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The Cost of Obedience

**Hebrews 9:** <sup>12</sup>he entered **ONCE for all** (*all with distinction*) into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal (*aiōnian-age-lasting*) redemption.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, **so that those who are called may receive** (*arist-active-subjunctive*) the promised eternal (*aiōniou-agelong*) inheritance, since a death has occurred **that redeems them** from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

**May receive:**

*Aorist-* undefined as to the progress or the completion of the action. *Active-* the subject is acting.

*Subjunctive-* expresses the idea of probable completion of the action of the verb **with the possibility** of the action of the verb **falling to be completed**.

**Romans 11:**<sup>28</sup>As regards the gospel, **THEY** (*redeemed of Israel*) **are enemies of God** for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers.

**Acts 9:** <sup>1</sup>But Saul, still breathing threats **AND murder** against the disciples of the Lord, went **to the high priest**

<sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that **if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.**

<sup>3</sup> Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" <sup>5</sup>And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

<sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him (*Ananias*), "Go, for he (*Paul*) is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup>**For I will show him how much he must SUFFER for the sake of my name.**"

<sup>23</sup> When many days had passed, **the Jews** plotted to kill him,

**Romans 9:** <sup>11</sup>though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— <sup>12</sup>she was told, "The older will serve the younger."

<sup>13</sup>As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." <sup>14</sup>What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! <sup>15</sup>For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." <sup>16</sup>**So then it depends NOT ON human will or exertion, BUT ON GOD, who has mercy.**

**Matthew 10:** <sup>37</sup> **Whoever** loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and **whoever** loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup>And **whoever** does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> **Whoever** finds his life will lose it, and **whoever** loses his life for my sake will find it.

**Luke 14:** <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and **COUNT THE COST**, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is **not able** to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, 'This man began to build and was **not able** to finish.'

<sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether **he is able** with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>**So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce ALL THAT HE has CANNOT be my disciple.** <sup>34</sup>"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

**Luke 14:** <sup>12</sup>He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return **and you be repaid.** <sup>13</sup>**BUT** (*in contrast*) when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because **they cannot repay you.** **FOR you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."** <sup>15</sup>When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread **in the kingdom of God!"** <sup>16</sup>But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. <sup>17</sup>And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' <sup>18</sup>**But they ALL alike began to make EXCUSES.** The first said to him, '**I** have bought a field, and **I** must go out and see it. Please have **me excused.**'

<sup>19</sup>And another said, '**I** have bought five yoke of oxen, and **I** go to examine them. Please have **me excused.**'

<sup>20</sup>And another said, '**I** have married a wife, **and therefore I cannot come.**'

<sup>21</sup>So the servant came and reported these things to his master. **Then the master of the house became angry** and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.'

<sup>22</sup>" 'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'

<sup>23</sup>"Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full. <sup>24</sup>I tell you, not one of those men who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.' " <sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate (*misei-regard as inferior*) his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, **he CANNOT be my disciple.** <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me **CANNOT be my disciple.**

**Jeremiah 17:** <sup>9</sup>The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

**New Living Translation (NLT)** <sup>9</sup> "The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?

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