

# The Importance of Knowledge and Obedience to all aspects of YHVH's Word

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## Introduction

In the Scriptures, YHVH reveals that He desires His people to worship Him in spirit and truth (John 4:23-24). This worship requires both knowledge of His Word and the cultivation of a heart that reflects His character—humble, loving, and kind. Additionally, true worship includes obedience to His commandments, including observing His Sabbath and Holy Days. This paper will explore the scriptural evidence that both aspects are required to fully serve and worship YHVH.

## 1. The Importance of Knowledge and Obedience to YHVH's Word

The Scriptures repeatedly emphasize that knowledge of YHVH's Word is essential for worship, obedience, and spiritual survival. True worship and obedience to YHVH's commands are reflected in our understanding of His Word and our commitment to follow it, including His instructions about the Sabbath and His Holy Days.

### Key Scriptures:

Hosea 4:6: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me."

Lack of knowledge leads to spiritual destruction and separation from YHVH.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7: "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children..."

YHVH's Word must be known, internalized, and taught.

Psalms 119:142: "Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your law is truth."

YHVH's law defines truth; therefore, we must know and live by it.

Matthew 4:4: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

Living by YHVH's Word is a requirement, not an option.

John 17:17: "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your Word is truth."

Knowledge of the truth purifies and sets us apart.

James 2:17-18: "Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead... Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works."

Faith must be accompanied by action, which requires understanding and obeying YHVH's instructions.

## 2. The Necessity of Humility, Love, and Kindness

While knowledge and obedience are foundational, they must be coupled with a humble and loving character that reflects YHVH's Spirit. The Bible shows that kindness, humility, and love should complement one's obedience to YHVH's commandments.

Key Scriptures:

Micah 6:8: "He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Humility and mercy are core requirements of YHVH.

Galatians 5:22-23: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

A Spirit-led life produces kindness, love, and humility.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal."

Knowledge or works without love is meaningless.

Ephesians 4:2: "With all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love."

True worshipers display humility and gentleness toward others.

Philippians 2:3: "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself."

Humility is essential for living as YHVH's people.

Colossians 3:12-14: "Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering... But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection."

Love and humility perfect obedience and knowledge.

### 3. Worshiping YHVH in Spirit and Truth

YHVH seeks a people who combine both knowledge of His Word and a heart that reflects His Spirit. This worship is balanced and complete, requiring obedience to His commandments, such as the Sabbath and Holy Days.

#### Key Scriptures:

John 4:23-24: "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him."

True worship includes sincerity (spirit) and alignment with YHVH's Word (truth).

Romans 12:2: "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Worship requires both inward transformation and outward obedience.

1 John 5:3: "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome."

Love for YHVH manifests in obedience to His Word.

### 4. Obedience to YHVH's Commandments, Including the Sabbath and Holy Days

Scripture is clear that obedience to YHVH's commandments—including the observance of His Sabbath and Holy Days—is an essential aspect of worship. These are not just ceremonial but signs of the covenant and a reflection of our commitment to Him.

#### Key Scriptures:

Exodus 20:8-11 (Sabbath commandment): "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God."

The Sabbath is a day set apart for worship and rest, as commanded by YHVH.

Leviticus 23:1-4 (Holy Days): "The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: The feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts.'"

The Holy Days are YHVH's appointed times, and we are commanded to observe them.

Isaiah 58:13-14: "If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of the Lord honorable, and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words, then you shall delight yourself in the Lord..."

Obedience to the Sabbath brings blessings, showing that honoring this day is a form of worship and devotion.

Deuteronomy 16:16 (Feast of Tabernacles): "Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles."

These feasts are times of gathering to honor YHVH, emphasizing obedience to His appointed times.

Zechariah 14:16-19 (Feast of Tabernacles): "And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles."

The observance of these Holy Days will continue in the Kingdom, showing their ongoing significance.

### Final Thoughts

- This balance reflects the complete calling of YHVH's people in the latter days:
- To know Him through His Word (truth),
- To follow Him in obedience,
- To reflect Him through love, humility, and kindness.
- By combining these elements, we become the worshipers YHVH is seeking.

### Conclusion

The Scriptures clearly teach that both knowledge of YHVH's Word and humble, loving character are essential for those who worship Him in spirit and truth. In addition, true worship requires obedience to YHVH's commandments, including the Sabbath and His Holy Days, as these are His appointed times for worship and rest. Knowledge and obedience, paired with humility, love, and kindness, form a complete and acceptable worship that YHVH seeks from His people.