

## The Necessity of Obedience

Moreover, a great principle is enunciated by Christ in John vii: 17, in regard to the necessity of obedience in order to understanding the Word of God: “If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine.”

...The introduction to this text above quoted is touching and pathetic. Those who heard Jesus Christ discussing such marvelous mysteries, said: “How knoweth this man letters?” and this was His answer: “If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine.” Because He did His Father’s will perfectly, His knowledge of the will of God was absolutely perfect. Disobedience shuts the door and closes the shutter and prevents the incoming of the light of God; and every act of obedience opens the shutter wider, and lets in new rays of light into the soul.

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