

For Abraham will certainly become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him.

Genesis 18:18 ^{NLT}

*“But my name is honored by people of other nations
from morning till night. All around the world they offer
sweet incense and pure offerings in honor of my name.*

*For my name is great among the nations,”
says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.*

Malachi 1:11 ^{NLT}

*¹²Dear brothers and sisters,
honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work.
They work hard among you and give you spiritual
guidance. ¹³Show them great respect and wholehearted
love because of their work. And live peacefully
with each other.*

1 Thessalonians 5:12, 13 ^{NLT}

¹⁴Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone. ¹⁵See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people.

1 Thessalonians 5:14, 15 ^{NLT}

¹⁶Always be joyful.

¹⁷Never stop praying.

*¹⁸Be thankful in all circumstances,
for this is God's will for you who belong to
Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ^{NLT}

¹⁹Do not stifle the Holy Spirit.

²⁰Do not scoff at prophecies, ²¹but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. ²²Stay away from every kind of evil.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 ^{NLT}

²³Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.

²⁴God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful. ²⁵Dear brothers and sisters, pray for us.

²⁶Greet all the brothers and sisters with Christian love.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-26 ^{NLT}