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explores what the Bible says about

DISOBEDIENCE

Listed herein are some biblical examples of disobedience to [God](#) (1). In most present day Christian churches, we hear teachings about God's enduring love for us and His unswerving desire to forgive us when we humbly and contritely ask for His [forgiveness](#) (2). However, we're to preach the WHOLE Gospel ([Acts 20:27](#)), which includes some less palatable chapters and verses that aren't as appealing as others. Instead, they challenge us to answer the call to be His children.

In addition to loving us unconditionally, our Creator also has expectations from us while we walk out our faith journey here on Earth. Since He created us, the Author of Life is very well aware of our capabilities as well as every one of our shortcomings- way more than we ever will be. The [Good News](#) (3) tells that the Lord our God is with us every step of the Way ([Deuteronomy 31:6](#), [Joshua 1:9](#), [Isaiah 41:10](#), [Matthew 28:20](#), [Romans 8:38-39](#)).

Although God forgives our sins completely when we ask Him to ([1 John 1:9](#)), there still may be repercussions for our transgressions. No different than an earthly parent or guardian interacting with their children ([Matthew 15:4](#), [Ephesians 6:1](#)), God has a loving and [encouraging](#) (4) side but also has expectations of us to be obedient. He possesses a wrath that is not to be tested or mocked ([Galatians 6:7](#)); the consequences for doing so may be swift and certain or they may be doled out to future generations. Rightfully so, we don't get to pick our punishment- or that of our children.

Pages two and three offer some Scripture-based examples of and warnings about Disobedience. As you review the chart (page two), you'll be sure to see names of many Bible titans, reinforcing to us that nobody is safe from the traps and snares of the evil one. Consider sharing these resources far and wide! Modifications are welcome at goodnews@downriverdisciples.com.

FOOTNOTES

- (1) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/god-of-the-bible>
- (2) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/forgiveness>
- (3) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/the-good-news>
- (4) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/encouragement>
- (5) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/kings-of-israel-and-judah>
- (6) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/exile>

All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the LORD.

[Proverbs 16:2](#)

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BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF DISOBEDIENCE

| OLD TESTAMENT | BIBLE VERSE |
|---|--|
| Original Sin: Adam and Eve | Genesis 3:1-24 |
| Brother's Keeper: Cain Murders Abel | Genesis 4:1-16 |
| Abram & Sarai Don't Wait for the Lord | Genesis 15:1-5 & 16:1-16 |
| Looking Back: Lot's Wife | Genesis 19:25-27 |
| Curse Your God & Die: Job's Wife | Job 2:7-10 |
| Aaron's Sons Light the Fire | Leviticus 10:1-2 |
| All in the Family: Aaron & Miriam Rebel | Numbers 12:1-15 |
| 11 Day Journey Turns Into 40 Years of Wandering | Numbers 14:1-33 , 32:13 |
| Speak To The Rock, Don't Strike It: Moses | Numbers 20:6-12 |
| Be Careful What You Ask For: King Saul | 1 Samuel 15:1-35 |
| Wicked Sons of the Prophet Eli | 2 Samuel 2:12-36 |
| A Barren Michal: She Mocked David's Joy for the Lord | 2 Samuel 6:16,20-23 |
| King David Meets His Neighbor | 2 Samuel 11:1-27 |
| Solomon's Disobedience Tears Apart Kingdom | 1 Kings 11:1-43 |
| The Census: Satan Incites King David | 1 Chronicles 21:1-17 |
| Jonah: Not Just a Big Fish Story | Jonah 1:1-17 |
| Clean Sweep: 19 of 19 Northern (Israel) Kings are Evil | Internal Link (5) |
| Before the Fall: 12 of 20 Southern (Judah) Kings Are Evil | Internal Link (5) |
| Familiar Territory: Back into Exile | Internal Link (6) |
| NEW TESTAMENT | BIBLE VERSE |
| Selling Out the Savior: Judas Iscariot | Luke 22:1-53 |
| Before: The Apostle Peter Denies His Lord 3 Times | John 18:15-27 |
| After: The Apostle Peter Denies His Lord 3 Times Again | Acts 10:9-16 |

GOD WARNED ISRAEL WHEN HE IMPOSED THE LAW:

“DISOBEY AND I WILL SCATTER YOU.”

[Deuteronomy 4:25-27](#)

"After you have had children and grandchildren and have lived in the land a long time—if you then become corrupt and make any kind of idol, doing evil in the eyes of the Lord your God and arousing his anger, I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you this day that you will quickly perish from the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess. You will not live there long but will certainly be destroyed. **The Lord will scatter you** among the peoples, and only a few of you will survive among the nations to which the Lord will drive you."

[Deuteronomy 30:15-16](#)

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to Him, and to keep His commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

[Psalms 106:24-27](#)

Then they despised the pleasant land; they did not believe His promise. They grumbled in their tents and did not obey the Lord. So **He swore to them with uplifted hand that He would** make them fall in the wilderness, make their descendants fall among the nations and **scatter them** throughout the lands.

(see also [Leviticus 26:14-33](#) and [Deuteronomy 28:58-67](#))

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