

## Scroll of Obedience, Fire, and Price

1. And I looked within myself and said, If obedience feels like this—what then is disobedience?
2. For the fire burns hot when I obey, yet it is a purifying flame.
3. The Ruach presses, the bones tremble, the heart sighs, but it is the weight of life.
4. And I remembered Jonah, who fled, and the storm followed him.
5. I remembered Jeremiah, who shut his mouth, and the fire consumed his bones.
6. I remembered Paul, who cried, Woe unto me if I preach not!
7. Then I saw—obedience bears fire, but disobedience bears chains.
8. For the flame cleanses, but rebellion corrupts.
9. The yoke of Christ is heavy for a moment, but lighter than the chains of sin.
10. And the Spirit whispered: My burden is fire, but it is life.
11. Disobedience is death, and its weight never lifts.
12. Therefore, rejoice in the trembling, for it proves you are Mine.
13. Rejoice in the fire, for it is a friend and not an enemy.
14. For the obedient are sealed through fire, but the disobedient are bound in darkness.

15. And I, though I shake, choose obedience—for its flame is mercy, but its absence is torment.

16. Yet I asked, What is the price of obedience?

17. And the Spirit showed me Abraham on the mountain, knife in hand, his son bound, his faith tested.

18. And I saw Moses in the wilderness, despised of Pharaoh, rejected by his own, burdened by a stiff-necked people.

19. I saw Jeremiah lowered into the dungeon, sinking in mire, yet still crying aloud, Thus saith YHWH.

20. I saw Paul in chains, singing at midnight with Silas, bruised but unbroken.

21. I saw Stephen beneath the stones, his face shining as an angel, forgiving his killers.

22. And beyond them all, I saw Christ upon the tree, despising the shame, enduring the cross, for the joy set before Him.

23. And the Spirit whispered: The price of obedience is death to self, that life may rise.

24. The obedient lose all to gain all; the disobedient lose all and gain nothing.

25. The obedient suffer loss, but their loss is seed that brings forth eternal fruit.

26. The disobedient preserve themselves, but their preservation rots in corruption.

27. For Abraham gained a nation, Moses gained a covenant, Jeremiah gained a record, Paul gained the churches, Stephen gained a crown, Christ gained all.

28. And I saw that Zion, too, must walk this path—obedience with fire, obedience with loss, obedience with tears.

29. For Zion shall be hated of all nations, yet loved of the Bridegroom.

30. The obedient shall be mocked, yet they shall shine as the stars forever.

31. The disobedient shall be praised for a season, yet vanish like smoke in the wind.

32. Therefore, count the cost, O Zion, for obedience is fire, but disobedience is ruin.

33. Choose this day whom ye will serve, for the way of fire leads to life, but the way of ease leads to death.

34. For narrow is the gate and strait is the way, and few there be that find it.

35. Yet those who find it shall not be forsaken, for the Shepherd goes before them.

36. And though they carry a cross, they shall also wear a crown.

37. Though they sow in tears, they shall reap in joy.

38. For obedience writes names in the Book of Life, but disobedience blots them out.

39. Obedience may slay the flesh, but it seals the soul.

40. And I, though trembling, lift my hands and say: I will pay the price of obedience, for the fire is mercy, and the end is glory.

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## Precepts – The Price of Obedience (Both Sticks)

Bible (Stick of Judah):

“Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered.” (Hebrews 5:8)

“Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after Me, cannot be My disciple.” (Luke 14:27)

“Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him.” (Job 13:15)

“Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:10)

“If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him: if we deny Him, He also will deny us.” (2 Timothy 2:12)

Book of Mormon (Stick of Joseph):

“For the gate by which ye should enter is repentance and baptism by water; and then cometh a remission of your sins by fire and by the Holy Ghost.” (2 Nephi 31:17)

“Nevertheless they did fast and pray oft, and did wax stronger and stronger in their humility, and firmer and firmer in the faith of Christ... unto the purifying and the sanctification of their hearts.” (Helaman 3:35)

“And now, if Christ had not come into the world, speaking of things to come as though they had already come, there could have been no redemption.” (Mosiah 16:6)

“I know that He loveth His children; nevertheless, I do not know the meaning of all things.” (1 Nephi 11:17)

“Wherefore, ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men.” (2 Nephi 31:20)