



“EVERY KINGDOM DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF IS BROUGHT TO
DESOLATION, AND EVERY CITY OR HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST
ITSELF WILL NOT STAND.”
(MATTHEW 12:25)

The Different Forms of Disobedience

Introduction

- ▶ The realm of the demons is not divided
- ▶ The heavenly realm is united
 - ▶ “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” (Jn. 3:17)
 - ▶ “...I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.” (Jn. 12:47)
- ▶ What are the different kinds of disobedience?

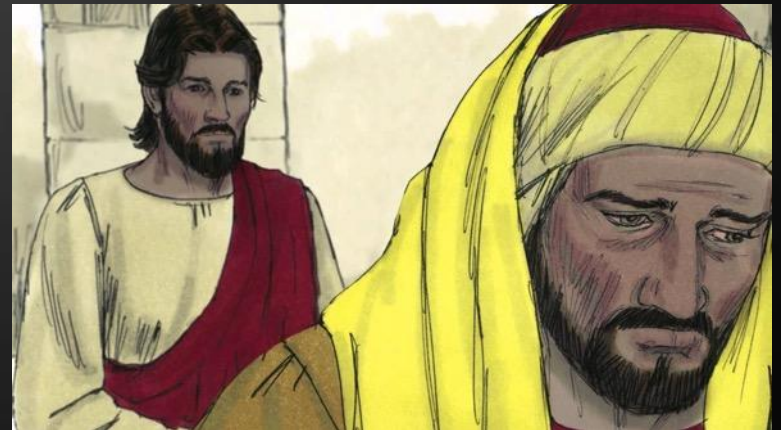
1) Proud refusal

► Pharaoh



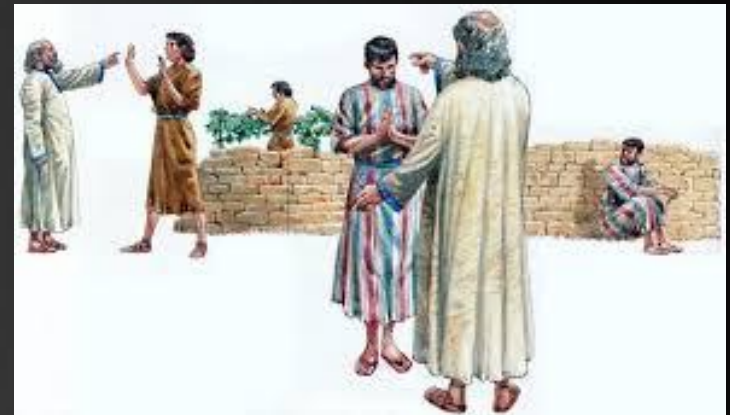
2) Partial Obedience

- ▶ Pharaoh
- ▶ The Rich Young Ruler
 - ▶ And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth." Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me."
(Mk. 10:20-21)



3) Delayed Obedience

- ▶ Parable of the Two Sons
 - ▶ A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" (Matt. 21:28-31)
- ▶ Consider the five wise and five foolish virgins (Matt. 25)



4) Obedient Complainer

► Parable of the Lost Son

- “Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.”
(Lk. 15:29)



5) Questioned Obedience

► Balaam



Sincere Obedience

► St. Peter

- “He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.” (Matt. 10:39)
- [St. Peter] “Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!” (Matt. 26:35)



► St. Simon the Tanner

- “If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.” (Matt. 5:29)



Summary

- ▶ What are the forms of disobedience?
 1. Proud refusal
 2. Partial Obedience
 3. Delayed Obedience
 4. Obedient Complainer
 5. Questioned Obedience
- ▶ God wants us to be sincerely obedient